

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th June 2022

Thought for the Week

In the Gospel Jesus encounters three would be followers, he says 'no one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God'. Jesus was highlighting the need for commitment and saying that there could be no turning back. If you wish to plough a straight furrow, you must give your undivided attention to what you are doing. If you keep on looking back, you won't do a good job. You need dedication and commitment.

All of us have put our hand to some 'plough' or other. Young people to their studies; husbands and wives to their marriage; priests to their ministry; to name but a few. In baptism we have put our hands to another plough - the following of Christ, or discipleship.

If we keep looking back our attention will be divided. So too will our energy. We won't be fully committed. We will be half hearted. We are likely to lose time, to lose sight of our goal, and be tempted to turn back or quit altogether. To look back suggests that we are having second thoughts, perhaps doubts and regrets. Elisha obeyed the call of Elijah. His response was total, and by killing his oxen and burning the plough he was precluding a return to his old life. To be loyal and faithful and to persevere as Christians, we need the grace of God - pray for that grace as St Paul reminds us, then we will be free.

Canon David Hopgood

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 to 16:00. All welcome.

Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available :- Saturdays from 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

Please note on 25th June and 2nd July the sacrament of reconciliation will be at the later time of 11:30 – 12:00. This is due to the children making their First Holy Communion.

Pastoral Placement

Francis Ezeani, who is training to be a priest will be here from the 22nd June until the 17th July.

Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 - Envelopes - £315.51 Loose £ 592.29
Day for Life £ 378.29

Mass Times + Intentions

Sat 25 18:00 John Francis Coughlan - RIP
Sun 26 09:30 People of the Parish - **St Mark's**
11:00 Richard Gardiner - RIP
Mon 27 10:00 Martin Lacey - RIP
Tue 28 18:30 Ronald Elliott – RIP

Sts Peter + Paul

Wed 29 12:00 People of the Parish
18:30 Yuri Canning – RIP
Thur 30 10:00 Eileen McKee – RIP
Fri 01 12:00 People of the Parish +
(Relic of St Edmund Campion)
Sat 02 18:00 Michael O'Shea - RIP
Sun 09:30 Carole Hogan – RIP **St Mark's**
11:00 Jimmy Regan - RIP

Parish Diary

Sat 25 10:30 First Holy Communion Mass –
St Edward's + P/C for refreshments
12:15 Baptism - Benedict Curtin
Sun 26 11:00 Children's Liturgy – P/C
12:00 Parish Party - P/C and patio area
12:15 Baptism - Otto and Hugo Snyman
Mon 27 18:30 S.V.P. Meeting – St Brigid's Room ????
Tue 28 18:00 Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
Wed 29 09:30 Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
Thur 30 09:30 Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
13:00 Mass Readings Explained – P/C
Fri 01 18:30 Quiz Night - P/C
Sat 02 10:30 First Holy Communion Mass-
St Edward's + P/C for refreshments
12:30 Wedding - Sarah Toomey & Tom Nash
Sun 03 12:00 Parish Teas + Coffee – P/C
12:15 Baptism – Oliver + Constance Carter

Fr David's Diary

Thur 30 10:00 Liturgy Group
18:00 First School Governors - Meeting
Fri 01 17:00 Reburial of Bishop Butt – Southwark
Cathedral

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Parish Party

Sunday 26th June - 12 noon- St Edward's.

Please see posters for details. Can our young people please return, bunting and items for the colouring competition.

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Sharon Cole: - youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Kim Greig: - rkmgreigfamily2@icloud.com

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Donations Needed - as you may have seen from the upcoming events advertised, we will be running some fun stalls as part of the Parish Party at St Edwards Church on Sunday 26th June 2022. We are looking for donations up to and including on the day of the party. All donations are gratefully received.

Please bring to church a 'Jar of sweets' (please no unwrapped sweets and no nuts) AND a 'joy jar' tombola (it's a jar filled with crayons, marbles or arts and crafts. Anything rather than sweets). Also, any bottle/s of wine etc; for our bottle tombola.

Thank you for your support. All proceeds will go towards our youth development programme. Many thanks, Jen Kirkpatrick

Strategy and Stewardship Team

The discussions thoughts and views that came out of the Synodal process in our parish early this year has been extremely helpful. There were good ideas and thoughts, that we would like to be explored to see if we can move forward with them in our parish community.

The leadership team would like to establish a **Strategy and Stewardship Team**. The purpose of this team would be to look at the long-term vision of what we want as a parish community and how we are to deepen our mission as being authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. To do this, we need to look at our community and how we can achieve this vision and build a stronger relationship with Jesus and our faith. The remit of the team will be to look at areas of parish life, ponder on what is good, see what is lacking, and what needs to be established over the next few years. Anne Dowling is going to lead this team of about 10 people.

If this is something that you would be interested in or would simply like to find out more, please speak to either Anne annedowling@fairstar.co.uk or Canon David.

Peter's Pence

This collection will be taken this week 25-26 June. This Collection is offered by the Faithful across the world to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those in need.

(<https://www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html>)

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence>

Coffee Morning – St Mark's

The next Coffee Morning at St. Mark's will be held after Mass on Sunday July 10th instead of July 3rd. See you there!

New Parishioners

There will be an afternoon gathering on **Sunday 10th July at 15:30** in the Parish Centre for all new parishioners who have moved into the area over the last few months.

Celebrating Marriage

All married couples are invited to come to St Edward's Church on Friday 15th July at 7pm, for a short Liturgy (not Mass), followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. More details will follow.

Parish Family Quiz Night

The Catenian Association will be holding a family quiz at the Parish Centre on **Friday 1st July**. It starts at **6.30pm** and will finish by 9pm. Keen adult quizzers need not think that it is only for teams with children (16 and under). There will be separate questions and prizes for the adult teams and for any children in the adult teams. Entry is £5 per adult and £2 per child.

Proceeds will go to the Parish Centre fund. Feel free to bring along drinks and snacks. Please come along and support. Any questions please speak to Trevor Williams on 07391 862880.

Follow-Up - Seminar for Women - Nourishing Our Spirits

To follow on from the Seminar - Nourishing Our Spirits - on 14th May, those who attended are invited to come together on Saturday 23rd July from 10.00 am to 11.30 am in the Parish Centre, to explore the impact of the Seminar, recap on some of the suggestions. Have you been like Dolores?!! No registration required, just note the date in your diary and turn up. For further information email margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk

SVP Afternoon Tea - 6th August - 14.30 - 16.30

Many may know the SVP have been holding a Christmas Day Lunch, but due to Covid many of those guests have been unable to meet for a social, so we have decided on an Afternoon Tea, remembering the Jubilee, at the Parish Centre. If you know of anyone, and couples, who are home alone or in need of company please let us know, with their contact details, by email to Barry Thompson, presidentb170321@svp.org.uk or 07547 514467 (Phone after 1st July please). When possible, transport can be provided. More to follow.

Morning and Evening Prayer

The evening office (Vespers) will be said at **18:00 before the 18:30 Mass** and the morning office (Lauds) will be said at **09:30** on Wednesdays and Thursdays before the **10:00 Mass** (funerals etc. permitting) in the Lady Chapel.

For more information, please contact Stephen on [07814 127335](tel:07814127335) or sjp0563@gmail.com.

Vacancy – Windsor FoodShare

Manager needed. Location - Windsor, Part Time 30 Hours per week. Looking for a manager that can grow with them, and work with the dedicated volunteers to provide an excellent professional service. For more information:-

Jane Deakin (Trustee, WCA)

Email: jane@windsorhomelessproject.org

Website: <http://windsorchristianaction.org>

Thank You from Windsor Christian Aid Group

To all who helped, encouraged and supported us during Christian Aid Week. Special thanks are due to Linda, Teresa, Kathy, Evelyn, Stephen, Maggie, Joanne and Therese who prepared food for the Hope from Hunger Supper and all who helped on the night. Thank you too, to Sharon, Mandy and the Mini Vinnies for serving tea & cakes to tired walkers on Sunday 22 May. to all parents who provided cakes that day and to Revd Vicci Davidson for enabling us to use the Falder Hall. The Total Sum stands at over £3800 - increasing to over £4400 when Gift Aid is included. *Sarah Gardner, Chair: Windsor Christian Aid*

Deceased

Also pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Drewitt** who died recently. His funeral will take place on Thursday 7th July at 10am at St Edward's Church.