

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th - 14th August 2022

Thought for the Week

In our gospel this weekend we continue to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and as we do we hear of more parables and teachings, laden with ancient imagery. The images of 'dressed for action', 'have your lamps lit', 'while people waiting for the masters to return', and even 'sit them down at a table'! These phrases tell us we are in the ancient world, and a culture quite removed from our own - but despite these images, we can certainly gain a sense of what is meant by these teachings. We might simply prefer to focus on the line – 'stand ready because the son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect'.

Our second reading speaks of the importance of faith, and at the end of the day it is our faith in Jesus that will cause us to be ready, to get prepared and await – what do we await? Surely it is the promise of Jesus that when we die, we will indeed live with God, and for that we need to be ready, for we really do not know the day or the hour.

Canon David Hopgood

Adoration

There will be **NO** Adoration during the month of **August**.

Confessions

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

The Love Languages Evening for Couples

Come and find out how you feel loved and discover how to make your partner feel loved. This evening is based on the Love Languages by Dr Gary Chapman.

It will be held on Tuesday, 6th September, 2022 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. Admission is free.

Please email Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com to register.

Mass Times + Intentions 8 – 14 August

Mon 08	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 09	18:30	People of the Parish
Wed 10	10:00	Mary Charlotte Riley FM
Thur 11	10:00	Peter Drewitt -RIP
Fri 12	12:00	Margaret Smart - INTT
Sat 13	18:00	Dorrie Keating – RIP
Sun 14	09:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	Stella Gomes– RIP

Parish Diary 8 – 14 August

Mon 08	18.30	Catenians- St Brigids Room and PC
Tue 09	18:00	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
	19:30	Mothers Prayer Group– P/C
Wed 10	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
Thur 11	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained – P/C
Sat 13	13.00	Wedding Ben Graham and Siobhan McDermott
Sun 14	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee

Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 – Envelopes -£ 415.96 Loose - £566.68

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church – do you know someone who is? The RCIA programme supports those who seek to join the Catholic Church at Easter 2023. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, starting on September 20th. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr David (or Stephen Patterson sjp0563@gmail.com – 07814 127335). There will be an information evening in St Brigid's Room on Wednesday 7 September at 19:15.

The Marriage Course

St Edward's is running the Marriage Course for all married couples and couples in long term relationships. It will be held over seven sessions and it is designed to help couples invest in their relationships and build strong marriages and relationships. It will be held on Zoom. **The dates are Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 18, 25 and November 1.** There are catchup video sessions if you need to miss a day.

The course is free except for the workbooks. Please contact Kathy on kathyarundale@hotmail.com for information or to register for the course. We really hope you would like to come!

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Alpha Course

St Edwards & St. Mark's parish in Windsor is offering the Alpha Course beginning **20th September from 19:00**. After a huge response in 2019, we had to put the programme on hold due to the pandemic, so now we are very excited to be offering Alpha again, in person each week, in the St. Edward's Parish Centre.

Alpha is a 10-week course that explores life's big questions, in an open, non-judgmental and safe place. We'll be discussing questions like: 'Is there more to life than this?' 'Does God exist?' 'Why did Jesus have to die?' and 'Why is there so much suffering in the world?'

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world - **so why not you?** Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has fallen away from the faith during the pandemic, doesn't feel as connected to the church as they once did, or maybe has never truly answered life's big questions for themselves -- please invite them, we'd love to host them too!

To RSVP, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/QYmhMUHvz8jk2JBu7>

If you have questions about joining, inviting others, or joining our team of volunteers, please email Ryan Greig at:

alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Strategy and Stewardship Team

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 ten 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

Ride+Stride – Saturday 10th September 2022

Ride+Stride is the major annual fundraiser for the Berkshire Churches Trust and all support will be doubly valued this year as churches continue to face particularly difficult financial circumstances. Last year's event raised nearly £25,000 which was a fantastic result!

Ride+Stride is a nationwide church-crawl where you can visit as many (or as few) churches as you like on the second Saturday in September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or drive, following your own route and enjoy visiting some of our county's fabulous churches. Sponsorship forms are available and you can donate via justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>

We have been asked to have the church open all day to allow visitors and also to provide refreshments for anyone who calls.

If you can help please contact the Parish office.

If you have any further queries email rideandstrideberks@gmail.com.

Car Park

If you visit the church during the day Monday to Friday, please do not park in the 'reserved spaces'. These are let to local businesses and whilst they may appear free some are estate agents and come and go so may be required later. They are a useful source of income for the parish so please respect this.

First Holy Communion Programme – 2022 – 2023

For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme, as follows:-

Step 1: 'Come and See' (John 1: 39-41)

For 6 weekends from the 24/25 September to the end of October. The candidate is required to attend weekend Masses with Family members.

Step 2: 'They sat at the feet of Jesus' (Luke 10:38-42)

The Saturday morning sessions start at the beginning of November where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Step 3: 'Jesus Sent them Out' (Luke 10:1)

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Vinnies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found below.

The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on Wednesday 21st September at 18:30 in the Parish Centre.

At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'record card' that need to be stamped when you attend Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

Please note the cut-off date for applications is 31st August 2022

To apply for registration please download the application form that you will find below. Please fill this in online and email to Fhc@catholicwindsor.org

[http://www.catholicwindsor.org/wp-](http://www.catholicwindsor.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Electronic-Application-Form-for-FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION.pdf)

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Young Catholic Adults (YCA) Weekend

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics"

During the weekend of the **7th- 9th October 2022**, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, there will be two talks – Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). It's possible to stay the whole weekend (full board) or to come for the day (bring a packed lunch). Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022).

For more information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or

<http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>. To book go to

:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

Mary Creodon

Please keep Mary (Lolly) in your prayers, at this time as she is very ill in Hospital. Mary has been a member of this parish for a long time.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ethne Hopgood (Canon David's mother) who died this week.

Also, for Graham Young who died recently. Details to follow