

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### Thought for the Week

In his Apostolic Letter on liturgy, Pope Francis places great emphasis on the use of symbols, particularly in how created things, actions and words are used. Last week, we looked at the action of Jesus, being rendered sacramentally present and active, hearing his words, and seeing the offering of his Body and Blood. Pope Francis encourages us to recognise and understand the significance of symbols and symbolic actions in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Liturgical symbols and actions help us to engage through our senses: water, oil, bread, wine, gestures, words. Gestures and words are the "many ways in which the assembly, *as one body*, participates in the celebration.....in sitting, standing, kneeling, singing, listening, being in silence, everybody doing the same gesture, speaking together in one voice, not in individualistic attitudes but in the awareness of being one body". Pope Francis reminds us: "Let us remember that it is the Church, the Body of Christ, that is the celebrating subject and not just the priest".

Of the many symbolic actions in the liturgy, "silence occupies a place of absolute importance.... it marks every moment of the unfolding of the celebration. It is present in the penitential act, after the invitation 'Let us Pray', before and during the Liturgy of the Word, after the homily, in the Eucharistic Prayer, after communion". Silence is "a symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration."

Through our participation in the liturgical celebration, we are continually being "formed, each one according to his or her vocation.....Sunday after Sunday, Easter after Easter, at particular moments in the life of each single person and of the communities, in all the different ages of life".

Pope Francis ends his letter by encouraging us to "rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration. We are called to let ourselves be formed in joy and in communion".

The full text of Pope Francis' letter can be found here:  
[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)

*Mary Wolstenholme, Liturgy Group*

### Adoration

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

### Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Saturday – 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

## Mass Times + Intentions 20 – 28 August

Sat 20	18:00	Charles + Mary McGill - RIP
Sun 21	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Harry Wilson - RIP
Mon 22	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 23	18:30	Coker Family -INT
Wed 24	10:00	Florinda Collaco - RIP
Thur 25	10:00	Mary Creedon - RIP - <b>FUNERAL</b>
	15:30	Apostolat Militaire International Executive Mass
Fri 26	12:00	Jon Underwood - RIP - <b>FUNERAL</b>
Sat 27	18:00	Pauline Mascolo + Family - INT
Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Kevin Lambert - RIP

## Parish Diary 21 - 27 August

Sun 21	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
	12:15	Baptism - Vincent Oliver-Nutter
Tue 23	18:00	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
Wed 24	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
	17:30	Summer Sleep-In – Mini Vinnies + Jr SVP P/C - Overnight
Thur 25	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 26	13:30	Wedding – Giovanni Spano + Natasha Jenkins
Sun 27	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee

### Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 – Envelopes - £327.85 Loose - £415.36

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kathyarundale@hotmail.com) for information or to register for the course. We really hope you would like to come!

**Catholic Windsor - website [www.catholicwindsor.org](http://www.catholicwindsor.org)**

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## **'We Have a Plan'**

Last Tuesday, Bishop Philip issued *You Will Be My Witnesses*, the draft of an important strategic plan which will affect everyone in the Diocese; clergy and laity alike. The plan seeks to revitalise our mission as Christ's followers and strengthen us to meet the needs of the diocese today and for the next 10 years. Together we are charged to build new flourishing parishes, always keeping Jesus Christ at the heart of our journey.

There are three phases over the next two years; we are all invited to help shape, develop, and journey with the plan.

The first step is the 'Consultation Phase' from now until December. All are invited to contribute ideas, consider what is good, and what is lacking in the consultation document. All feedback will be sent to the bishop in preparation for the next phase and the publication of the finalised plan in early 2023.

The Strategy and Stewardship Group encourages everybody to read the draft plan which you can access on the Portsmouth Diocese website (see address below) to learn more. Key highlights are:

- The 3 phases running until 2027 will work to build a sustainable, cohesive, and effective Diocese for mission.
- A new Pastoral Area will be established comprising St Francis of Assisi, Ascot and Windsor (St Edward's and St Mark's). Across the diocese, some 26 new Pastoral Areas will be created.
- From January 2023, the new Pastoral Areas will meet to see how they might build new missionary communities and eventually form one parish. This will mean reviewing all aspects of parish life; our liturgy, our schools, finances, and chaplaincy. In Ascot and Windsor we will work to develop a strong, caring, inclusive, thriving missionary community supporting our neighbour and becoming closer to Christ.

### **What's next?**

- From late September we will hold consultation & listening sessions to seek feedback from as many people as possible. Please come along to one of these sessions so that we can capture YOUR thoughts about OUR parish and its future – more information about how to become involved will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- A condensed version of the Strategic Plan will be available in September.
- Regular updates will be issued and made available online and via the newsletter.

You can find the plan here:

[https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses\\_V3\\_Website.pdf](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses_V3_Website.pdf)

If you have any immediate questions, please contact Fr David or Anne Dowling ([annedowling@fairstar.co.uk](mailto:annedowling@fairstar.co.uk)).

## **Mission Appeal**

A Special collection is planned for The Marist Fathers Missionary Order for weekend 27/28 August. For those using Gift Aid envelopes a pink envelope labelled MISSION APPEAL is at the back of the box for your donation. The Marist Fathers/Society of Mary is a worldwide Missionary Order.

## **Relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes**

Will be visiting the Diocese on 8/9 September. St John's Cathedral from 10:00 – 22:30 and 9 September from 07:00 – 10:00. Please see link for more information.

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

## **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:- **To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found below.** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Fhc@catholicwindsor.org)  
<http://www.catholicwindsor.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Electronic-Application-Form-for-FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION.pdf>

## **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, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022** from 19:00 until 21:00 in the Parish Centre. Admission is free.

Please email Kathy at [kathyarundale@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyarundale@hotmail.com) to register.

## **Alpha Course**

St Edward's & St Mark's parish in Windsor is offering the Alpha Course beginning **20<sup>th</sup> September from 19:00**.

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?' 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](mailto:alphawindsor316@gmail.com)

## **Summer Sleep - Helping the Homeless**

This summer, the SVP would like to engage with our children and young people to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness in England and Wales.

To support this cause, the Jr SVP & MV will be spending a night 'sleeping in' in the Parish Centre. This experience will give our children and young people, a better understanding of what thousands experience daily and allow the opportunity to turn their concern into action by fundraising to support SVP who continue to support the most vulnerable and socially excluded. The young ones would very much appreciate your support with this, and we will be collecting donations via an online link and after Mass from next weekend and up to September 19th.

Any questions please contact Sharon at

[YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

## **Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Jon Underwood** who died earlier this week. His funeral will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> August at St Edward's at 12:00.

Also, please pray for the following people:-

**Lolly (Mary) Creedon** - Her funeral will be on 25<sup>th</sup> August at St Edward's at 10:00.

**Thomas Ward** - His funeral will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September at St Edward's at 10:00.

**Graham Young** – His funeral will be 21<sup>st</sup> September at St Edward's at 11:00.

**Richard Mower** – Funeral details to follow.