

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 September 2022

Thought for the Week

In this week's Gospel, we hear about not being able to serve two masters. God calls us to be honest, even in money matters. If we stop and think about it, Heaven's riches are much greater and more valuable than earthly wealth. Money has the power to take God's place in our lives. It CAN become our master. It is a hard master and a deceptive one, too. Wealth promises power and control, but often it cannot deliver.

How much better it is to let God be your Master. His servants have peace of mind and security, both now and forever. God loves us, so let us focus our minds on that.

Deacon George

Adoration

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

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation **will resume on 17th September** 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

Curious? Try Alpha...

The first session of Alpha is on Tuesday 20th September from 19:00 in St Edward's Parish Centre. To RSVP, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/QYmhMUHvz8jk2JBu7>.

If you have questions about joining or inviting others, please email Ryan Greig at: alphawindsor316@gmail.com

First Holy Communion Candidates

There is a meeting on Wednesday 21st September at 18:30 in the Parish Centre for those parents who have already enrolled in First Holy Communion programme.

First Holy Communion Programme

Applications for the 2022/2023 First Holy Communion Programme **is now closed**.

If you would like your child to go on the waiting list for the 2023/2024 programme please email the FHC Team at fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Mass Times + Intentions 17 - 25 Sept

Sat 17	18:00	Carol Shepherd - INT
Sun 18	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Holy Souls
Mon 19	09:30	Royal Family - INT
Tues 20	18:30	Viscount Arthur de la Panousse - FM
Wed 21	11:00	Graham Young – RIP - Funeral
Thurs22	10:00	Michael Finnerty – Memorial - St Mark's
Fri 23	12:00	Dr Michael Mower - RIP - Funeral
Sat 24	18:00	Jon Underwood - RIP
Sun 25	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Tommy Sharkey - RIP

Parish Diary 17 - 25 Sept

Sat 17	12:00	Wedding - Nadia Carri + Toby Parkinson
Sun 18	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy
	12:15	Baptisms - Ivinia Ambo + Micah Uhure
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
Tue 20	10:30	U.C.M. – Parish Centre
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	19:00	Alpha Course – Parish Centre
	19:30	The Marriage Course – via Zoom
Wed 21	09:30	No Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	18:30	First Holy Communion Candidates – Parent's evening – Parish Centre
Thurs22	09:30	Morning Prayer – Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat 24	12:00	Wedding - Mark + Kerry Bentley
Sun 25	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy

Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69

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).

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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

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

What makes us Human?

Share your views and join in the dialogue. Free admission; Tuesday 11 October 2022 – 7pm – 8.30pm + refreshments. New Windsor Community Association, Hanover Way, Windsor, SL4 5NW. *Interfaith group of RBWM*

UCM Meeting

UCM will hold a Business Meeting as their first meeting of the Autumn term in the Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Tuesday 20th September. All welcome.

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 Tuesday: 20, 27, September - 4, 18, 25 October and 1 November.** 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!

Seminar for Women-Bridging the Gap-Autumn 2022

Following on from the very successful Seminars for Women in Spring, Dr. Judith Thomas has now prepared the Autumn Seminar 'Bridging the Gap'. Where are you in your life? Where do you want to be? Gaps come in many forms.

The dates and venues are:

Saturday 15th October 9.30 am to 12.30 pm St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor

Saturday 29th October 9.30 am to 12.30 pm St Edmund Campion Church Hall, Maidenhead.

Registration is required. Please email Margaret Tackney, Seminar Administrator at margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk stating on which date you would like to attend.

Refreshments will be provided. No discussion groups, no taking notes, just come. Bring a friend!

Home Mission Sunday

This Second Collection will be on 17/18th September.

Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday>.

Autumn Fair for Christian Aid –

Saturday 1 Oct 3.00-5.30pm

Gardeners Hall, St Leonard's Road, Windsor SL4 3JN. Enjoy local craft, cheese, homemade cakes & preserves etc. Join & dance with the Morris Dancers & other family fun activities; or just relax & absorb the scene over tea & cake. *Fair Profits to Christian Aid East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal & DEC Pakistan Floods Appeals.* Details from Sarah Gardner, (sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:-

Graham Young – His funeral will take place on 21st September at St Edward's at 11:00.

Zdenka Lapichino Her funeral will take place on 21st September at Slough Crematorium at 13.00.

Dr Michael Mower – His funeral will take place on 23rd September at St Edward's at 12:00.

Sheila Wilson-Leary – Her funeral will take place on Monday 19th September at 1pm Woodland Burial Ground Beaconsfield.