

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th Sept 2022

Thought for the Week

Pope Francis mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth, praising her “steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ.” Many words were written about the late Queen, but the repeated ones: *faithful service, inspiring, selfless witness, dedicated service* sum up her Christian faith.

The Scripture readings today are clear, unambiguous, challenging. Most of us are familiar with Luke’s story of the rich man and Lazarus and its various interpretations.

The Shepherd Prophet Amos begins with an admonition from God with ‘*Woe to those...*’

the wealthy in Israel were building up and hoarding wealth at the expense of the poor. The problem is not wealth per se, but how we use our wealth. The sin of the rich person was the insensitivity and lack of compassion to the poor person who was in plain sight.

This rich person also ignored teachings of Scriptures. Luke alerts us to be aware of those in need, to lift them out of their impoverishment, to give them hope.

Today, we mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees, of which there are almost 100 million worldwide. These are the ‘Lazarus’ people at our door. In Creation Month, we are mindful of ‘*cry of the poor and the cry of the earth*’ as one and the same cry! Damage to our planet hurts the poorest people the most, and is often why so many have to flee their homes as migrants and refugees. Let us be mindful of our migrant and refugee sisters and brothers who seek our compassion, our assistance and our loving care in their time of need.

Sr Patricia Mulhall, csb

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 Saturday – 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward’s.

St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School - Sept 2023

If your child requires a signed reference by Fr David for their application for admission to St Bernard’s, you will need to contact us in order to make an appointment to see him.

Mass Times + Intentions 24 Sept - 2 Oct

Sat	24	18:00	Jon Underwood - RIP
Sun	25	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark’s
		11:00	Tommy Sharkey - RIP
Mon	26	10:00	Eileen Arden - RIP
Tues	27	18:30	Christine Chestnutt - INT
Wed	28	10:00	Memorial Mass - Zdenka Iapichino -RIP
Thurs	29	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri	30	12:00	Philomena Decoutho - RIP
Sat	01	18:00	Michael Mower - RIP
Sun	02	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark’s
		11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP

Parish Diary 24 Sept - 2 Oct

Sat	24	12:00	Wedding - Mark Bentley + Kerry Mooney
Sun	25	11:00	Childrens’ Liturgy
		12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
Tue	27	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		19:00	Alpha Course – Parish Centre
Wed	28	09.30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		18:00	Mini Vinnies – Parish Centre
Thurs	29	09:30	Morning Prayer – Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri	30	17:30	Walking with Scripture – P/C
Sat	01	12:00	Baptism Maeve + Orla Slevin
Sun	02	11:00	Childrens’ Liturgy
		12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
		14:00	Wedding Jean-Baptiste Sequin + Marina Avalin

Fr David Diary

Tue	27		Meetings all day at the Department of Clergy Sandhurst
Wed	28	13:00	Priests Retirement meeting
Thur	29	12:00	Mass in the Cathedral – Bishop Philip
Fri	30	14:00	Funeral for Fr Wally Beale – Cathedral

Bishop Philip’s 10th Anniversary

This September Bishop Philip will have been with us in the diocese for 10 years. To mark this important occasion there will be a mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Thursday 29th September at 12 noon - followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre. It is an open invitation for everyone in the diocese together, and I hope that there will be a few from our parish able to come to the Cathedral. If you are interested perhaps let Fr David know.

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'We Have a Plan'

Last month, Bishop Philip issued *You Will Be My Witnesses*. 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'. 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.

Fr David will speak about the plan at all masses on the weekend of 15/16 October. This will be followed by a series of parish meetings; further details in next week's newsletter.

- 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?

- Please come along to one of the sessions so that we can capture YOUR thoughts about OUR parish and its future.
- A condensed version of the Strategic Plan will be available in shortly.
- 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).

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.

If you would like to know more, please contact Fr David (or Stephen Patterson sjp0563@gmail.com – 07814 127335).

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*

CAFOD – Family Fast Day

... is holding its Harvest Appeal over the weekend of **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October 2022** where there will be collections at all masses. All proceeds will go towards helping the millions of people who will be struggling for their very survival. For many years the Windsor parish community has been a most generous supporter of CAFOD, which is greatly appreciated as this has enabled it to continue with its work helping those in greatest need throughout the world. Please remember CAFOD on this particular weekend because by working together through our Catholic Church network we can make a difference to many peoples' lives. You will be able to contribute by either;

- 1) Using the parish box envelope marked CAFOD, or the special envelope to be found at the back of the church within the next few weeks
- 2) Visiting cafod.org.uk/harvest to give online.

Mike McEvoy (Parish CAFOD representative).

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!

Vacancy

Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation. Based at: Pastoral Centre, St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8RY

- 14 hours per week on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

Closing date: Friday 28th October 2022 at 12 noon

More info recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk OR

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UCM – Cake Sale for MacMillan Cancer Research

Coffee and cake will be on sale at St Edward's and St Mark's on Sunday 2nd October. Donations of cakes would be wonderful.

Autumn Fair Christian Aid - Sat 1 October 3.00-5.30pm

at **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; *Fair Profits to Christian Aid East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal & DEC Pakistan Floods Appeals*. Details from Sarah Gardner, 07770 761491, (sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

Fr Kevin Jones

Fr Kevin's funeral will take place on Saturday 1st October at 11am at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead.