

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

### **Thought for the Week**

A few months ago, I told you that I had been appointed by the Bishop as a Vicar General and Vicar for the Clergy. Many people have asked me what this means and what do I have to do! I thought it might be helpful just to explain a little of this new role and why I will be out of the parish more often than I would otherwise.

### **Vicar General**

In every diocese the Bishop appoints a Vicar General to assist him in the governance of the whole Diocese. In this Diocese the Bishop has appointed two. Fr James McAuley who also has particular care of the Curia (administration of the Diocese). He is the moderator of the curia and is based in Portsmouth.

I have been appointed as a Vicar General and Vicar for the Clergy. Which means that I have oversight and care for all priests and deacons from the moment they are ordained until they die! At present we have about 70 Diocesan priests as well as those from religious communities and priests from overseas who are working with us. We also have 48 retired priests to care for. Then we have 39 permanent deacons working in Parishes. I have recently moved the department for Clergy to be based in Sandhurst. In the department I lead, I have Wendy Escott who is head of Clergy Human Development and Mary Anne who is the PA. This department ensures that all the clergy are cared for. Some are in parish ministry or retired. We also have to ensure that they have opportunities for ongoing formation. As you might imagine the needs of the clergy are all different.

Most weeks I shall try to spend Tuesdays with the team in Sandhurst. But of course, it will entail other meetings with individual clergy during the week around the Diocese. Needless to say, it does mean a lot of extra meetings with the Bishop's Council and personnel meetings. Some of these thankfully can be conducted on 'Teams' (another version of Zoom), so it means less travelling. The ten-year plan that all parishes are asked to discuss over the next few weeks will have a big implication on the work of the Department for Clergy. So please do try to attend these meetings, that will be advertised in the newsletter.

Thankfully, we have a wonderful and committed team here in the parish and I know that I can rely on your help and support. So please pray for me as I begin this new role.

*Canon David Hopgood*

### **Adoration**

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

### **Mass Times + Intentions 1 - 9 Oct**

Sat	01	18:00	Michael Mower - RIP
Sun	02	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP
Mon	03	10:00	Holy Souls
Tues	04	18:30	Carmelo Sardo - RIP
Wed	05	10:00	Joan Holland - RIP
Thurs	06	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri	07	12:00	Ethne Hopgood - RIP
Sat	08	18:00	Joseph Keogh - RIP
Sun	09	09:30	Smith Family- INT- <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	Caroline McGill - RIP

### **Parish Diary 1 - 9 Oct**

Sat	01	12:00	Baptism - Maeve + Orla Slevin
Sun	02	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
		14:00	Wedding – Jean-Baptiste Sequin & Marina Avalin
Tue	04	10:30	U.C.M. – Bracknell or Longmead
		18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		19:00	Alpha Course – Parish Centre
Wed	05	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		17:30	Mini Vinnies – Parish Centre
Thurs	06	09:30	Morning Prayer – Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
		11:30	Memorial Mass – Michael Gillham, St Edward's + P/C
Sun	09	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy
		12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
		12:15	Baptism - Emma Grandi

### **Fr David's Diary**

Sat	01	11:00	Funeral – Fr Kevin Jones, Maidenhead
Tue	04	10:30	Induction Day for new Parish Priests - Portsmouth
Thur	06	12:00	Funeral - Fr Roy Bennett, Southampton

### **Offertory**

S0/DD £1,836.69 Envelopes - £306.10 Loose - £593.32

### **Confessions**

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

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

### **Parish Office**

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### **Pastoral Team**

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## 'You Will Be My Witnesses'

The Bishop's plan for the diocese seeks to revitalise our mission as Christ's followers and strengthen us for the next 10 years.

There are three phases and 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 and all feedback will be sent to the bishop.

- 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).
- From January 2023, the new Pastoral Areas will meet to see how the new missionary communities will evolve into one parish. Together we will review 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.

**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 on:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October at St Mark's after the 09:30 Mass  
29<sup>th</sup> October at Edward's after the 18:00 Mass  
30<sup>th</sup> October at Edward's after the 11:00 Mass**

**PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS**

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)).

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The RCIA programme supports those who seek to join the Catholic Church at Easter 2023. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings.

For more information, please contact Fr David (or Stephen Patterson [sjp0563@gmail.com](mailto:sjp0563@gmail.com) – 07814 127335).

## **Lost Property**

If you have recently lost any items, please do check our lost property boxes. In particular, a black walking stick and a gentleman's jumper as well as a number of toys, have recently been found, are they yours?

## **Parish Youth Update**

Just a quick update on Youth Activities. Over the summer we have been working very hard on youth projects and next week we will be bringing you a complete update on what we have planned, done and are doing! WATCH THIS SPACE . . .

## **U.C.M. Meeting**

Some members will be taking the 703 Greenline bus which leaves Slough at 10:45 from Windsor Boys' School to Bracknell on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to say prayers at St. Joseph/St. Margaret Clitherow, have coffee/lunch and go shopping in the town. Those not able to go, will meet at 57, Longmead for prayers and coffee, at 10.30am that morning.

## **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.

## **CAFOD – Family Fast Day**

. . . . is holding its Harvest Appeal over the weekend of **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022** where there will be collections at all masses. 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](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest) to give online.

*Mike McEvoy (Parish CAFOD representative).*

## **Seminar for Women – 'Bridging the Gap'**

Saturday 15th October 9.30 -12.30 - St Edward's Parish Centre.  
A Seminar for Women examining how, with faith, we can better deal with life's transitions. How can we bridge the gap of life's inevitable transitions with positivity? Speaker: Dr. Judith Thomas.

No discussion groups, just come along and listen. Refreshments are provided. The Seminar is free but donations to cover expenses would be appreciated. Bring a friend! Registration is required. Please email Margaret Tackney, Seminar Administrator at [margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk) or on 0794 156 8974.

Please note the Seminar is also being presented on 29th October, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, at St. Edmund Campion Parish Hall, Maidenhead. Registration is required, as above.

## **Art Exhibition – Parish Centre**

This year's Mill Hill Missionaries Art Exhibition will be held (for the first time at St. Edward's) on the weekend of 22nd/23rd October, World Mission Sunday.

Friday 21 October 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm (Preview Evening)  
Saturday 22 October 10.30 am - 7.30 pm (Mass at 6.00 pm)  
Sunday 23 October 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (Mass at 11.00 am)

## **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 the office to make an appointment to see him.