

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th October 2022

Thought for the Week

In his pastoral letter two weeks ago, Bishop Philip spoke of change and, in part, the change which runs through the diocesan plan 'You will be my witnesses'. He wrote that although the plan is about changes in the diocesan structure, it is primarily about 'the hardest change of all: changing ourselves'. In the Gospel, we hear of a wonderful example of personal change in the story of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus is the tax collector who, because he was short in stature, climbs a sycamore tree to see Jesus. Unexpectedly, Jesus stops at the foot of the tree, looks up and in a whirlwind of events, Zacchaeus finds himself summoned from the obscurity of the branches to host Jesus at his home, give away half his goods and possessions and restore fourfold those whom he had defrauded – he is utterly changed by the encounter.

As a tax collector, Zacchaeus was an outcast from Jewish society, as had been another tax collector the apostle Matthew. When Matthew was called and followed, he welcomed Jesus into his home with a feast. On this occasion Jesus invites himself into Zacchaeus's home and shows his compassion and love for all the household, no one is 'beyond the pale'. After the meeting under the sycamore tree, salvation came to Zacchaeus's house. The lasting and transformative change in Zacchaeus's life would never have occurred without the presence of Jesus.

Similarly, the changes to be discussed at the consultation sessions over the next two weekends cannot occur without Jesus in our hearts and at the heart of our community. As Zacchaeus discovered, everything is possible to God.

Stephen Patterson

Adoration

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

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 11:00 - 11:30 at St Edward's.

November

The month of November is when we remember the dead in a special way. On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of All Saints – which is a day of obligation. On Wednesday we commemorate All Souls – when remember all our dead relatives and friends. Please do add the names of your relatives and friends to the Book of Remembrance which will be put out on Tuesday. A special Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at 15:00 on 27th November in St Edward's. Details of the blessings and prayers at the cemetery will be put in next week's newsletter.

Mass Times + Intentions 29 Oct – 6 Nov

Sat	29	18:00	Elvira Kohert - RIP
Sun	30	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
		11:00	Harry Wilson - RIP
Mon	31	10:00	Eucharistic Service

ALL SAINTS

Tues	01	12:00	Fr Michael Morrissey - RIP
		18:30	Liam Kirk - RIP

ALL SOULS

Wed	02	10:00	Michael Francis Barrett - FM
		18:30	Deceased members of the parish

Thur	03	10:00	Sam + Dora Salmon - RIP
Fri	04	12:00	Mary Perry - RIP
Sat	05	18:00	Maureen M Smith - INT
Sun	06	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
		11:00	Sally Dunne - RIP

Parish Diary 29 Oct – 6 Nov

Sat	29	12:00	Baptism - Réiltín O'Grady-Kalia + P/C
		19:00	You shall be my Witness - Meeting, P/C
Sun	30	09:30	Childrens' Liturgy – St Mark's
		12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C
		12:00	You shall be my Witness - Meeting, P/C
Tue	01	10:00	U.C.M. Meeting - P/C
		09:30	STERF – School visit – St Edward's
		12:30	STERF Lunch in P/C
		18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		19:00	Alpha Course - P/C
Wed	02	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur	03	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
		10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C
		13:00	STERF - School visit – St Edward's
		13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat	05	10:00	First Holy Communion - Commitment Ceremony - St Edward's + P/C
Sun	06	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C
		12:00	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
		12:15	Baptism - Torvi Jusztachowski

Fr David's Diary

Wed	02	11:00	Clergy Training day, Winchester
Thur	03	11:00	Deans Meeting
		14:00	Personnel Meeting
Fri	04	10:00	Leadership Meeting

Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69 Envelopes - £ 201.35 Loose - £566.78
World Mission Sunday - Envelopes £402.19 Loose - £201.86

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“You will be my Witness”

Just recently the Bishop released the Ten Year Draft Plan with ‘joy and confidence in the future’. It is called *You Will Be My Witnesses*.

It is a ten-year mission plan for our Diocese of Portsmouth, for our parishes and schools, clergy and people. It is a plan for the renewal of every aspect of our Christian lives and an invitation to join in a renewed missionary effort to bring the Gospel to all around us, especially people in their time of need.

As part of our contribution to the plan we are asking each of you to come to an informal session for approximately 90 minutes so we can review all aspects of parish life; our liturgy, our schools, finances, and chaplaincy.

In addition to discussing areas of the Ten-Year Plan we will also spend some time looking at change. Changing ourselves. The Bishop asks us to reflect on:

- How can I become closer to Christ?
- How can our parish put Christ more at the centre?
- How can I become better formed in my faith?
- How can we pass on the Faith to the young?
- What works of charity, justice and ecology might we undertake?

Please come along to one of the sessions so that we can capture YOUR thoughts about OUR parish and its future. There will be round tables of 6-7 people on each table with a facilitator helping to guide the conversation and refreshments will be served at each session.

Saturday 29th October at Edward’s after the 18:00 Mass

Sunday 30th October at Edward’s after the 11:00 Mass

Sunday 6th November at St Mark’s after the 09:30 Mass

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS

It is important that we ask Christ for his guidance as we work to develop a strong, caring, inclusive, thriving missionary community supporting our neighbour and becoming closer to Christ.

You can find more information with the full version and a short version of the Ten-Year Plan here:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

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

UCM Meeting

Stephen Patterson will speak on ‘All Saints’ at 10:00 on Tuesday, 1 November, in the Parish Centre, followed by business. The meeting will conclude in time for Holy Mass at 12:00 noon. Visitors welcome.

Windsor Christian Action - WCA

The WCA is the body which oversees the work of the Homeless Project, Street Angels, and Windsor Foodshare. It is presently working to establish a permanent base in the old social club on Alma Road where the Homeless Project will be based in the future. WCA is applying for major funding for this important work of our Christian outreach. There will be a ‘sleepout’ on **Friday 11th November** in an effort to raise money and awareness of this important outreach. Not everyone will want to sleep out at night! So as a sign of our Parish commitment to this work for the vulnerable there will be a **second collection on the weekend 19 /20 November**.

To help you understand the nature of the work involved please click on the YouTube link below. https://youtu.be/YUsydp-1_bk

Churches Together in Windsor

Churches Together in Windsor’s AGM will be held on **Thursday 17th November 19:45** (for 20:00) at **Windsor Methodist Church**. There will be a short concert by the Signature a Capella Choir. Please try to support this event.

Fr Michael’s Funeral

Thank you so much for all of those members of our community who enabled the funeral of Father Michael to be celebrated with such dignity and reverence. The Mass and reception afterwards were a credit to our parish.

Parish Youth Update from our Youth Coordinator Sharon Cole

- **Mini Vinnies** runs twice monthly on a Wednesday. If your child is in Year 3 plus and is interested in joining, please come along to any session or email Sharon.
- **Monthly Youth Club** – Date TBA
- **Junior Leadership Team** – This is currently led by two of our post confirmation candidates. Anyone 13 plus is welcome to join
- **Youth Committee** – A committee of helpers who work across youth ministries and work together to grow and support the young people of the parish.
- **Flame** – Saturday 4th March 2023 – Please email me if your child will be 13+ on 4th March and would like to attend.
- **Confirmation** for young people aged 13 and over – Starts July 2023 to May 2024, registration opens in the New Year.
- **Confirmation Preparation for Young People aged 17 - 21yrs** – TBA (early in the new year)
- **World Youth Day (WYD)** In Lisbon - August 1-6, 2023
- **Young Readers** – please make contact if you would like to become a reader at Mass.
- **Thanksgiving Family dinner**, all welcome. Date in late November to be announced. Watch this space!

Friends of St Edward’s First School:

The Friends of St Edwards First School urgently need new Mums and Dads to join the team. If you want to know more about any of the above, please contact Sharon, Parish Youth Coordinator at youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Sharon Cole-Blows

Parish Youth Taster Activity Afternoon

Saturday 19th November 3:15pm followed by Mass. Calling all children who have made their First Holy Communion. Would you like to find out how to be more involved in our Parish community? If yes, then you are invited to join a Youth Taster afternoon for drama, games and talks, whilst learning about the Mini Vinnies, how to be an altar server, read or sing at Mass.

Contact; Lisa or Penny at: fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Advent and Christmas Talks

How are you going to prepare for the 4 weeks of Advent and the Nativity? Come and listen to the following talks at the Parish Centre:

Advent Talk - Sat 19 Nov 10:00 - Fr Kevin Hughes MHM

Christmas Talk - Sat 17 Dec 10:00 - Dr Judith Thomas

Both talks will last approximately an hour. Everyone welcome.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Keane**. Her funeral will take place at St Mark’s on Wednesday 9th November at 10:00.