

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd October 2022

Thought for the Week

'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds': the truth of these words from today's reading from Ecclesiasticus is illustrated by Jesus' hard-hitting parable in the Gospel. The tax collector's outward actions are worth noting. He stands at a distance, reflecting his sense of shame. Ironically his physical distance creates a spiritual nearness to God. Also, he beats his breast. Furthermore, the tax collector's prayer is short, direct and full of sorrow. This could be a model of prayer for us. Firstly, it calls to mind the words of Our Lord when he says, 'when you pray, do not keep on babbling like the pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words' (Matt 6:7).

Secondly, we see how the tax collector's humility stemming from his genuine contrition leads him to become closer to God. Jesus tells parables to help us understand what God is truly like. He uses familiar and everyday experiences, but then turns everything upside down with a surprising twist. We go away surprised, shocked, perhaps happy; God's style is so different to our way of thinking and acting. The story is for all of us. With whom do I identify within this story?

Sr Teresina

Misso Appeal

This special collection will be taken this weekend, 22/23 October at all Masses.

If you have any foreign currency or spare change, you could support Misso by taking home a Misso 'Red Box' from the back of the Church.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Friday from 10:00 to 15:00 in the **Parish Centre** while the PA system is being installed in the Church. All welcome.

Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available Saturdays from 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

Offertory

SO/DD £1,836.69 Envelopes - £ 329.40 Loose - £794.69

Fr Michael's Funeral

Fr Michael's body will be received into St Edward's at **16:00 on Sunday 23rd October**. A short liturgy and evening prayer will be celebrated at this time.

The funeral will be celebrated by Bishop Philip and priests of the diocese at St Edward's on **Monday 24th October at 10:00**. If you are coming to the Funeral Mass, please be conscious of leaving the car park for those coming from outside our parish and the priests who will be attending. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

The cremation will take place at 11:30 at Slough Crematorium following the Mass.

Mass Times + Intentions 22 - 30 Oct

Sat 22	18:00	Patricia + Seford Cole - RIP
Sun 23	09:30	Nora Sumner - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 24	10:00	Fr Michael Morrissey - FUNERAL
Tues 25	18:30	Philip + Chloe Huynh - RIP
Wed 26	10:00	Carmel Hammond - RIP
Thur 27	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 28	12:00	Sally Dunne - RIP
Sat 29	18:00	Elvira Kohert - RIP
Sun 30	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Harry Wilson - RIP

Parish Diary 15 - 23 Oct

Sat 22	09:00	Art Exhibition - P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Nuala Hinchcliffe
Sun 23	09:00	Art Exhibition - P/C
Mon 24	11:00	Refreshments after Fr Michael's Funeral - P/C
Tue 25	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
Wed 19	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur 20	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat 29	12:00	Baptism - Reiltin O'Grady - Kalia + P/C
	19:00	'You will be my Witness' - Meeting P/C
Sun 30	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	'You will be my Witness' - Meeting P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C
	19:30	Choir Gathering / Practice - P/C

Fr David's Diary

Tue 25		All day - Department for Clergy Sandhurst
Wed 26	10:30	Clergy fraternal
Thur 27	12:00	Visiting priests
	18:00	Parish Finance Meeting

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Parish Youth Update from our Youth Coordinator

Sharon Cole

- **Mini Vinnies** runs twice monthly. The next session will be on 19th October 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Centre – If your child is in Year 3 plus and is interested in joining, please come along to any session or email Sharon (details below) for more information.
- **Monthly Youth Club** – Date TBA
- **Junior Leadership Team** – This is currently being led by two of our post confirmation candidates. Anyone 13 plus is welcome to join
- **Youth Committee** – A committee made up 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)** 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!!

We Need You!!

Youth Ministry Catechists:

We are looking for men and woman to join our team working across all the Parish Youth Ministries.

Junior Leadership Team:

If you are age 13 or over and feel that this is something you would like to be involved in or find out about then please drop Sharon an email.

Youth Club:

We would like to start a monthly Parish Youth Club. If this is something you would like to be involved in helping to set up or being part of, contact Sharon.

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, Reading or Singing at Mass. More information contact; Lisa or Penny at: fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Public Address system

The PA system at St Edward's church is undergoing major work, which it is hoped will only take a few weeks to complete. Apologies for any inconvenience or lack of sound for those who use the loop system.

"You will be my Witness"

Over the weekend of the 16/17th October the Bishop's Pastoral Letter entitled "Ten Year Mission Strategy", will be read at each mass.

As part of our contribution to the plan we are asking each of you to come to an informal session 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.

Sunday 23rd October at St Mark's after the 09:30 Mass
Saturday 29th October at Edward's after the 18:00 Mass
Sunday 30th October at Edward's after the 11:00 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/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/You-Will-be-MyWitnesses_V3_Website.pdf

https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses_SHORT_Website.pdf

You can find a video of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the weekend of the 16th October here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90GJ8qaO6oM>

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

Windsor Christian Action - WCA

The WCA is a body, that overseas as trustees, 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 of 19th / 20th November.

To help you understand the nature of the work involved please click on the YouTube link below where you will see what needs to be done to make sure the hall is fit for those who are vulnerable within our community. https://youtu.be/YUsydp-1_bk

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.