

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Thought for the Week

Some people have asked me, why Bishop Philip in his recent Pastoral Letter asked us to develop six Holy Habits! The reason is that the Bishop would like us to deepen and develop a real personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He wants us to know what it is to touch the very life of God, so that it affects our lives. Sometimes people think it is impossible for us to have a relationship with God that is personal. When I think of all those women and men whom we called Saints, who each in their own way, developed that personal relationship with Jesus that enabled them to bear fruits of goodness in their lives by the way they reached out and helped others. Some of those Holy Habits that the Bishop mentioned you might think 'are not for me' - well perhaps they aren't just at the moment, but they may be in months or years ahead. I would urge you not to dismiss or cast aside some of the great traditions of the church that have helped people draw closer to Christ.

I would like to re-establish in the parish a Spirituality Group, (we had one before Covid), the purpose of this group will be to explore ways in which we can enable members of our parish to explore different types of spirituality and prayer life, so that they might encounter that personal relationship with Our Lord. If you think you might like to help, then please do speak to me - if you think you're not worthy or holy enough - then you are just the person for the group. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Canon David Hopgood*

### 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. A special Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at 15:00 on 27<sup>th</sup> November in St Edward's.

**The Blessing of the graves will take place the Oakley Green and Windsor Spital Cemeteries on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00.**

### Mass Times + Intentions 05 – 13 Nov

Sat 05	18:00	Maureen M Smith - INT
Sun 06	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Sally Dunne - RIP
Mon 07	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 08	10:00	Deceased Benefactors of Clergy Retirement Fund - FM
Wed 09	10:00	Patricia Keane - <b>Funeral, St Mark's</b>
Thur 10	<b>09:30</b>	St Swithun's UCM 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - INT
Fri 11	12:00	Jimmy Decoutho - RIP
Sat 12	18:00	Ronald Spicer - RIP



### Remembrance Sunday



Sun 13	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Sally O'Neill - RIP

### Parish Diary 05 - 13 Nov

Sat 05	10:00	First Holy Communion Commitment Ceremony - St Edward's + P/C
Sun 06	10:15	Meeting - 'You will be my Witnesses' - <b>St Mark's</b>
	12:00	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Torvi Jusztachowski
Tue 08	14:30	Catenians Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:00	Alpha Course - P/C
Wed 09	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	10:30	K.I.T. Meeting - P/C
	19:30	Mothers' Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 10	09:30	No Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat 12	10:00	First Holy Communion - Session 1- St Edward's
	12:00	Baptism - Matilda + Henry Bousfield
Sun 13	09:30	Childrens' Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C

### Fr David's Diary

Tue 08	12:00	Department of Clergy Sandhurst
Thur 10	08:30	Visit of Bishop Philip + Bishop Steven - Middle School
Fri 11	14:30	Bishop's Council

### Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69 Envelopes - £403.86 Loose - £639.39

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

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## **“You will be my Witnesses”**

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 the last session 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.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at St Mark’s after the 09:30 Mass**

### **PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THE SESSION**

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).

## **Windsor Christian Action - WCA**

The WCA is the body which oversees the work of the Homeless Project, Street Angels, and Windsor Foodshare. It is 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/YUydp-1\\_bk](https://youtu.be/YUydp-1_bk)

## **Shape the Vision for Windsor – Meetings**

These will take place at Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre, on Thursday 10 November, from 15:00 to 19:00, and Saturday 12 November, from 10:00 to 12:30. You can also see the information online and comment up to Sunday 27 November at <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/vision-for-windsor>

## **On-Line Shopping for Christmas**

You can donate to the Parish for nothing! Simply download the app using the address below and it will automatically divert your online shopping via ‘Give as you live’ to your normal supplier. The cost to you nil; the benefit to the Parish is huge. We are already benefiting from hundreds of pounds a year from the nearly 30 parishioners currently using the scheme. The retailer donates so we all win. Please join us!

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/st-edwards-r-c-church>

## **Parish Youth Taster Activity Afternoon**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 15:15 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](mailto:fhc@catholicwindsor.org)

## **Art Exhibition – Thank You!**

Thank you to all those who in any way assisted and supported the Art Exhibition on 21 – 23 October, in particular the fantastic Hospitality Team. £850.00 was raised for Thames Hospice.

Amie Carter from Thames Hospice writes:

*To give you an idea of how this will make a difference, £850 could pay for 24 hours of care for a patient on our Inpatient Unit, receiving our specialist care to help them feel more comfortable, making a genuine difference to people’s lives. We literally couldn’t do this without the support of our lovely community – thank you!*

## **Bamenda Sunday 5/6 November**

We will be celebrating Bamenda Sunday this weekend and there will be a special collection. The annual Bamenda Newsletter can be read on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://bamendaandportsmouth.com/bamendasunday2022.php> and donations can be made via parish collections or online securely at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>

## **Advent and Christmas Talks**

How are you going to prepare for the four 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.

## **Churches Together in Windsor**

Churches Together in Windsor’s AGM will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** 19:45 (for 20:00) at **Windsor Methodist Church** There will with a short concert by the Signature a Capella Choir.

## **Royal Free Singers**

Saturday 26 November 19.30pm at Windsor Parish Church, High Street SL4 1LT- Tickets: £19; £5 students and children 12 -18; £1 under 12s. Tickets can be booked through the website [www.royalfreesingers.org.uk](http://www.royalfreesingers.org.uk) or, in person, at the Royal Windsor Information Centre at the Guildhall or purchased at the door.

## **Deceased**

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