

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th November 2022

Thought for the Week

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we remember the lives of those who lost their lives in all wars and today's conflicts. Today's Gospel gives us hope.

Jesus and the disciples were at the Temple. This temple had been built by Ezra. It was beautiful, imposing structure with a history, but Jesus said that it would be completely destroyed. Jesus warned the disciples about false Messiahs, natural disasters, and persecutions, but he assured them that he would be with them to protect them.

Jesus warned that in the coming persecutions, his followers would be betrayed by family members and friends. Christians of every age have had to face this possibility. It is reassuring to know that even when we feel completely abandoned, the Holy Spirit will stay with us, comfort us, protect us and give us the words we need. With this assurance, we can stand firm for Christ, no matter how difficult the situation is. As Jesus said, 'Not a hair on your head will be lost, your endurance will win you your lives.'

Deacon George

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 27th November in St Edward's.

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

UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 15th November at 10:30. Mrs Pat Bowley will demonstrate Christmas Craft. All welcome.

Mass Times + Intentions 12 - 20 Nov

Sat 12	18:00	Ronald Spicer - RIP
		
Sun 13	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Sally O'Neill - RIP
Mon 14	10:00	Ethne Hopgood - RIP
Tues 15	18:30	Fr Michael Morrissey - RIP
Wed 16	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 17	09:30	Deceased Crossan + Sharkey Families
Fri 18	12:00	Vera Mizen - RIP
Sat 19	18:00	Patrick Burke - RIP
Sun 20	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Lawrence Dyke - RIP

Parish Diary 12 - 20 Nov

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 - St Edward's P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffees - P/C
Tue 15	10:30	U.C.M. Meeting - P/C
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:00	Alpha Course - P/C
Wed 16	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
	19:30	Mother's Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 17	09:30	No Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat 19	10:00	Advent Talk with Fr Kevin Hughes – P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Gabriel Gritt
Sun 20	09:30	Childrens' Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Children's Liturgy
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee – Welcome to New Parishioners
	12:15	Baptism - Olivia Michalik + Harry Scott

Fr David's Diary

Tue 15	12:30	Department of Clergy - Sandhurst
Wed 16	10:30	National Vicar General meeting - Bristol
Thur 17	10:00	Ecumenical meeting - Reading
Fri 18	10:00	Leadership meeting

Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69 Envelopes - £300.65 Loose - £487.47

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'You will be my Witnesses' - next steps

A big thank you to all who attended the Consultation Sessions and for the points and ideas which were raised.

We appreciate that everyone could not attend the meetings and we would love to have as many thoughts as possible. This conversation is about the future of our parish and the involvement of as many as possible is both important and valued.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation process, you can still do so in one of two ways (please note that all responses are completely anonymous):

1. Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/8LH3wKnwJzt7dBN49> (or type it into your browser); it will take you to an online form. It can also be reached from the Parish website.



2. Scan this QR code with your phone using your camera or a scanning app. This will also take you to the online form. If you need to remind yourself of the details in the Ten Year Plan, it can be found on the diocesan website here: ['You will be my Witnesses'](#).

The links will be open for a week. A summary of all thoughts and observations will then be sent to the Bishop and shared with the parish.

Windsor Christian Action - WCA

The WCA oversees the work of the Homeless Project, Street Angels, and Windsor Foodshare. It is establishing a permanent base in the old social club on Alma Road for the Homeless Project. WCA is applying for major funding for this important work of our Christian outreach. They are organising a 'sleepout' on **Friday 11th November** 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 explain the nature of WCA's work please click on this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/YUsydp-1_bk

One of our parishioners Tom Hinds will take part in this sleepout and would welcome sponsors. If you would like to sponsor Tom, please contact him (01753 858123 / sathindsbc@waitrose.com)

Churches Together in Windsor (CTW)

CTW's AGM will be held on **Thursday 17th November** 19:45 (for 20:00) at **Windsor Methodist Church**. The brief business meeting will be followed by a short concert by *Signature* - a ladies A Capella Choir which rehearses in the Parish Centre.

Do come along. It is an opportunity to learn more about CTW's work with the Christian faith groups in Windsor, the annual ecumenical events in the Town:

Carols on the Hill

Good Friday Witness

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

and how it liaises with and supports Windsor Christian Action.

Parish Youth Taster Afternoon 19th Nov 2022 - Postponed

Unfortunately, this event has been postponed. A new date will be arranged for 2023. Further details to follow in the New Year. Thank you for your support.

Flame - 4 March 2023

If your child will be 13 or over on March 4th 2023, we would like them to join us at **Flame**, the biggest conference for Catholic youth held in the UK.

If your child will be starting confirmation preparations in summer 2023, please register them so they can attend Flame. The link for to the flame website is below and you can also follow on all social media platforms. Please encourage your child to take a look! <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

To register or for any questions please contact Sharon at: YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Art Competition Winners

The winners are Emilia Juszcak and Helena Tisi

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation will be on Sunday 4th December. If you would like to book a place, please contact Isobel on isobelyoung@icloud.com. Preparation starts at 12.15 and lasts around 30+ minutes.

On-Line Shopping for Christmas

You can donate to the Parish for nothing! Simply download the 'Give as you Live' app using the address below and it will automatically divert your online shopping to your normal supplier. The cost to you is nil; the benefit to the Parish is huge. We already benefit from hundreds of pounds a year from the nearly 30 parishioners currently using the scheme. The retailer donates so we all win. If you sign up in November, the parish will benefit from an additional £10 per sign up! Please join us! <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/st-edwards-r-c-church>

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.

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church.

HCPT Christmas Fair

Sunday 11th Dec 1200 -14:00 in the Parish Centre. More details to follow. Can you help please? We are looking for people to help run stalls and donations of prizes for the adult and children's tombola. Please contact Pat Burke or email group128@hcpt.org.uk. Donations can also be left at the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Vacancy - Head of Charity, Caritas

For full job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Royal Free Singers

Saturday 26 November 19.30 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 or, in person, at the Royal Windsor Information Centre at the Guildhall or purchased at the door.

Shape the Vision for Windsor – Meetings

These will take place at Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre, on 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>