

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 January 2023

Thought for the Week

Isaiah proclaims, “*The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light...*” Jesus is that light. A great light to the world, a beacon who draws all people to himself. Matthew sees the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophesy in Jesus. Jesus settles in Capernaum a fishing village by the Sea of Galilee, a region that corresponds to the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. He begins his preaching, ‘*repent, the kingdom of heaven is close at hand!*’ It’s a simple yet radical message to adopt a change of standpoint, a change of viewpoint, a change of perspective. A challenge to turn from old ways and embrace God’s message of love, compassion, peace, justice, inclusion. The context of Jesus’ time was one of factions and divisions.

Jesus’ first action is to call others to join him in his mission. Long before they understood the implications of joining him, they experienced his attraction. They had to move beyond infatuation and commit to lifelong loving. In the same manner, Jesus calls us his followers to share in his work of bringing about the ‘*reign of God*’ We are to continue it by our lives of love in the service of the Gospel. By walking in the light of Jesus, we live by his example.

May we find ways of sharing his light and his compassion with all whom we meet, particularly those who are suffering and in need of healing. In the coming week, we remember Jesus, our light; help of the world and all people.

Sr Patricia Mulhall, csb

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will be in St Edward’s on 12 February at 15:00. Moving forward, these services will take place on the second Sunday of each month at 15:00.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward’s:

Saturdays: 11:00 - 11:30 and 17:30 - 18:00.

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

The Rosary

The Rosary is said after the 12:00 Mass each Friday, please join us.

Mass Times + Intentions 21- 29 Jan

Sat	21	13:00	Geraldine Parkinson RIP - Funeral
		18:00	People of the Parish
Sun	22	09:30	James Galvin RIP - St Mark’s
		11:00	Vivian & Magic Families
Mon	23	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues	24	18:30	Finley Gangadeen - INT
Wed	25	10:00	Family & Friends of Patrick Keane
Thur	26	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri	27	12:00	Mary Bridges - RIP
Sat	28	18:00	People of the Parish
Sun	29	09:30	The Sam’s Family INT - St Mark’s
		11:00	Peggy McGlinchey - RIP

Parish Diary 15 – 22 January

Sat	21	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
Sun	22	09:30	Children’s Liturgy - St Mark’s
		11:00	Children’s Liturgy - P/C
		12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
		12:15	Baptism - James Burn
Mon	23	18:30	S.V.P. Meeting - St Brigid’s Room
Tue	24	10:30	U.C.M. Meeting - P/C
		18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
		19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid’s Room
Wed	25	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
		17:30	Mini Vinnies – P/C
Thur	26	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
		13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat	28	10:00	Talk on the Gospel of Mathew - P/C
		12:00	Baptisms - Leo Hill & Max Foster
Sun	29	09:30	Children’s Liturgy - St Mark’s
		11:00	Children’s Liturgy - P/C
		12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £129.75 Loose £315.42

‘You will be my Witnesses’ – Feedback Sessions

The Parish’s responses can still be read on the website at:

[You Will Be My Witnesses Ten Year Mission Plan Consultation Responses \(catholicwindsor.org\).](https://www.catholicwindsor.org/You-Will-Be-My-Witnesses-Ten-Year-Mission-Plan-Consultation-Responses)

We will keep everyone updated on developments in the coming months.

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New Readers Needed

We are looking to recruit new readers for our Sunday Masses. If you are interested in joining the reading rota please speak to Sr Patricia or Fr David. There will be training session on 7 February at 19:00 in the Parish Centre.

The Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel readings for this year are taken from the Gospel of St Matthew. Come and join Fr Kevin Hughes MHM, explore the first book of the New Testament on **Saturday 28th January at 10:00 - 11:00** in the Parish Centre. If you have time, why not delve into this Gospel - 28 chapters - before next Saturday.

Christian Aid Candlemas Service of Light

Sunday 29 January, All Saints, Frances Road at 16:00. Windsor Christian Aid Group warmly invite you to join them for this candlelit service of thanksgiving for the work of Christian Aid and for our supporters in Windsor. All are welcome – we look forward to seeing you. *Sarah Gardner*
(Chair: Windsor Christian Aid. sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

Meeting for all Stewards

There will be a gathering on **Wednesday 15 February at 19:00** in the Parish Centre for all those who are kind enough to be Stewards at Masses in our Churches. Please do try to attend as there are a number of topics to discuss, such as First Aid. It will also be an occasion to have a glass of something and thank the Stewards for their commitment. If anyone would like to be a Steward at Mass, please either just come along to the meeting or speak to Fr David.

Altar Servers

There will be a practice for new and existing servers aged under 15 on 11 February 2023 at 16:00 at St Edward's Church.

Vacancies - Portsmouth

Head of Communications + Head of Fundraising + Education Administrator. For job descriptions and how to apply, please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

For an informal discussion, please contact Heather Hauschild COO: hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deadline for completed applications: Friday 27 January 2023

Also a **Music Team Leader**, Winchester. Closing date 3 February.

Special Collection 21/22 January

This weekend we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth.

A 'Give as you Live' page is also available:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

UCM

All UCM members are invited to attend the AGM in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 10:30. Please bring lots of ideas and inspiration.

Lift Needed

Someone from Binfield is requesting a lift on a Sunday to attend Mass. If you can offer help, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch.

Your help is needed

Those who live in, or come into Windsor, will have realised that several Banks have recently disappeared from the High Street. This includes Lloyds Bank who are the Parish Bankers. This means the banking must be done elsewhere; therefore we have many reasons to minimise this. The plea is if you can pay your weekly or monthly contribution by **Standing Order** it would help enormously.

It would reduce the need to travel to the bank every week, reduce the effort involved in counting money (not to mention Covid), and reduce our Bank charges (yes, we do have to pay them).

Doing the above would also mean less work for Rich as the bank statement has enough detail to reduce the time-consuming record keeping. Confidentiality is assured throughout as the only person who has this information is Rich, not even Canon David has access to it.

Your help would be much appreciated. Standing order forms and Gift Aid forms (for those who can use them) are available in the foyer of each church. *Rich Flisher, Finance Manager*

Please do get in touch if you have any questions at 11:00 Mass or finance@catholicwindsor.org.

Wine Tasting and Quiz

Friday 17 February at 19:00 in the Parish Centre.

A fun Italian Wine Tasting and Quiz will get rid of February gloom! We will be raising funds for the Alma Road Homeless Project – which is a part of Windsor Christian Action.

Tickets £20.

Tickets are available from Hilary Ritchie 07798 573013 after the 11:00 Sunday Mass, or from the Parish Office.

Raise Funds for the Parish for Free!

Until 5th February 2023, you have the chance to win a £500 prize bundle – just by shopping. Every time you raise a free donation for the parish by shopping via Give as you Live Online, you'll be entered into their draw to win:

£400 Tui Voucher + £100 Donation for Windsor St Edward's RC Church. Simply download the link below and the Give As You Live team will do the rest as you shop.

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

CAFOD

Saturday 28 January 10:30 - 12:30 at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT.

Please contact Jo Lewry for more details and to book your place by emailing jlewy@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

Marriage - Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille - restores good communication to stressed marriages. Book now for February course on:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Senior Open Morning

The Marist School will be hosting an Open Morning on Friday 3 February 9:15 -11:15. Booking is essential, please email admissions@themarist.com

Deceased

Geraldine (Kathleen) Parkinson - her funeral will take place at St Edward's on 21 January at 13:00.

Joanna Parton - her funeral will take place at St Edward's on 6 February at 10:30.

Maria Martin - her funeral will take place at St Edward's on 8 February at 10:30.