

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 January 2023

Thought for the Week

This week's readings encapsulate some of the great promises of Christ. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, may appear to emphasise contradictions and disadvantages because the followers of Christ were, 'by human reckoning', not the rich and famous, strong, or wise, rather the weak, the foolish and the insignificant. At a first glance they seem to have nothing about which they could boast. Paul turns this on its head; he tells his audience that by becoming part of Christ Jesus (having a personal relationship with Jesus) and being part of His Body; The Church, they gain the qualities of wisdom, virtue, holiness, and freedom. Contrary to first impressions, they therefore do indeed have something about which they can boast; by living in Christ, they can rise and live in ways that society - then and now - might think impossible.

Jesus's own words in the Gospel - 'the Beatitudes' - also emphasise attributes that often go against the trends in our complicated world. Gentleness, peacefulness, mercy; these are strengths in Jesus's teaching, aspects of God's love and promises and each one of us is called to try to model our lives on these qualities. We hear Jesus speaking about 'they or those' but, why not look at these words through a personal lens. Try reading the text again during the week and replace 'Happy are those ... they shall' with 'If you ... you shall', or perhaps even more powerfully, 'If I am ... I shall.' Very quickly and clearly, we see not only a way of living but also the promises of Jesus, and the blueprint of God's love; comfort in mourning, a way to see God and perhaps most profoundly how to be called 'a child of God'

Stephen Patterson

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

There will be no Reconciliation available on Saturday 28 January or Tuesday 31 January.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will normally 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 28 Jan – 5 Feb

Sat 28	18:00	People of the Parish
Sun 29	09:30	Sams Family INT - St Mark's
	11:00	Peggy McGlinchey - RIP
Mon 30	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 31	18:30	Carol Shepherd - INT
Wed 01	10:00	John Joe O'Neill - RIP
Thur 02	10:00	Gill Family
Fri 03	12:00	Patricia Roantree - INT
Sat 04	18:00	Tony Quirke - INT
Sun 05	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Elaine Burton - RIP

Parish Diary 28 Jan – 5 Feb

Sat 28	10:00	Talk on Gospel of St Matthew - P/C
	13:00	Baptisms - Leo Hill & Max Foster + P/C
Sun 29	09:30	Children's Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Children's Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 31	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Wed 01	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 02	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	09:00	First Aid Training Course - P/C
Fri 03	19:00	World Youth Day Fund Raiser - P/C
Sat 04	10:00	First Holy Communion - Session 2 - Church
Sun 05	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £469.01 Loose £1,050.98
Cathedral Collection - £530.98

Pause for Peace on St Brigid's Day – 1 February

The Irish Government pledged to honour women all over the world by making 1 February, the **Feast Day of St Brigid** a National Holiday! We Brigidines, whose name we take from the 5th century Celtic Saint as our patroness, wish to celebrate this day with a PAUSE FOR PEACE, by holding a minute's silence with prayer at 12 noon that day.

Brigid was a woman of peace, often mediating in disputes and conflicts in her day. PLEASE JOIN WITH US in praying for peace, which is so needed in our world. *Sr Patricia Mulhall, csb*

SVP Collection

There will be a collection for the SVP at the Masses on 4 / 5 February.

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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.

A Reflection on Lent

Come and listen to Fr Kevin Hughes MHM as he gives a reflection on this season, which starts on Ash Wednesday - 22 February.

There are 2 opportunities available!

Monday 6 February at 10:00 (after 9:30 Mass) at

St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

Saturday 11 February at 10:00 at St Edward's Parish Centre,

All welcome - start your Lenten preparation early!

Christian Aid Candlemas Service of Light

Sunday 29 January, All Saints, Frances Road, Windsor at 16:00.

Christian Aid Group warmly invite you to join them to light a candle with and admire the children's handiwork.

Pancake Social for Christian Aid

To mark the beginning of Lent join us for pancakes, raising money for Christian Aid; sweet, savoury & gluten-free versions will be available. Come and tantalise your taste buds on Saturday 25 February 10:30 -12:30, St Edward's Parish Centre.

Sarah Gardner sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com

Meeting for 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.

Youth Update - World Youth Day LISBON 2023



Last weekend we attended our first preparation session in Winchester, which was well received; the Young People came away fired up and looking forward to the next gathering.

Over the coming months we will be fundraising, so please look out for updates in the newsletter as your support would be greatly appreciated, along with your prayers.

Sharon Cole-Blows, Youth Coordinator.

The Prince & Princess of Wales visit

Windsor Foodshare

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Windsor Foodshare on Thursday 26 Jan to hear more about the support that the organisation provides to individuals and families living in the local area, before helping volunteers set up for a weekly collection session.

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.

First Aid Course 2 February

We will be running a First Aid course on 2 February. There are still four places available. If anyone is interested in taking part, especially needed at St Edward's, please contact Sharon at YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

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.

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.

Vacancies - Portsmouth

For all 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

Music Team Leader, Winchester. Closing date 3 February.

Part time Pastoral & Finance Administrator - 15 hours per week Holy Family, Southampton - Closing date 12 noon Wednesday 8 February 2023

Clergy Support Coordinator - Based in Sandhurst.

Contact Wendy Escott - wescott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to arrange an informal discussion. This role is part-time 18 hours a week. Applications by CV with a cover letter about why you are interested in the role and what you bring from your previous working history. Closing date for applications: Friday 10 February 2023

Salsa Dance Class 23 February

The Friends of St Edward's First School will be hosting their first ever dance class, with drinks. Tickets £7.50 which includes a welcome drink.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstedwardsfir+st/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58235#.Y9MGtKSnyDZ>

Deceased

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.