

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –15 January 2023

Thought for the Week

At Mass, just after we pray the 'Our Father', the celebrant prays that the Lord will grant the Church 'peace and unity in accordance with your will.'

The words 'peace and unity' often seem at odds with each other and in our world today both appear difficult if not impossible to achieve. This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Peace and on Thursday, Christian denominations around the world begin the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity to help achieve Christ's prayer at the Last Supper 'that they all be one'; in the same week, peace in the world and unity in the church are the specific focus of prayer.

A year ago, we were concerned about the possibility of fighting in Ukraine and 12 months later, we are all grieving for the loss of life, and the heartache and destruction which the conflict has seen. Both church unity and conflicts, in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen and other trouble spots of the world, may seem too much for us to resolve. We may not feel that we can change the world and bring about peace and unity, but we can each contribute to peace and unity in our homes, our parish family, and our community. Perhaps this week we can focus on achieving our own small step towards peace and unity; as Mother Theresa said, 'If you want to change the world, go home and love your family'. In addition, we must also remember that we can pray; it is, after all, our faith that prayer can change the world!

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

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 14 – 22 Jan

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| Sat 14 | 18:00 | Cliff Cooper - RIP |
| Sun 15 | 09:30 | Anna Tyack - RIP - St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | People of the Parish |
| Mon 16 | 10:00 | Viscountess de la Panousse - FM |
| Tues 17 | 18:30 | Rosa Santa Caterina - RIP |
| Wed 18 | 10:00 | Patrick Jordan - RIP |
| Thur 19 | 10:00 | Theodosia Rogers |
| Fri 20 | 12:00 | Gillian Dibden - INT |
| 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 |

Parish Diary 15 – 22 January

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| Sun 15 | 09:30 | Children's Liturgy - St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | Children's Liturgy - P/C |
| | 12:00 | Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C |
| Tue 17 | 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| | 19:15 | RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room |
| Wed 18 | 09:30 | Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| | 11:00 | Windsor Homeless Project Meeting - P/C |
| Thur 19 | 09:30 | Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| | 13:00 | Mass Readings Explained - P/C |
| Fri 20 | 12:00 | Mini Vinnies/Youth Meeting - P/C |
| Sat 21 | 10:00 | First Holy Communion Prep - St Edward's |
| 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 |

Fr David's Diary

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| Tue 17 | 12:00 | Department of Clergy - Sandhurst |
| Thur 19 | 11:00 | Bishops Council and Personnel |

'You will be my Witnesses' – Feedback Sessions

A big thank you to all who were able to attend the Feedback Sessions last weekend. 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

This year the Church is using the Gospel of St Matthew as its primary text for the Sunday Readings.

This short session (one hour) will act as an introduction to St Matthew's Gospel, giving some background and pointers to help us understand Matthew's faith in Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, son of Abraham.

All welcome.

Speaker: Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM

St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

Monday 16 January @ 10:00 (after the 9:30 Mass)

Please note change of date and time.

St Edward, Windsor – 'NEW DATE & TIME'

Saturday 28 January @ 10:00 - 11:00 in the Parish Centre

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 and Head of Fundraising. 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

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.

Special Collection 21/22 January

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

Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have Gift Aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

In response to some of the precautions taken in the previous lockdowns, a 'Give as you Live' page was also created at:

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

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral; Please Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.

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 or after 11:00 Sunday Mass.

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.

Raise Funds for the Parish for Free!

The start of the year can feel a little gloomy, so Give as you Live has teamed up with TUI to bring Windsor St Edward's R C Church and its parishioners a little sunshine!

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.

You are invited to come to a meeting about CAFOD and how your donations make a difference to the communities that they work with. There will be an update on their work tackling climate change in Bangladesh as that is their focus story for Lent Fast Day. Please contact Jo Lewry for more details and to book your place by emailing jlwry@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

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.