

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 February 2023

Thought for the Week

We have recently re-established in the parish a Spirituality Group. The purpose of this group of parishioners is to discern what we have on offer, and what we should have on offer, to help us all deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. In other words, to discern new ways of praying that might help different people at different stages of their lives.

Sometimes we can read the gospel stories of Jesus engaging with his disciples without recognising that we are disciples also. So, when Jesus speaks to his disciples, he is speaking to us. One prayer that is particularly helpful sometimes is the gospel prayer – that is to exchange one's own name for his disciples. So instead of reading 'Jesus said to his disciples', we read 'Jesus said to David' or 'Jesus said to Patricia', or 'Jesus said to George'. Reading that passage over to oneself several times, replacing the text in this way can give the gospel new meaning. It can also help us to understand that our relationship with Jesus is personal by name and unique.

If you think there is something that we could try to offer in the parish that would help your spiritual life and your encounter with Jesus, then please do let me know.

Canon David Hopgood

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.

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.

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £334.60 Loose £579.58

Mass Times + Intentions 4 -12 Feb

Sat 04	18:00	Tony Quirke - INT
Sun 05	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Elaine Burton - RIP
Mon 06	10:30	Joanna Parton - RIP - FUNERAL
Tues 07	18:30	Bertie & Anne Johns - RIP
Wed 08	10:30	Maria Martin - RIP - FUNERAL
Thur 09	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 10	12:00	Christina O'Reilly - RIP
Sat 11	18:00	Amelia Stachurska & Tom Coyle - RIP
Sun 12	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Karen & Noel Devlin-Wedding Anniversary (20)

Parish Diary 4 - 12 Feb

Sat 04	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - St Edward's
	19:00	Fledgling Family Welcome Gathering - P/C
Sun 05	10:30	Tea and Coffee - St Mark's
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Tue 07	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	14:30	Catenians Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:00	Readers' Training Course - P/C
	19:15	RCIA - Brigid's Room
Wed 08	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 09	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sat 11	10:00	Talk on Lent - Fr Kevin Hughes - P/C
	16:00	Altar Servers' Practice - Church
Sun 12	09:30	Children's Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Children's Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Holy Hour - Church

Fr David's Diary

Tue 07	11:00	Diocesan Meeting, Basingstoke
Thur 09	11:00	Clergy Meetings, Portsmouth

St Mark's Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning at St. Mark's will be held after Mass on Sunday February 5. See you there!

SVP Collection

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

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Racial Justice Sunday - 4/5 February

In his 2020 encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminded us of our vocation to “a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.” This appeal assists the work of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference in support of Racial Justice. Donations are welcome using the link <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/racial-justice-sunday>

St Vincent de Paul Society - Windsor

Thank you all for your valuable financial contributions made during our Annual Special Collection, occurring this weekend. The SVP group in our parish enters its 16th year in 2023 and has many original members. We are getting older and to continue our fantastic and rewarding work in the parish, we need to recruit more people to fill the gaps of retirement,.

The Covid pandemic decimated voluntary work in our society and together with the current trying times, contributions to charities have reduced but demand on services is increasing. We need people like you, we need your skills for befriending, administration, driving, shopping, or whatever you can manage. We are privileged to have helped and befriended so many needy people over the last 15 years and wish to continue doing so. Please contact Barry Thompson, presidentb170321@svp.org.uk or 07547 514467. Thank you.

UCM Meeting

Tuesday 7 February at 10:30, for a business meeting and if time, a talk by Geoff and Irene Dorrett on their work in Palestine.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Saturday 11 February at 10:00 at St Edward's Parish Centre, All welcome - start your Lenten preparation early!

Please note that the talk on Thursday 9 February at St Andrew's, Cippenham has now been cancelled.

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.ptaevents.co.uk/friendsofstedwardsfir+st/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58235#.Y9MGtKSnyDZ>

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

Youth Update - World Youth Day LISBON 2023



We recently 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.

Your help is needed

The plea is if you can pay your weekly or monthly contribution by **Standing Order** it would help enormously.

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

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

A Gap Year opportunity

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. ‘Step into the Gap’ is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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.