

## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 Feb 2023**

### **Thought for the Week**

Our readings this week are peppered with well-known phrases: 'Love you neighbour as yourself', 'the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God', 'turn the other cheek' ... Each often appears to run counter to the ways in which the world thinks and operates. They are challenges - we are to love our enemies, offer no resistance to persecutors, we are reminded that one must learn to be a fool in order to be wise. These much-repeated expressions run through the faith of the church and are tell-tale signs of the Christian tradition; they are blueprints for our lives as followers of Christ, the Christ, as St Paul says, to whom we belong and the Christ who belongs to God. Above all we are charged to be perfect as God our heavenly Father is perfect.

We can read or hear the phrases again and again, and at times we are likely to end up asking ourselves 'how can I live up to them', indeed can I live up to them, especially if I have been hurt? Above all, how can I possibly be perfect as God is perfect? We have our whole lives, with our many experiences to grow towards perfection and yet we so often feel that we do not know where to start - how can I become perfect?

Happily, in the response to the psalm we are shown what perfection is; 'the Lord is compassion and love'. The psalmist stresses that the Lord is compassion and love, therefore compassion and love define God. So, if, as Jesus told his disciples, we are to be perfect like God, the qualities, the attitudes, that we must seek to adopt have been told to us; compassion, for each other and for ourselves, and love. If we keep those two words uppermost in our minds and in our approach to others, particularly as we enter the season of Lent when we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gifts of love and compassion for us at Easter, everything else will follow. By our actions we will therefore be becoming closer to our heavenly Father who made us in his image and thus be slightly closer to the perfection that we seek.

Stephen Patterson

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

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

### **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 18 – 26 Feb**

Sat 18	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 19	09:30	Lawrence Dyke RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 20	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 21	18:30	Throckmortan – INT

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wed 22	12:00	Edmund Ward & Family
	18:30	Private Intention

Thur 23	<b>09:30</b>	William Steadman – RIP
	13:15	Peter Kelly – RIP - <b>Funeral</b>
Fri 24	12:00	Pauline Dixon - INT
Sat 25	18:00	Jane Beech-Allen - INT
Sun 26	09:30	Pat Naughton INT - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

## **Parish Diary 18 - 26 Feb**

Sat 18	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
Sun 19	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Maya Leone & Elias Osei
Tue 21	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:15	RCIA - & Alpha 2.0 - Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation – P/C
Wed 22	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur 23	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 24	12:30	Soup Friday - Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross
Sat 25	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
	10:30	Pancake Social - P/C
Sun 26	12:30	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

## **Fr David's Diary**

Tue 21		Portsmouth – Newly ordained priests
Thur 23	11:00	Department of Clergy
	19:00	First joint meeting with Ascot

## **Offertory**

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08   Envelopes £269.61   Loose £572.88  
Earthquake Appeal £2,095.85

## **Catholic Windsor - website [www.catholicwindsor.org](http://www.catholicwindsor.org)**

### **Parish Office**

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## LENT

### Ash Wednesday

Mass and Blessing of the Ashes at 12:00 and 18:30 at St Edward's, 22 February. This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

### Soup Friday / Lenten Lunches

Each Friday during Lent, soup will be served in the Parish Centre after the 12:00 Mass

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday from 24 February, at 18:30 at St Edward's

### Stations of the Cross and Benediction –

Each Sunday during Lent from 26 February, at St Edward's at 15:00

### Penitential Service

This will take place at St Edward's on Saturday 1 April at 10:00.

*Please see poster at back of church for details.*

Lenten Alms - A collection for Cafod will be taken each week using the purple buckets.

### CAFOD Family Fast Date – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world

### Easter Triduum

Talk by Dr Judith Thomas at St Mark's Church at 10:00 on 18 March.

## Rite of Election – Portsmouth

Please remember those candidates within our parish community who are preparing to be Baptised and received into the Church at Easter. Lent is a special time of preparation for them.

We pray for:

Courtney Turner, David Brown, Emma Pacey and David Currie.

## Wine Tasting and Quiz

Friday 17 February at 19:00 in the Parish Centre

For those of you coming to this event, there will be a raffle during the evening and amazing prizes to be won. Please remember to bring some cash with you!

## 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**. All monies raised will go to the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal *Sarah Gardner* [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

## UCM Meeting

Deacon George will give a Lenten Reflection in the Parish Centre at 10:30 on Tuesday 21 February. Notes on the annual report of the AGM will be posted on the notice board at the back of the church.

## 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.

## Windsor Catenians

The Catenians are a Catholic men's group based in the Parish. We meet once a month in the Parish Centre.

After a short prayer service, we enjoy a very convivial dinner. Our main purpose is, through friendship and a shared Faith, to support each other, our families and the Parish. A range of social activities take place throughout the year

In addition to letting you know what we are about, we wanted to draw to your attention to

**The Catenian Bursary Fund.** This fund provides financial assistance to young people (between the ages of 16 & 24) via grants, to enable them to volunteer on projects - for example – as helpers at Lourdes or any project worldwide, directed at helping others. Further details can be found at [www.theCatenians.com/bursary](http://www.theCatenians.com/bursary) Or from [Mikewyld@aol.com](mailto:Mikewyld@aol.com) or 07908 343105 . Membership enquiries can be obtained from either Mike Wyld Or Philip Reynolds [philipreynolds0606@gmail.com](mailto:philipreynolds0606@gmail.com) 07831 365908

## Vacancies - Portsmouth

For all job descriptions and how to apply, please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

For an informal discussion, please contact Heather Hauschild COO: [hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Education Administrator** – based in Portsmouth.

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office (CASO) are seeking to appoint an Education Administrator for 30 hours a week 9.00 – 4.00pm term time only (39 weeks). **Closing date for applications:** 9.00am on Thursday 23 February 2023

**Head of Fundraising** - based in Portsmouth. **Please apply with CV and a written submission 350- 500 words on why you believe you meet the person specification. Applications to be submitted to** [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Deadline for this position and completed applications: Friday 24 February 2023

## FoodShare Trustee - Vacancy

An exciting opportunity for you to make a big difference in the local community.

**The closing date for applications is: February 28 2023**

If you would like to join the team and apply for this exciting role at FoodShare , please contact them at:

[secretary@windsorchristianaction.org](mailto:secretary@windsorchristianaction.org).

Or call Jane Deakin on 07972 646613 for an informal discussion.

[www.windsorchristianaction.org](http://www.windsorchristianaction.org) and

<https://www.windsorfoodshare.org.uk/>

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Kelly**. His funeral will take place on Thursday 23 February at St Edward's at 13:15.

Also please pray for the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth O'Reilly**. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 8 March at 10:00 at St Edward's.

We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of **Mike McEvoy** who died this week. His funeral will take place on Monday 13 March at 10:30 at St Edward's.