

First Sunday in Lent – 26 February 2023

Thought for the Week

The forty days of Lent put us in touch with that decisive turning point in the life of Jesus, when he was called from his work as a tradesman in Nazareth, to begin his public ministry of preaching and teaching. Led by the Spirit, he went into the desert on his own, to fast, to reflect on the word of God and to pray. Jesus struggled in the desert from cold and hunger, at his weakest moment Satan arrived to tempt him to break his fast by changing stones into bread, to put his trust in worldly possessions and power. He rejected all this and Satan departed.

As we begin our Lenten journey we are invited to acknowledge our human weaknesses. The readings focus on the reality of temptation and sin in the world and in our lives. Nobody likes to dwell on sin as it touches a raw nerve, especially in the light of the chaos that it has created both in society and in our individual lives. Nowadays sin is a seldom mentioned and when confronted with persistent temptation in our lives, the easy option is to give in, because immediate and instant gratification is the order of the day.

The season of Lent is a time for a change of heart and for making the presence of God the most important reality in our lives. Lent's challenge is to take charge of our lives in ways that will set us free to live life more generously and become more Christ-like people, living in harmony and peace with one another.

Sr Teresina

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 prayed after the 12:00 Mass each Friday, please join us.

Pray As You Go – Free App

There is an App that you can download from your App Store. It is a wonderful daily reflection on the readings and an aid to prayer. It's free!

Mass Times + Intentions 25 Feb - 5 March

Sat 25	18:00	Jane Beech-Allen - INT
Sun 26	09:30	Pat Naughton INT - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 27	10:00	Maria Martin - RIP
Tues 28	18:30	Geraldine Parkinson - RIP
Wed 01	12:00	John Edward Riley - FM
Thur 02	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 03	12:00	Peter Kelly - RIP
Sat 04	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 05	09:30	Marcella Dyke - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 25 Feb – 5 March

Sat 25	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
	10:30	Pancake Social - P/C
Sun 26	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon 27	18:30	SVP Meeting – St Brigid's Room
Tue 28	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:15	RCIA - Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 01	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 02	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 03	12:30	Soup Friday - Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 04	18:45	Family welcome and meal for Fledglings - P/C
Sun 05	09:30	Family Mass - St Mark's
	11:00	Family Mass - St Edward's
	12:30	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Fr David's Diary

Tue 28	10:30	Clergy Day of Reflection - Douai Abbey
Thur 02	10:30	Council of Priests - Portsmouth

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £702.38 Loose £872.75

Men's Group

Fr David is hoping to start a Men's Group in the parish. An opportunity to come together talk, discuss, pray and socialise. There will be a gathering of interested people on March 16 at 18:30 in the Parish Centre. On this occasion we can chat about when, where, and how often to meet.

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LENT

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

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, such as the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at 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.

For Lent Help the Missionary Work of the Church

As we start Spring (*and spring cleaning!*), perhaps you will come across old and/or foreign coins buried in a drawer. Please drop them (*it doesn't matter if it is a small or large amount*) into the Parish Office, and Vic Mullan will be delighted to receive them (*or arrange collection*). During the 6 weeks of Lent, please make an effort to dig these out and the amount exchanged for these after Easter, will be sent off to assist the missionary work of the Church. Thank you.

Wine Tasting Evening and Quiz

Thank you to all who supported this event - £2,120 was raised from ticket sales and the raffle which will go towards funds for the Alma Road Homeless Project - part of Windsor Christian Action

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

World Day of Prayer 2023 - (Friday 3 March)

Two ecumenical services will be offered on this day. Pupils from St Peter's Church of England Middle School, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor will lead an afternoon service, 14.15 -15:00. An evening service will be held at 19:00 in The Church of St Andrew, Clewer, Mill Lane, Windsor. Everyone is warmly invited to the celebrations which will be followed by refreshments.

For more information please email

jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com, penny@the-pilgrims.com or visit www.wwdp.org.uk.

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 and they will be joining others throughout the Diocese at the Rite of Election on Saturday. We pray for:

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

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 Or from Mikewyld@aol.com or 07908 343105.

Membership enquiries can be obtained from either Mike Wyld or Philip Reynolds philipreynolds0606@gmail.com 07831 365908

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

Parish Administrator – Tadley – 15 hours per week.

Applications form and job description, email above. Closing date for applications: Friday 10 March 2023

Head of Andover Foodbank – Andover – 25 hours per week

Please contact office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk – Closing date for applications: 17:00 on 10 March 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.

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

www.windsorchristianaction.org and

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

Windsor Christian Action – Vacancy

Are currently looking to recruit a Trustee with particular responsibility for Strategy and Planning. You will work alongside an experienced Trustee who is also working on this important aspect of the Charity. You can read more about our work on our websites www.windsorchristianaction.org

The closing date for applications is: March 10 2023

If you would like to join the team and apply for this exciting role, please contact us at: secretary@windsorchristianaction.org. Or

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Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following departed:

Elizabeth O'Reilly - Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 8 March at 10:00 at St Edward's.

Mike McEvoy - His funeral will take place on Monday 13 March at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Charles Hamilton - His funeral will take place on Wednesday 15 March at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick Sharkey** and **Tony Quirke** who died recently. Funeral details to follow.