

Third Sunday in Lent - 12 March 2023

Thought for the Week

One theme runs through all three of the readings. It is a very comforting theme, that we are all loved. We see in the first reading in spite of the ingratitude and moaning of the people about their thirst, God does not give up on them but shows his love for them by giving them water from the desert. In the second reading Paul says 'What proves that God loves us, is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners'. We see the message in action in the Gospel. We can all learn lessons from the Samaritan woman who was no saint, but was sincere and honest in telling her story. As we journey through life in search of happiness and love, we can drink at the wells of power and pleasure only to discover there is still a gaping unanswered hole in our lives. Trying to satisfy a spiritual thirst with a physical remedy is like drinking salt water instead of spring water, the more we drink the thirstier we become. The truth is we are empty vessels and only capable of being fulfilled with something spiritual. When we look into our hearts we find an inner desire and ache that only the love of God can satisfy.

The Samaritan woman gives great hope and encouragement in the way she opened her life to the saving power of Christ. Her past does not prevent her from being a messenger the Gospel.

Deacon George

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.

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 **Wednesday March 15 at 18:30 in the Parish Centre**. On this occasion we can chat about when, where, and how often to meet.

Mass Times + Intentions 11 - 19 March

Sat 11	18:00	Amelia Stachurska & Thomas Coyle
Sun 12	09:30	Normal Long - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 13	10:30	Mike McEvoy - RIP- Funeral
Tues 14	18:30	Helen Cooney - RIP
Wed 15	09:30	Holy Souls - Mass
	10:30	Charles Hamilton - RIP - Funeral Service
Thur 16	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 17	12:00	Marie Mitchell - RIP
Sat 18	18:00	Sr Teresa Keogh - RIP
Sun 19	09:30	Bill Johnston - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 11 - 19 March

Sun 12	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:00	Summer Party Planning Team-St Brigid's Room
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tue 14	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:15	RCIA - Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 15	18:30	Men's Group Meeting - P/C
Thur 16	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	09:30	Homeless Project Meeting - P/C
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 17	12:30	Soup Friday - Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 18	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
	10:00	St Mark's-Talk on Easter Triduum by Dr Judith Thomas
	11:00	Meeting for Catechists - P/C
Sun 19	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Fr David's Diary

Tue 14	10:30	Department of Cleary, Sandhurst
Thur 16	11:00	Bishop Council , Portsmouth

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £219.98 Loose £729.79
CAFOD Lenten Alms - £1238.55

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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.

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 Edmund Campion Church**, Maidenhead, on Monday 13 March at 10:00 (*after 9.30 am Mass*)

At **St Mark's Church**, Dedworth, on Saturday 18 March at 10:00.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord. If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Clergy Assistance Fund

The Second Collection at all Masses next weekend is for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which resources the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team of four is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, from the early days of ordination all the way into retirement. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, parishioners can donate using their gift aid envelopes or online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund-second-collection-2023>. This collection will close on 4th April.

Windsor Catenians

The Catenians 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 mikewyldwyld@aol.com or 07908 343105. Membership enquiries can be obtained from either Mike Wyld or Philip Reynolds philipreynolds0606@gmail.com 07831 365908

Youth Updates

<https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>



Youth Leadership Team Update

The Youth Leadership team have a meeting once every 6 weeks. During our last meeting fundraising ideas for WYD were discussed along with some ideas on things that they could do with the younger children in the Parish. The Youth Leadership have also extended an invitation to host the World Youth Day group in our parish in May. Please pray for our Youth Leaders and for success in all they try to grow in our parish.

Fundraising Update

On 4 April 2023 George Williams, one of our WYD attendees along with his father will be taking on the challenge of cycling from Old Windsor to Congresbury in North Somerset. If you would like to sponsor George's challenge, please do so at

<https://gofund.me/f39e9e9a>

If you cannot access this link for any reason please contact

youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Please keep the 4 young people attending WYD in your prayers and look out for future fundraising events between now and July.

Confirmation 2023/24

Registration for Confirmation will be open from **Friday 31 March** with the first session to be held in June 2023.

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!

Cheques in Favour of the Parish

As a result of the change in legal status of the Diocese from Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust to an incorporated charity, the name is now **Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**. Any cheques should be made payable to **CDP St Edward** or **St Edward** or **St Edward Windsor**.

UCM Meeting

Dr Judith Thomas will speak to members of UCM in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 21 March at 10:30. Her topic will be "Christian Faith in Japan". All welcome.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Those of you who use weekly or special collection envelopes, these will be available at the back of both churches over the next couple of weekends.

Deceased

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

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.

Patrick Sharkey - His funeral will take place on Wednesday 22 March at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Margaret Campbell - Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 5 April at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Tony Quirke - His funeral details to follow.