

## **Second Sunday in Lent - 5 March 2023**

### **Thought for the Week**

If you have ever wondered if it is true that God wants a personal relationship with us - then ponder on the scripture that will be read on this Sunday of Lent. We hear of how God called Abraham to leave behind in his old age, everything that was dear to him and travel to a strange land. In this psalm we sing how 'we place all our trust in you' - this is exactly what Abraham did - he responded to that close relationship that God wanted with him. Saint Paul takes up the theme of God's personal call to each of us; 'to a holy life.'

In the Gospel we hear of the dazzling scene, of Jesus on a mountain revealing the glory he shares with the father to the three stunned apostles. Like Abraham, they have received a special call to intimacy with the divine. This Lent is our rendezvous with God - we have been called up the mountain, and we pray with the Psalmist. 'Our soul waits for the Lord.'

Scriptures are not historical stories to be read as all if that happened years ago - no, all this is happening to us now - for God invites us to listen to his voice so that we too, like Abraham, might place our trust in the friendship that God is offering us, and then lead not to a new country but to a deeper friendship with the Lord.

Let our Lenten mantra be 'in you we hope you Lord'.

*Canon David Hopgood*

### **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.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will take place during the Mass next Friday 10 March at 12:00

### **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!

### **Offertory**

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £393.30 Loose £645.65

### **Mass Times + Intentions 4 - 12 March**

Sat 04	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 05	09:30	Marcella Dyke - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 06	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 07	18:30	Holy Souls
Wed 08	10:00	Elizabeth O'Reilly - RIP - <b>Funeral</b>
Thur 09	10:00	Special Intention
Fri 10	12:00	Tony Quirke - RIP + (Sacrament of the Sick)
Sat 11	18:00	Amelia Stachurska & Thomas Coyle
Sun 12	09:30	Normal Long - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

### **Parish Diary 4 - 12 March**

Sat 04	18:45	Family welcome and meal for Fledglings - P/C
Sun 05	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tue 07	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	14:30	Catenian Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:15	RCIA - Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 08	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
	19:30	Mothers Prayers - Brigid's Room
Thur 09	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 10	12:30	Soup Friday - Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sun 12	12:00	Summer Party Planning Team - St Brigid's Room
	12:30	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

### **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.

### **Thank You - Windsor Christian Action - Pancakes**

With your support the morning raised over £1,000 - which will be divided 50/50 between the DEC Earthquake Emergency Appeal for Syria & Turkey and Christian Aid's Lent Appeal for Climate Justice. A big thank goes out to all the helpers as well.

Sarah Gardner, Chair, Windsor Christian Aid.

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

#### **Parish Office**

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#### **Pastoral Team**

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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 is the official overseas aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Please use your gift aid envelopes or to give online please go to

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/cafod-lent>.

The page will close on 11th March 2023.

### 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](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 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.

### Second Sunday of Lent

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design..." 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](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

### 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](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 [phillipreynolds0606@gmail.com](mailto:phillipreynolds0606@gmail.com) 07831 365908

### UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet at 10:30 in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 7 March, when Irene and Geoff will continue talking about their time in Palestine.

### 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 their work on their website [www.windsorchristianaction.org](http://www.windsorchristianaction.org)

**The closing date for applications is: March 10 2023**

Please contact: [secretary@windsorchristianaction.org](mailto:secretary@windsorchristianaction.org). Or call Jane Deakin on 07972 646613 for an informal discussion.

### 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)

### Accounts Technician – Portsmouth

For an informal discussion, please contact Clare Shore, Financial Controller; [cshore@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cshore@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
Closing date for application Friday 10 March.

**Head of Andover Foodbank – Andover – 25 hours per week**

Please contact [office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk) – Closing date for applications: 17:00 on 10 March 2023.

**Parish Administrator** Tadley - 15 hours per week.

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

### 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.

### Flame March 4, 2023

This weekend we will be taking a very small group of young people from our parish to CYMFed Flame Congress in Wembley. The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went with haste" and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!". Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. Please pray for us and for the young people attending this event in preparation for WYD in August. For information on Flame please go to <https://cymfed.org.uk/>

### Confirmation 2023/24

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

### 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.

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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Tony Quirke** and **Margaret Campbell** who died recently. Funeral details to follow.