

## Fifth Sunday in Lent - 26 March 2023

### Thought for the Week

The Scripture readings for this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, confirm to us that God takes us from death to new life. The story of Lazarus is a familiar one and as we move towards the end of Lent, it has Jesus' passion and death in view. John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary - the woman who anointed Jesus for burial. Jesus is grieving over his friend Lazarus and over the pain it is causing Martha and Mary. He knew that raising his friend would end 'not in death but in God's glory.' The gospel illustrates the reality of human suffering and the pain that comes with loss, as well as the compassion and empathy that Jesus shows towards those who are mourning - he weeps with them.

Like the cure of the blind man, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for all those whom Jesus loves and wants to liberate from sin and death. The promise of God's mercy and forgiveness is expressed in the Psalm, 'with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.'

By His resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise: 'and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this.' We are reassured that God opens our graves that we may rise, and puts His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the same Spirit that Paul writes about in his letter to the Romans. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to us. Faith is key. If we believe, as Martha does, that Jesus is the resurrection and the life - even if we die - we will live.

*Sr Patricia, CSB*

### 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.

## Mass Times + Intentions 25 March – 2 April

Sat 25	18:00	Patrick McCoy - RIP
Sun 26	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Stephen Bowley - RIP
Mon 27	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 28	18:30	Jack Regan - RIP
Wed 29	10:00	Reg Brooks - RIP
Thur 30	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 31	<b>11:30</b>	Tony Quirke - <b>Funeral Mass</b>
Sat 01	18:00	Joseph Alphonso - RIP
Sun 02	09:30	Eddie & Willie Davis - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

## Parish Diary 25 - March – 2 April

Sat 25	14:30	Mother and Toddler - P/C
Sun 26		NO Parish Tea & Coffee today
	12:00	Blessing of Rings at 11:00 Mass, followed by Marriage Prep and Lunch - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon 27	18:30	SVP Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 28	18.30	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:00	Family Pizza Night - P/C
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Wed 29	09:30	Morning Prayer
Thur 30	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 31	12:30	Soup Friday - Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross – St Edward's
Sat 01	10:00	Penitential Service - St Edward's
Sun 02	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

## Fr David's Diary

Tue 28	Clergy Meeting, Sandhurst
Thur 30	Winchester - all day

## Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £252.50 Loose £559.01  
Cafod Lenten Alms - £129.10 Clergy Assistance £424.44

## Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service for the whole Parish in St Edward's Church on Saturday 1 April at 10:00.

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

### Parish Office

**Patricia Brown:** Parish Secretary  
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### Pastoral Team

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**Rev George Young:** Deacon  
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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](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### 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.

### Windsor Catenians

The Catenians would like 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 [mikewyldwyld@aol.com](mailto:mikewyldwyld@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

### Cheques in favour of the Parish

Following 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**.

### 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.

### St Francis, Ascot

Fatima devotions – The KSC Home Prayer Group prays The Rosary via Zoom from Monday - Friday at 13:30 from Monday 20 March to Friday 31 March. Please see Zoom details on [www.stfrancisacot.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisacot.co.uk) (Password 'rosary')

### Vacancies

**Teaching Assistants - Level 2 & Cover Supervisor** required for St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School.

More information: 01753 867809 - [Vacancies@sterf.org.uk](mailto:Vacancies@sterf.org.uk)  
[www.sterf.org.uk](http://www.sterf.org.uk)

## 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 and his father will take 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](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

Please keep the four 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.



<https://faithinactionaward.co.uk/>

### 4 Award Levels Programme - open to young people in Years 5 -13

There are four levels to the Faith in Action Award - Bronze through to Gold. At the end of each award there is a ceremony with a matching pin awarded to the participants. The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to actively develop their relationship with God, deepen their faith and put that faith into action in the parish community. If you would like to register your child on this programme, please use the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RXxtAhqbkAr-4t7uarxreombzH96EQc\\_zb3Lu-gqWQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RXxtAhqbkAr-4t7uarxreombzH96EQc_zb3Lu-gqWQ/edit)

### Equipment Request

We are in the process of setting up a youth club for the young people in our parish. If anyone has any suitable items that are not being used at home and they would like to donate or even loan to us, please contact Sharon at:

[youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

### Junior Leadership Team

**Our team want to start something musical!** If any of our young parishioners like to sing or can play instruments, please get in touch and join in the fun. They are also in need of **someone that plays drums**. The group **also need a keyboard and small amplifier with microphone and a Bluetooth speaker**, if anyone has any of these items that aren't needed any longer or anything that we could use, or that they would be happy to loan to us please make contact with Sharon at

[youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

### Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed:  
**Tony Quirke** - His funeral will take place on Friday 31 March at 11:30 at St Edward's.

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

**Gillian Hill** - Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 12 April at 10:30 at St Edward's.