

Second Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

Thought for the Week

At one point or another in our journey of faith we have probably all had a 'Thomas moment' and doubted. This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember that one of the disciples, one of those personally chosen by Jesus, had doubts about the resurrection of the Lord only days after it happened. As the other disciples had already had the privilege of seeing Jesus in his resurrected body, it would be only human if Thomas were slightly piqued that he had not been present and feel that he had somehow missed out. It is easy to picture the other ten disciples enthusiastically talking to each other about 'seeing the Lord' and a frustrated and disappointed Thomas feeling left outside the apparent 'inner circle' or clique which may explain his first reaction. None of the disciples knew that Jesus would appear again, and Thomas did not know that he would ever have the chance to see or touch the Master. As we know from our own lives, such moments of apparent exclusion from the crowd can be difficult to manage, be hurtful and painful.

Little did Thomas know that his absence from the first meeting of the resurrected Lord with his disciples would be an opportunity for Jesus, when he appeared once again to them all, to give especial hope to each one of us down the ages. Jesus is not told of Thomas's doubts by the others or by Thomas himself, he already knows, just as he knows the innermost working of our hearts. His tone to Thomas is encouraging, any sense of rebuke is gentle and kind, perhaps one can sense a gentle shaking of the head and sympathetic sigh. His words are encouraging – not only for Thomas but for us too – he knows that the challenge of belief is not for those who have seen but for those who have not. If through his divine mercy he can gently forgive and support one who listened to him, ate with him, held his hand, and touched his side, that mercy also forgives us who on occasion doubt, even though we can see and touch him in the Eucharist, in the Christ who is our neighbour and hear him in the scriptures.

Stephen Patterson

Easter – Thank you

Our thanks to our flower arrangers who decorated the Church, the musicians, Altar Servers and those who so faithfully each week clean the Church. Both our Churches looked splendid this Easter.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Mass Times & Intentions - 15 to 23 April

Sat 15	18:00	Margaret Campbell - RIP
Sun 16	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP - St Edward's
Mon 17	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 18	18:30	Isobel Young - RIP
Wed 19	10:00	Frederick Riley - FM
Thur 20	10:00	Mike Mc Evoy - RIP
Fri 21	12:00	David Gawley - RIP
Sat 22	18:00	Sascha & Erika Cazin - RIP
Sun 23	09:30	People of the Parish- St Marks
	11:00	Henry Magic - RIP

Parish Diary 16 – 23 April

Sun 16	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee
	12:15	Baptism - Theodore Osgathorp
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Mon 17	18:00	Parish Party Planning Group St Brigid's Room
	18:30	Catenian Meeting - P/C
Tue 18	10:30	UCM - Imperial Road
	11:00	Windsor Leadership Trust Meeting - P/C
Wed 19	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur 20	11:15	Windsor Homeless Project - P/C
	18.30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 22	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
	11:00	First Communion Parents - Tea in P/C
Sun 23	09:30	Parish Tea & Coffee

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 18	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 19	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 20	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

Holy Places £600.69 Lenten Alms £731.04

Sacrament of the sick

This takes place on the second Friday of each month. This will be on 28 April at the 12:00 Mass at St Edward's.

Welcome

Congratulations to Emma Pacey and Courtney Turner who were baptised and to David Brown and David Currie who were received into the Church, and all confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

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The Holy Spirit - Monthly Talk

Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM will present a reflection on the Holy Spirit on the following dates:-

Monday 24 April at St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead at 10:00 (after 9:30Mass)

Saturday 29 April at St Mark's Church, Windsor at 10:00.

Come, listen and prepare for the Feast of Pentecost, the beginning of the Church, when the promise of Jesus was fulfilled in sending our helper and guide, the Holy Spirit. The presentation will last one hour. All welcome.

Gift Aid – Urgent and Important Information

The change in the Diocese status from Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust to The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth an incorporated charity has required a new charity number. We have just learned that every Gift Aider will need to sign a new Gift Aid form. with the new charity number on it. As Gift Aided tax reclaims are worth over £30,000 a year to the Parish it is important we ensure this is protected as soon as possible.

Would all Gift Aiders please take one of the new forms at the back of the church and complete it and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible, please? If you cannot collect one in person please contact the office for either an electronic copy or for us to post one out to you. If you are not sure of your Gift Aid status please do get in touch or if you have any questions please contact Richard Flisher, Parish Finance Manager via the office or finance@catholicwindsor.org **Thank you**

Safeguarding Training

The Parish is very fortunate to have several volunteers who assist in ministries with children or adults. It is because of these varied ministries that we need to provide a safe environment for all, which promotes and supports their wellbeing. In order to do this the Diocese requires all volunteers to complete Safeguarding training **every 2 years**. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer there will be a training day in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 27 May**. Each training session will take approximately 2 hours (Child safety & Safeguarding adults). Please contact **Pat Burke** by email on safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org for more information (**before 20 April**). *Thank you.*

Mass Readings Explained - by Dr Brant Pitre

These sessions were facilitated weekly during the past five plus years, initially in Maidenhead and then moved to Windsor. Dr Pitre's reflections on Mass Readings always give exhaustive explanations that help us connect the Old Testament with the New Testament and how the Old is fulfilled in the New.

The explanations are eye opening and gives a wonderful understanding that we never had before. Our appreciation of the gospels has blossomed with these videos.

They take place at **18:30 in St Brigid's Room weekly each Thursday**. The Parish welcomes you to come, taste and decide.

Bake for the Quake - Please support

A local group of ladies with Turkish backgrounds have relatives and friends affected by the recent earthquake. They can't help directly so have decided to raise funds for the earthquake appeal by baking, in particular traditional pastries and cakes. These will be on sale in the **Parish Centre after Mass on 30 April**.

UCM

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the UCM has raised £1,000 from Lenten Lunches and Sunday coffee during Lent, for World Youth Day in Lisbon this August.

UCM Meeting

This is being held on Tuesday 18 April taking place in Imperial Road. Evelyn Pereira will give a presentation on her recent cruise.

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.

Confirmation 2023/24

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1puqLHkYm5cU2QopAnOOqKToTOKAERqr135CwVyZUbUs/edit>



<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-ggWQ/edit

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 contact Sharon at youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

8 Day Pilgrimage To The Holy Land 2023

Led by Fr Claro Conde (Chaplain to Filipino Communities, Diocese of Portsmouth) - 21 to 28 of November 2023 departing Luton. The price is from £1,339 per person based on twin sharing. For more details, please contact Fr. Claro at 07803191502.

Or Nelia of All Saints Travel at 01793881166 or book direct <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/dates-and-prices/>

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Isobel Young** who died recently, her funeral will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 10.30 am at St Edward's.

Also please pray for **Hugh Hettiarachy** his funeral will take place on 24 April at 09:30 at St Mark's.

Also, pray for the repose of the soul **Patrick Forkin**, who died recently, details to follow.