

## **Third Sunday of Easter 23 April 2023**

### **Thought for the Week**

This appearance of Jesus to two of his disciples is intriguing and fascinating. They were distraught and did not seem to know what to think about Jesus' death. They had hoped He was the Messiah, but then He was killed. There were some who claimed His tomb was empty. What should they make of all this? Why did Jesus appear to them, conceal who he was, sit down and break bread with them, allow them to recognise Him and then to vanish into thin air?

Jesus wanted those disciples, as well as all of us, to know that He who rose from the dead was very much alive and that we would recognise Him in the breaking of bread. Jesus is alive in the Eucharistic! But it also tells us that He is veiled in the Eucharist.

Jesus is here, in our presence, but we most likely do not see Him. These disciples were in the presence of Jesus, and they did not realise it. The same is true for us. We are constantly in His presence, and we do not realise it. This is especially true when we are at Mass; but it is also true in countless other ways throughout the day. Jesus is here with us right now, loving us, speaking to us, and calling us to love him. Do you see Him? Do you recognise Him?

*Sr Teresina*

### **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

### **New Pastoral Area**

As you know the Diocese is forming 24 new Pastoral Areas. Over the next ten years or so, each Pastoral Area will become a single parish. Our new Pastoral Area is Windsor and Ascot. Fr David is the new Pastoral Coordinator.

Last week a newly formed group of 5 people from each of the two parishes met with the clergy to start a conversation as to how we might gradually move forward in becoming one parish.

Our representatives will be:

Sister Patricia, Anne Dowling, Stephen Patterson, Geoff Hudson and Mary Wolstenholme.

While this is going on, others will start in more concrete ways to begin actively working together - Sharon Cole-Blows, our Youth Coordinator has also been meeting with youth leaders from Ascot. Over the next few months more will unfold and be reported back to the community.

### **Mass Times & Intentions - 22 - 30 April**

|         |              |  |
|---------|--------------|--|
| Sat 22  | 18:00        | Sascha & Erika Cazin - RIP                         |
| Sun 23  | 09:30        | People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>            |
|         | 11:00        | Henry Magic - INT                                  |
| Mon 24  | <u>09:30</u> | Hugh Hettiaratchy - RIP <b>Funeral - St Mark's</b> |
| Tue 25  | 18.30        | Carmel Hammond - RIP                               |
| Wed 26  | 10:30        | Isobel Young - RIP - <b>Funeral</b>                |
| Thur 27 | 10:00        | Margaret Campbell - RIP                            |
| Fri 28  | 12:00        | Marie Oke - INT                                    |
| Sat 29  | 18:00        | Guya McCourt - INT                                 |
| Sun 30  | 09:30        | People of the Parish - <b>St Marks</b>             |
|         | 11:00        | Michael & Winifred Ferris & Gerard Benetreau - RIP |

### **Parish Diary 23 - 30 April**

|         |       |  |
|---------|-------|--|
| Sat 22  | 10:00 | First Holy Communion Prep - Church         |
|         | 11:00 | First Communion Parents - Tea in P/C       |
|         | 12:15 | Baptism - Magnus Hansford                  |
| Sun 23  | 12:00 | Parish Tea & Coffee                        |
| Mon 24  | 18.30 | S.V.P. Meeting - St Brigid's Room          |
| Tue 25  | 19:00 | Alpha 2.0 - P/C                            |
| Thur 27 | 18.30 | Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room |
| Fri 28  | 18:00 | Bingo Night - P/C                          |
| Sat 29  | 10:00 | First Holy Communion Prep - Church         |
| Sun 30  | 09:30 | Parish Tea & Coffee                        |
|         | 12:15 | Baptisms - Ethan Hubicsak & Mikail Poptani |

### **Morning & Evening Prayer**

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| Tue 25  | 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| Thur 27 | 09:30 | Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |

### **Fr David's Diary**

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| Sun 23  | 17:00 | Radley College, Confirmation - Oxford       |
| Tue 25  |       | Clergy in-service Training Day, Southampton |
| Thur 27 |       | Time away to 1 May                          |

### **Mass for King Charles III**

On the eve of the Coronation, Friday 5 May, we will have a parish Mass for the Intentions of The King at 12 noon. Do please try to come along. There will be prayers said at all weekend Masses for his Intentions.

### **Summer Party 9 July 2023**

This year Sharon and Kim are jointly organising the parish party. We are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the day. Some of the jobs include moving tables, tidying up, helping with fundraising events etc. If you feel you would have some time on the Saturday and Sunday to help please see Sharon or Kim, or email; [YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

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

### **Parish Office**

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## 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](mailto:finance@catholicwindsor.org) **Thank you**

## Special Collection

Our Second Collection on **Sunday 30 April** is for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians, including the ten men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, parishioners can donate using their gift aid envelopes or online at

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2023> . This collection will close on 8 May.

## Mass Readings Explained - by Dr Brant Pitre

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.

## 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 9:30 Mass)

**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.

## BBQ – Windsor Residents Association

There will be a King Charles III Coronation BBQ on 8 May 2023 between noon and 4pm. Volunteers to help with various tasks would be greatly appreciated - please email

[office@westwindsorresidentsassociation.org.uk](mailto:office@westwindsorresidentsassociation.org.uk)

Website: [www.westwindsorresidentsassociation.org.uk](http://www.westwindsorresidentsassociation.org.uk)

## Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Representative, Pat Burke, will not be available for Safeguarding checks for a number of weeks. If you wish to volunteer in the parish and need to apply for DBS clearance please see Sharon Cole-Blows. If you have any safeguarding concerns please see Fr David.

## Bake for the Quake - Please support

A local group of ladies with Turkish backgrounds have relatives and friends affected by the recent earthquake. They cannot 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**.

## Youth Updates!

### Fundraising

I am pleased to announce that over Easter George Williams, one of our WYD attendees and his father took on the challenge of cycling from Old Windsor to Congresbury in North Somerset. They completed this task and **raised £1,150**. A massive thank you to everyone that supported this and well done to George and Trevor!

The parish **UCM**, have also been raising money to support the young people attending WYD. This has been ongoing for some months, and we will give you the final total once all fundraising has been completed.

If anyone would like to help with fundraising or has anything to contribute towards the raffle prizes, afternoon tea, summer party or any helpful suggestions, please contact Sharon on [youthcoordinator@cahtolicwindsor.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@cahtolicwindsor.org).

### Save the Date:

Afternoon Tea and Music - **14 May 2023**

Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale -TBA

Portuguese Family Night - **30 June 2023**

Games, Raffle & Kids Activities - Parish Summer Party 2023

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

Please keep the four young people attending WYD in your prayers.

### Confirmation 2023/24

Registration for Confirmation is now **OPEN** with the first session to be held on 1 July 2023.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dFl-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dFl-TW0kOUS8SloJFngEPKd6XkzfEaR1oxynexgkY6o/edit)

[TW0kOUS8SloJFngEPKd6XkzfEaR1oxynexgkY6o/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dFl-TW0kOUS8SloJFngEPKd6XkzfEaR1oxynexgkY6o/edit)

### Mother and Toddler Group

If anyone is interested in helping with a new Parish Mother & Toddler group in September, please contact Sharon on the usual email address or the FHC team Lisa King and Penny King. We would especially like to hear from people with EYFS experience or anyone childminding, or with a childcare background. Anyone with any good quality equipment to donate would be greatly appreciated.

### 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 or join in the fun. We are still looking for ***someone that plays drums***. The group ***also need a keyboard, another 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)

A big thank you from the *Junior Leadership* to **Marian MacKay** who kindly donated fantastic speakers and an amplifier to the Youth Team for the young parish musicians to use. The young people were delighted with her generosity towards them and the support with their musical endeavours.

### Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Hugh Hettiaratchy** his funeral will take place on Monday 24 April at 09:30 at St Mark's. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of **Isobel Young**, her funeral will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Patrick Forkin**, and **Faye Ponting** who died recently.