

Fourth Sunday of Easter 30 April 2023

Thought for the Week

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full, the last sentence in this week's Gospel.

Is Jesus talking only about eternal life or about this life on earth. I believe that Jesus is talking about eternal life and this life on earth and how connected they are. I came across a lovely Spanish legend when looking for inspiration it goes like this

When people arrive at the at the gate of heaven, St Peter asks them this question. Have you taken advantage of all the earthly joys which God has made available to you while you were on earth?

If a person replies No I haven't, Peter shakes his head sadly and says alas my friend, I can't let you in - not yet at any rate. How can you expect to be ready for the heavenly joys if you have not prepared yourself for them through the medium of earthly ones? I shall be obliged to send you back down to earth until you learn better.

In the past Christian religion was all about restrictions, many of us were brought up on a theology that was detached from the real world, and it discouraged any type of enjoyment of life, this could lead to being half-hearted and always keeping something back and living a cautious life. It ought to be possible to enjoy life to the full and at the same time being devout and religious. However, to live life fully is not the same as to live it up.

Jesus began his ministry with the words : "Believe in the Good News". What is the Good News? The Good News is: "I came that you may have life and have it to the full".

Deacon George

Myself, and family, would like to thank you all for the support, prayers messages, cards and love we have received over last few weeks, without which we could not have survived .

We are so grateful that so many of you came to say your goodbyes to Isobel at the Requiem Mass, I know how much this would mean to Isobel.

Deacon George, Becky, Simon and Mark , and the whole family

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: 17:30 - 18:00

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Mass Readings Explained - by Dr Brant Pitre

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

Mass Times & Intentions - 29 April - 7 May

Sat 29	18:00	Guya McCourt - INT
Sun 30	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Michael & Winifred Ferris & Gerard Benetreau - RIP
Mon 01	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 02	18.30	John Cooney - RIP
Wed 03	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 04	09:00	Isobel Young - INT
Fri 05	12:00	King Charles III - INT
Sat 06	18:00	People of the Parish
Sun 07	09:30	Bill Johnston - RIP - St Marks
	11:00	Simon Doyle - INT (80 th Birthday)

Parish Diary 29 April – 7 May

Sat 29	10:00	St Mark's - Talk on Holy Spirit - Fr Kevin Hughes
	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep - Church
Sun 30	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - Support Bake for the Quake
	12:15	Baptisms - Ethan Hubicsak & Mikail Poptani
Tue 02	10:30	U.C.M. - Saville Garden
Wed 03	10:45	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
	17:30	Mini Vinnies – P/C
	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 04	10:30	Bereavement Group - P/C
	18.30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 06	12:00	Wedding - Nick Kingdom & Lisa Falzon
Sun 07	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee
	12:00	Baptism - Betty Lamb
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 02	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 03	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 04	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 02	Sandhurst and Winchester
Thur 04	Portsmouth – Bishop's Council

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.

UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet at the entrance of the shop and cafe at Saville Gardens at 10:30 on Tuesday 2nd May

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