

## Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Thought for the Week

Through the Church's Easter liturgy, the same message is proclaimed, "Do not look for the living among the dead. He is not there. He has risen "Jesus has overcome death, not just for himself, but for all of us. He is the first to rise from the dead, but we are to follow him. What happened at Easter enables us to let go of our loved ones in faith. However, this does not mean forgetting them. Easter also helps us to face our own death with courage and hope. Just as the expectation of spring takes the sting out of winter, so the resurrection of Jesus takes the sting out of death for us. The world did not take much notice of the resurrection of Jesus, the reason it being a humble and hidden event. Jesus did not appear in triumph in the Temple in Jerusalem. Only those disciples who followed him were aware of what had happened, and even they had difficulty in believing. Like us, they were slow to believe. Yet, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's love is stronger than death.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair. On this Easter Sunday, all over the world, a cry goes up, "Lumen Christi"- Light of Christ. Everywhere new fire is kindled. Christ has risen.

Deacon George

Isobel Young

I know that I speak on behalf of all the Parish as I offer our condolences and prayers to Deacon George on the recent death of his wife Isobel. For many years Isobel ran many of the catechetical programs as well as the mustard seeds group and walking with scripture. Isobel also most faithfully was the lead and organist for the Parish music at the 11.00 am Mass on a Sunday.

Her funeral will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

May she rest in peace

Canon David

### Easter Offertory

The Easter Day Collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Canon David in his mission and ministry this Easter, please do so in the normal way or visit:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/windsor-st-edwards-r-c-church-easter-collection-2023>

### Mass Times & Intentions - HOLY WEEK

#### Holy Saturday Vigil - 8 April

Sat 08 09:15 Office of Readings

20:00 Bill & Catherine Leavy - RIP - St Edward's

#### Easter Sunday - 9 April

Sun 09 09:30 Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP - **St Mark's**

11:00 Lucette & Jo Faraj - RIP - St Edward's

Mon 10 10:00 Mrs Penfold - RIP

Tue 11 18:30 Henry Magic - INT

Wed 12 10:30 Gillian Hill - RIP - **Funeral**

Thur 13 10:00 Margaret Campbell - RIP

Fri 14 12:00 Emma Radford - RIP

Sat 15 18:00 Margaret Campbell - RIP

Sun 16 09:30 People of the Parish

11:00 Rosanna Pediconi - RIP

#### Parish Diary 1 - 9 April

Tue 11 11:00 Windsor Homeless Project Meeting - P/C

18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

19:15 RCIA - St Brigid's Room

Wed 12 09:30 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

19:30 Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room

Thur 13 09:30 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

13:00 Mass Readings Explained - P/C

Sun 16 12:00 Parish Tea & Coffee

Parish Party Planning Group

12:15 Baptism - Theodore Osgathorp

12.15 Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

### 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.

### Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £427.00 Loose £791.15

### The Holy Spirit - Monthly Talk

All are welcome to the Monthly Talk on the Holy Spirit at St Mark's Church on **Saturday 29 April at 10:00** by Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM.

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

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## Bake for the Quake

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<sup>th</sup> April. Please lend your support

## Gift Aid – Urgent 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

## 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**. There will be a training day in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 27 May** for those volunteers whose training is out of date or for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer in the Parish. Each training session will take approximately 2 hours (Child safety & Safeguarding adults). For more information please contact Pat Burke before 24<sup>th</sup> April by email on [safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org) 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.

### ***A testimony from one of our parishioners:***

"The Mass Readings Explained sessions opened my eyes to the Scriptures and I found it to be a wonderful and enlightening experience. It has shown the endless connections between the Old and the New Testaments and answers to many questions I had. This has opened my eyes to understand what God is telling me through "His Word" at Mass each Sunday. The knowledge I acquired through these sessions has further deepened my faith".

With the hope that many more will benefit from these sessions it has been decided to change the time from 13:00 to **18:30 and this will be facilitated in St. Brigid's Room weekly on Thursdays commencing 16 March 2023.**

The Parish welcomes you to come, taste and decide.

## Sacrament of the sick

This takes place on the second Friday of each month. This will be on 14 April at the 12:00 Mass at St Edward's.

## 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.

### Fundraising Update

On 4 April 2023 George Williams, one of our WYD attendees and his father completed 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.

### 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-gqWQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RXXtAhqbKAr-4t7uarxreombzH96EQc_zb3Lu-gqWQ/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 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: **Gillian Hill** - Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 12 April at 10:30 at St Edward's.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Isobel Young** who died recently, her funeral will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 am at St Edwards

Also please pray for **Hugh Hettiarctchy and Patrick Forkin**.