

Fifth Sunday of Easter 7 May 2023

Thought for the Week

‘May your love be upon us, as we place our hope in you O Lord’

These words form the response to this Sunday’s psalm - they echo today’s Gospel when we hear Jesus speaking to his disciples, and calling them not to be troubled, but rather to trust and hope in God and in Jesus. We are called to trust in God and in him. Because as Jesus reveals that to have seen the Father is to see him, for Jesus, is the way the truth and the life. So it would appear as revealed by Jesus, that the kingdom of God is not so much a place as a relationship with the dynamic in-dwelling Trinity of God. The question is not ‘Where’, but ‘Who’ and the answer is Jesus.

Our second reading from Peter reminds us that we are invited to that same kind of relationship that Jesus and the Father share as revealed in the Gospel. So this means that those who gather to worship are not to consider themselves, merely as a group of people who gather, but rather as ‘Living Stones’ that make up a spiritual house, and a holy priesthood, this is only possible through the one who is the source of light and life, the one who told his followers, ‘I am the way the truth and the life’.

Just as the disciples were asked to place their trust in Jesus, as their way to God, so also we are invited to trust and to hope in the one who leads us to the fullness of God’s presence.

Canon David Hopgood

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour on Sunday **14 May at 15:00.**

The Rosary

The Rosary is prayed after the 12:00 Mass each Friday, please join us.

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

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass next Friday 12 May at 12:00

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 09 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
Wed 10 09:30 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
Thur 11 09:30 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s

Mass Times & Intentions 6 – 14 May

Sat 06	18:00	People of the Parish
Sun 07	09:30	Bill Johnston RIP - St Mark’s
	11:00	Simon Doyle INT - 80 th Birthday
Mon 08	10:00	Holy Souls
Tue 09	18.30	Georgina Teresa Riley FM
Wed 10	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 11	10:00	Anne Brisco RIP
Fri 12	12:00	Linda Avice RIP - (<i>Sacrament of the Sick</i>)
Sat 13	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi RIP
Sun 14	09:30	Joaquim Fernandes RIP - St Marks
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 6 - 14 May

Sat 06	12:00	Wedding - Nick Kingdom & Lisa Falzon
Sun 07	10:30	Coffee Morning - St Mark’s
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Betty Lamb
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid’s Room
Wed 10	10:45	RCIA - St Brigid’s Room
	19:30	Men’s Group - St Brigid’s Room
Thur 11	18.30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room
Sat 13	10:30	First Holy Communion Mass
	11:15	First Holy Communion - Refreshments P/C
Sun 14	12:00	Summer Party Meeting - St Brigid’s Room
	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
	14:30	World Youth Day - Tea Party P/C

Fr David’s Diary

Tue 09		Department of Clergy - Sandhurst
Wed 10	11:00	Clergy Training Day - Basingstoke
Thur 11	11:30	Clergy Meeting - Maidenhead
Fri 12	10:00	Leadership Meeting

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £211.26 Loose £ 677.76
Clergy Training £575.85

The Diaconate

Stephen Patterson has been training for the Permanent Diaconate for our diocese and parish. As part of his formation and preparation, he will be instituted to the Ministry of Lector. The Bishop has delegated Canon David to do this on Sunday at the 11:00 Mass.

Coronation Coffee Morning at St Mark’s

This month’s Coffee Morning is on Sunday 7 May and it is a Coronation Celebration! Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Hall. Get your red, white and blue out and come and join us!

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Mary - Full of Grace

The next monthly talk will be presented by Dr Judith Thomas. How can we let Mary and the amazing story of salvation speak to us? How can the 'Magnificat', the song of Mary, challenge and confront us today? Please join one of the sessions:

Saturday 20 May at 10:00 St Mark's Church

Monday 22 May at 10:00 St Edmund Campion Church,
Maidenhead

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.

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**

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 and our new Pastoral Area is Windsor and Ascot, with Fr David as the new Pastoral Coordinator. Our representatives will be:

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

During this time, our two parishes will start to work together in concrete ways - 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.

Summer Party - July 9th

If you can help with any of the following for this year's party, then please join us as part of the support team and share the load.

- Setting up tables before the party
- Collecting and returning tables
- Setting up the hall
- Clearing away after the party
- Helping during the event
- Helping with activities on the day

Contacts are:

Mandy Mcgovern (St Marks)

Sharon Cole and Kim Greig (St Edward's)

Alternatively you can email

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May

Coffee & Cakes on Saturday 13 May, 10.30 – 13:00 at United Reformed Church, William Street, or visit their Stall in Peascod St **10:00 - 14:00**

On **Friday 19 May**, they are holding a **CEILIDH** (*an evening of Scottish Dancing*) at United Reformed Church (URC) William Street (Please note; tickets must be purchased in ADVANCE from ruth_norris@yahoo.com).

On **Saturday 20 May**, enjoy the **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** at St Andrews' Vicarage, Parsonage Lane, before moving on to **Brunch** at Windsor Methodist Church and the **Great Pea Challenge** at All Saints, Dedworth. Contact: sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com

Youth Updates!

Fundraising World Youth Day

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.

Save the Date:

Afternoon Tea and Music - 14 May 2023 at 14:30

We will be hosting a Coronation themed afternoon tea on 14th May at 14:30 to raise funds for **WYD**.

All are welcome and we will be providing a craft table for any children attending and a small fun raffle.

Tickets can be purchased from the office, Sharon (Youth coordinator) and at each Mass over the next two weekends.

Any questions please email

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale -TBA

Portuguese Family Night - 30 June 2023

Games, Raffle & Kids Activities - Parish Summer Party 2023

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.

Apologies that for some reason the link wasn't working. It has now been refreshed and tested.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1puqLHKYm5cU2QopAnOOqKToTOKAERqr135CwVyZUbUs/edit>

Mother and Toddler Group

If anyone is interested in helping with a new Parish Mother & Toddler group starting 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. If anyone has any good quality equipment which they would be able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Vacancy - Music Team Leader

St Edwards - seeks an organist and director of music to play at the Parish Church and build and support music in the churches of the Parish. The parish has a long standing and enthusiastic group of singers with a wide range of talent and is keen to expand their skills and musical range as well as encourage the differing congregations at the three weekend masses and celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist and capable singer with experience of playing in a church setting. This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months.

Application forms and full details are available from office@catholicwindsor.org. Closing date for applications is 31 May 2023.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of, **Catherine Sacco**, her funeral will be at St Edward's on Tuesday 23 May at 10:30.

Please, also pray for the repose of the soul of **Agnes Perry**, her funeral will be at St Edward's on Thursday 25 May at 10:30.

Also, pray for the repose of the soul of **Tom Hinds**, who died recently.