

Sixth Sunday of Easter 7 May 2023

Thought for the Week

It was the night before Jesus' death. For some time he had been giving the Apostles hints of his death, now he talked openly about it; however he did not speak of death in the way we tend to, in the sense of life ending. He spoke of his death as going away, going to the Father; but all the Apostles heard was the fact that he was leaving them.

The thing that would have been a great consolation to the Apostles at this sad hour, even as he spoke about leaving them, was that he spoke about coming back to them. He would come to them through the Spirit, and when they encountered him after the resurrection. Even though after the Ascension they would see him no more, he assured them that he would still be with them, even to the end of time.

Jesus did not leave his disciples orphaned or desolate. By their faith they were able to see him, and through their obedience to his commandments, they were drawn into a loving communion with him.

In the same way he does not leave us orphaned, we have the same access to his presence and to the help of the Holy Spirit as did the very first Christians.

No where do we feel so close to him as when we receive him in the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist we are not just in communion with Him, but He is in communion with us, a holy communion, where he nourishes our hearts with his love. The food of the Eucharist gives each one of us the strength to do his word and to live as his disciples.

Deacon George

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

UCM Meeting

Members will meet at 10:30 in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 16 May. Irene and Geoff will share more reflections on their time in Palestine. All welcome.

Mass Times & Intentions 13 - 21 May

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| Sat 13 | 18:00 | Rosanna Pediconi RIP |
| Sun 14 | 09:30 | Joaquim Fernandes RIP - St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | People of the Parish |
| Mon 15 | 10:00 | Eucharistic Service |
| Tue 16 | 18.30 | Jock Cooper - RIP |
| Wed 17 | 10:00 | Holy Souls |

Ascension of the Lord

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| Thur 18 | 12:00 | John Mulvenna - INT |
| | 18:30 | Member of D'Arcy Willett Family - FM |

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| Fri 19 | 12:00 | Pat Burke - INT |
| Sat 20 | 12:00 | World Youth Day Mass |
| | 18:00 | Catherine Cody - RIP |
| Sun 21 | 09:30 | People of the Parish - St Marks |
| | 11:00 | Parents of Kay & James Forkin - RIP |

Parish Diary 13 - 21 May

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| Sat 13 | 10:30 | First Holy Communion Mass - St Edward's |
| | 11:15 | First Holy Communion - Refreshments P/C |
| Sun 14 | 12:00 | Tea & Coffee - P/C |
| | 12:00 | Summer Party Planning - St Brigid's Room |
| | 15:00 | Holy Hour - St Edward's |
| Mon 15 | 18:30 | Catenians Meeting - P/C |
| Tue 16 | 10:30 | UCM Meeting - P/C |
| Wed 17 | 10:45 | RCIA - St Brigid's Room |
| | 17:30 | Mini Vinnies - P/C |
| Thur 18 | 09:00 | Homeless Project - P/C |
| | 18.30 | Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room |
| Fri 19 | 14:00 | Wedding - Alexandrine Fasquelle & Fradi Fernades |
| Sat 20 | 10:00 | Talk by Dr Judith Thomas - St Mark's |
| | 10:30 | First Holy Communion Mass - St Edward's |
| | 11:15 | First Holy Communion - Refreshments P/C |
| | 13:00 | World Youth Day Gathering - P/C |
| Sun 21 | 12:00 | Baptisms - Ava Welcher + Ariana Figueira |
| | 12:00 | Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C |
| | 15:00 | Remembrance Service + Refreshments P/C |

Morning & Evening Prayer

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| Tue 16 | 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| Wed 17 | 09:30 | Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| Thur 18 | 09:30 | Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| | 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £319.25 Loose £ 706.92

Special Collection - World Communications

The Catholic Communications Network assists the Church to share the Gospel. There will be a special collection at all masses next weekend.

Catholic Windsor - website www.catholicwindsor.org

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First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers the children from the parish who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends.

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**

Contact: Mandy Mcgovern (St Marks), Sharon Cole and Kim Greig (St Edward's), Alternatively you can email:

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

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. As a result 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 from the back of the church, 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**

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

Remembrance Service: Sunday 21 May at 15:00

The Bereavement Group invites you to a short service of remembrance at **St Edward's at 15:00 on Sunday 21 May**. Please feel free to bring a photograph of any deceased family member, which can be placed at the altar before the service begins (please remember to collect your picture afterwards). The service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Wanting to volunteer?

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit our website for details (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

Confirmation 2023/24

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

Please use this link to register.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1puqLHkYm5cU2QopAnOOgKToTOKAERqr135CwVyZUbUs/edit>

Renewal Night

Could you use a moment to be renewed in your faith? Join us at St Edward's Windsor for a **Renewal Night on Friday, 16 June 2023 at 19:00**, brought to you by Divine Renovation with music by One Hope Project. This is an opportunity for us to gather together to worship Jesus and be filled with the Spirit through prayer and a talk from one of our keynote speakers. We look forward to seeing you! The event is for anyone from neighbouring parishes who desires a deeper encounter with Jesus.

Mother's Prayers

Mother's Prayers is a place where mums can pray with other mums for their children in a supportive environment. Join them every first Wednesday of the month in St Brigid's Room from 19:30 - 21:00.

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.

Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May

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

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Paul and Valerie Lock who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Catherine Sacco, her funeral will be at St Edward's on Tuesday 23 May at 10:30.

Agnes Perry, her funeral will be at St Edward's on Thursday 25 May at 10:30.

Tom Hinds, his funeral will be at St Edward's on Wednesday 7 June at 11:00.

Jock Cooper, his funeral will be at St Edward's on Friday 9 June at 14:30.