

Pentecost Sunday - 28 May 2023

Thought for the Week

Pentecost originally was a Jewish feast that occurred 50 days after the Passover celebration, to commemorate the giving of the law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For us Christians, Pentecost celebrates the Holy Spirit's presence in our world, the invisible power at work in our lives.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit conferred at Confirmation are given to us as the firm foundation of our lives. In cultivating these gifts, the fruits of the Spirit will be evident in our lives. In Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he likens the Spirit's variety of gifts to parts of the body, as unity in diversity. Our parish community is rich in diversity and yet united around the Eucharistic table.

The 11th century mystic Saint, Hildegard of Bingen, uses metaphors to capture the essence of the Spirit: 'The Spirit is the life of all creatures; the way in which everything is penetrated with connectedness and relatedness; a burning fire that sparks, ignites, inflames, kindles hearts; a guide in the fog; a balm for wounds; a shining serenity; an overflowing fountain that spreads to all sides. The Spirit is life, movement, colour, radiance, restorative stillness in the din. The Spirit pours the juice of contrition into hardened hearts; makes dry twigs and withered souls green again with the juice of life; purifies, absolves, strengthens, heals, gathers the perplexed, seeks the lost. The Spirit plays music in the soul; awakens mighty hope, blowing everywhere the winds of renewal in creation.'

Let us ponder these wonderful poetic images as we pray to be 'filled with the Holy Spirit' that we may live our faith so as to renew the face of the Earth!

Sr Patricia, csb

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £ 285.45 Loose £ 771.13
World Communications £514.21

Mass Times & Intentions 27 May – 4 June

Sat 27	18:00	Liz Wren - RIP
Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Isobel Young - RIP
Mon 29	09:00	Nora Phelan - RIP (<i>Please note time</i>)
Tue 30	18.30	Radford Caspersz - RIP
Wed 31	10:00	Ronald Elliott - RIP
Thur 01	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 02	12:00	Veronica Andrews - INT
Sat 02	18:00	Evie Sharkey - INT
Sun 04	09:30	People of the Parish - St Marks
	11:00	Liliana Lollai - RP

Parish Diary 20 - 28 May

Sat 27	09:00	Diocesan Safeguarding Training Day - P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Maya Minocheri Saravia
Sun 28	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 30	19:00	U.C.M. Meeting - P/C
Wed 31	10:45	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur 01	18.30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 02	14:00	Wedding - Jack Sharkey and Ellen James
Sat 03	10:00	Talk by Fr Kevin - with tea & Coffee - P/C
Sun 04	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 30	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 31	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 01	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward

Fr David's Diary

Tue 30		Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
Wed 31	11:00	Meeting of newly ordained Priests, Windsor
June 01 & 02		Bishop's Council - Isle of Wight

UCM Meeting

The next UCM meeting will take place on Tuesday 30 May in the Parish Centre at 10:30. Nysa Harris, Alzheimer Dementia Support (ADS) will tell members what the group is doing for people living with dementia in this area. Please let us have a good attendance for this speaker. All welcome.

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/1puqLHKYm5cU2QopAnOOqkToTOKAERqr135CwVyzUbUs/edit>

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Summer Fair - St Edward's First School

This will take place on **17 June** from 12:00 - 15:00. Everyone is welcome! It will be jam-packed with: Beauty stall, Ice cream van, Fire engine, BBQ, Bar, Tombola, Music and so much more!
Please lend a hand if you can! Your help will be so appreciated.

Gift Aid - Urgent and Important Information

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**

New Pastoral Area

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural gathering of the newly formed Pastoral Area of St Edward's and St Francis took place in Ascot this week. Representatives from both parishes, a total of 10 individuals, joined together to establish a shared vision grounded on the significance of liturgy and evangelisation. Several key themes emerged from the meeting, including the importance of maintaining our collective and individual identities, encouraging us to visit our churches, and explore how we can grow as a vibrant and inclusive Catholic community.

From next week we will be asking for your thoughts on the name for our new Pastoral Area so we can define our collective identity. There will be a special week of celebration from 4 to 13 October, during which we will commemorate various feast days that hold great significance for our Pastoral Area.

And finally, we committed to providing regular updates and involving as many parishioners as possible in the formation of our combined community through active participation in ministries and sacraments.

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Representative, Pat Burke, is not 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.

Save the Date - 30 June 2023!

Join us for a Portuguese themed evening raising funds for our young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer, Catherine, Elisa, George and Lilly. More details to follow.

Summer Party - July 9th

St Edward's and St Mark's **Parish Summer Party** will be held on **9 July at 12:00**. We look forward to celebrating with you. Please put it in your diary.

Love the Stranger - Monthly Talk for June

'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story', Pope Francis
Fr Kevin Hughes MHM will be exploring this issue in the light of the document 'Love the Stranger - A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees' published by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales in February 2023.

Sat 3 June at 10:00 St Edward's Parish Centre
Mon 5 June at 10:00 St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead
Wed 7 June at 19:00 St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead

Divine Renovation Renewal Night - 16 June 19:00

On Friday, 16 June at 19:00, St Edward's is hosting a national *Renewal Night* of Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayer and Reconciliation, presented by the Divine Renovation team 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 their keynote speakers. The event is open to anyone from the parish and neighbouring parishes who desires a deeper encounter with Jesus. All are welcome!

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.

Universe Catholic Newspapers

If you would like to buy the *Universe Catholic Weekly* newspaper (£3.50), please get in touch with the Parish Office. If there are enough people who would like a copy, please contact the parish office. Alternatively you can order directly from them and have it delivered to your home or you can also subscribe online to receive a digital copy, please see link; www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Royal Free Singers' - Summer Concert 24 June

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary year, the concert will be followed by drinks and refreshments in the church garden. The concert is on **Saturday 24 June at 7pm at Windsor Parish Church** (please note early start time.)

Tickets cost £20, including the programme and refreshments (concessions for students and children) and can be obtained via our website www.royalfreesingers.org.uk or from Windsor Information Centre at the Guildhall.

Sorrowful Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries and Litany are prayed for the Holy Souls in Purgatory every Friday evening from 20:00 - 20:30 on Zoom. For more information or to receive Zoom details for Fridays, please contact Alicia on either: Mob: 07521 520606

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Thank you message

Hazel Cooper and all 'Jock's' family would like to thank everyone who has supported them with Masses, prayers, cards and good wishes after 'Jock's' death. It has meant a great deal to us to receive your messages of consolation and condolence. May the Good Lord Bless you all.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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

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