

## Seventh Sunday of Easter 21 May 2023

### Thought for the Week

This Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles paints a very vivid picture; of the eleven disciples, Jesus's mother and others, all gathered in an upper room praying. It echoes, yet strongly contrasts with, the actions of the disciples just after the Resurrection only some 40 days earlier. Then, they locked themselves away in fear, now there feels to be a confidence and strength among the group; there is no mention of bolted doors, there is no mention of running for cover or hiding; they appear to calmly walk a sabbath walk into the city from the Mount of Olives, stay together and pray.

Yet they have just seen the risen Jesus make his farewells and ascend to the Father, this could lower their moods, but on the contrary, faith and trust, as a consequence of all they have seen and experienced over the past six weeks has given them strength and indeed optimism. After all, they have been promised that the Holy Spirit will come down on them: there is something to wait for, and pray for, and about which to feel expectant.

The assembly of the closest followers of Jesus are gathered around his mother, someone who, from her experiences in Nazareth some thirty years before, knew the impact and power of the Holy Spirit; she knew how the Spirit can turn the world upside down. As we wait alongside the disciples and Mary for Pentecost and the Spirit, we too have an opportunity to gather and pray. If we open ourselves and prepare to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives, perhaps our worlds may be turned upside down too.

*Stephen Patterson*

### 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

### Special Collection - World Communications

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

### Mass Times & Intentions 20 – 28 May

Sat	20	12:00	World Youth Day Mass
		18:00	Catherine Cody - RIP
Sun	21	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	Parents of Kay & James Forkin - RIP
Mon	22	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue	23	<b>10:30</b>	Catherine Sacco - RIP - <b>Funeral Service</b>
		18.30	Isidoro Calderòn - RIP
Wed	24	10:00	Sr Margaret Fingleton - RIP
Thur	25	<b>10:30</b>	Agnes Perry - RIP - <b>Funeral Mass</b>
Fri	26	12:00	Henry Magic - INT
Sat	27	18:00	Liz Wren - RIP
Sun	28	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Marks</b>
		11:00	Isobel Young - RIP

### Parish Diary 20 - 28 May

Sat	20	10:00	Talk by Dr Judith Thomas - <b>St Mark's</b>
		10:30	First Holy Communion Mass - St Edward's
		11:15	First Holy Communion - Refreshments P/C
Sun	21	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
		12:00	Baptism - Ava Welcher
		15:00	Remembrance Service + Refreshments P/C
Mon	22	18:30	SVP - St Brigid's Room
Tue	23	19:00	Alpha 2.0 - P/C
Wed	24	10:45	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Thur	25	18.30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri	26	18:00	Junior Leadership - Music Practice
Sat	27	09:00	Diocesan Safeguarding Training Day – P/C
		12:00	Baptism - Maya Minocheri Saravia
Sun	28	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue	23	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed	24	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

### Fr David's Diary

Wed	24	12:30	Meeting in Winchester
Fri	26	10:00	Leadership meeting
		16:30	Bishop - Personnel Meeting

### Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08    Envelopes £ 280.56    Loose £ 728.40

### First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers the children from the parish who have made their First Holy Communion over the last two weekends.

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

### Parish Office

**Patricia Brown:** Parish Secretary  
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**Richard Flisher:** Finance Manager  
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**Pat Burke:** Safeguarding Representative  
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### Pastoral Team

**Canon David Hopgood:** Parish Priest  
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**Rev George Young:** Deacon  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@catholicwindsor.org) **Thank you**

## 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.

## 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.*

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 24 May at 19:00 in Ascot.**

## CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

## 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/1puqLHkYm5cU2QopAnOOqKToTOKAERqr135CwVvZUbUs/edit>

## 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.

## Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Representative, Pat Burke, will not be 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.

## Safeguarding Training - 27 May at 09:00

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. 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).

## 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 also open for anyone from neighbouring parishes who desires a deeper encounter with Jesus.

## 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](mailto:office@catholicwindsor.org). Closing date for applications is 31 May 2023.

## 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. You are invited to join when you can and invite others along. Each week, a dedication is made to a particular soul or request. Zoom details are sent via email in advance on Thursday afternoons. For more information or to receive Zoom details for Fridays, please contact Alicia on either: Mob: 07521 520606

Email: [alicia1coker@gmail.com](mailto:alicia1coker@gmail.com)

## 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.