

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time - 25 June 2023

Thought for the Week

A word of encouragement does not cost a lot, but it is described as the 'oxygen of the soul', and without it our enthusiasm and commitment slowly starve and sometimes die for want of appreciation. Three times in the short gospel passage, Jesus offers his apostles words of encouragement, telling them not be afraid because the Lord's support will always be with them in moments of trouble. The apostles were about to embark on their first mission as Christ's representatives and he highlights some of the dangers they will encounter. Jesus wants them to know that the Good News will not be welcomed in every household, that opposition to their preaching will be inevitable, and that certain people will display open animosity to them.

The mission that was entrusted to the Church at its very beginnings is the same task as is assigned to Christians of every age including our own. The message that is clearly heard in today's gospel is not to be afraid to be witnesses of the Good News.

Jesus is asking us to throw in our lot with him, with the promise that he will see us through. Whether our fears are great or small, with God's help we can find the courage to face them with calmness, firmness and determination. God does not ask us to come to him perfect. The same loving Father who cares for us today will care for us tomorrow and every day. He will shield us from suffering or give us the unfailing strength to bear it.

Sister Teresina

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

Mass Times & Intentions 25 June – 2 July

Sat 24	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 25	09:30	Private Intention - St Mark's
	11:00	Maud Hughes & Family
Mon 26	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 27	18.30	Marie Mitchell - RIP
Wed 28	10:00	Eucharistic Service

Ss Peter & Paul

Thur 29	12:00	Elinor West - INT
	18:30	Private Intention

Fri 30	12:00	Local Windsor Knights - INT
Sat 01	18:00	Alvaro Jimenez - RIP
Sun 02	09:30	Michael & Kathleen Kelly - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Richard Gardiner - RIP

Parish Diary 24 June - 2 July

Sat 24	15:00	Windsor Parent & Kids Group - P/C
Sun 25	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 27	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
Wed 28	10:45	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Fri 30	19:00	Portuguese Family Night -P/C
Sat 01	14:00	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 02	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 27	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 28	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 29	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 27	Clergy Conference - Basingstoke
Wed 28	Clergy Conference - Basingstoke

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £238.00 Loose £ 784.47
Day for Life £408.43

UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet at 10:30 in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 27 June, to discuss the future of the Foundation. A good attendance is expected.

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[GIFT AID for the Parish](#)

Thank you so much to the 125 parishioners who have responded to my appeal about new Gift Aid forms.

There are over 100 still to receive. If I do not receive these, I will not be able to claim Gift Aid anymore for your contributions.

Are you one of them? If you are a taxpayer and give by way of envelopes or standing order have not completed a form this year then please do so **as soon as possible**, or we will lose that extra free money, a not insignificant sum! There are forms at the back of both churches, or I would be pleased to email you one.

If you have any questions or are not sure please do get in contact with me either via the office or finance@catholicwindsor.org

Thank you. Rich Flisher, Finance Manager

[Portuguese Themed Evening - 30 June 2023!](#)



"Mary arose and went with haste" Lk 1:39

Please join us on **Friday 30 June at 19:00** for an evening inspired by all things **Portuguese** as we raise funds for Catherine, Elisa, George and Lilly to travel to Lisbon for **Rise Up - World Youth Day 2023**. With a delicious Portuguese themed supper supplied by Clairmont Cafe, wine, beer, a quiz (suitable for 12 years plus) and raffle, it should be a night to remember!

Tickets, £20.00 (£10 for 12-16 year olds), will be available after Mass and from the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you and please bring your family and friends.

[Support needed](#)

We will be collecting donations of bottles, jars filled with sweets, crayons, unwanted toys in new or good condition and any unwanted gift/gift sets etc, suitable for raffles for tombola from next week at Mass or drop them into the office.

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

To donate to World Youth Day:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-edwards-windsor-world-youth-day-lisbon-2023-challenge>

This weekend will be your last chance to buy tickets for the Portuguese evening after Mass. Tickets can still be purchased up to and on the day.

[Summer Party - July 9th 12:00](#)

Parish Summer Party 9 July from 12:00-15:00, we are looking forward to celebrating with you. You can now book via 'Eventbrite', the link is on our website. www.catholicwindsor.org

We also urgently need helpers to run World Youth Day Fundraising activities tables at the summer party. If you are aged 14 - 90 years Please apply, we need you! If you can spare 30/45 minutes or an hour, or whatever you can spare. The more helpers the more tables we can open. All proceeds will be going towards supporting the young people to attend WYD.

Please contact Sharon if you can help

07758 952462 YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

[Confirmation 2023/24](#)

Registration for Confirmation is now **OPEN**, the first session will be held on **1 July 2023**. Please use this link to register.

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

[Are you thinking about become Catholic?](#)

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church, do you want to know more, or start your journey? If you would like to know more please speak to Fr David or Stephen Patterson (sjp0563@gmail.com/[07814127335](tel:07814127335)).

[First Holy Communion Programme – 2023-2024](#)

The team are now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 First Holy Communion programme. Further details plus application forms can be found on the Parish website. Kindly send completed application forms and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to fhc@catholicwindsor.org. A meeting for parents will be held on **21 September at 18:30**.

For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme, as follows:

[Step 1: 'Come and See' \(John1: 39-41\)](#)

For 6 weekends from the 23/24 September to the end of October. The candidate is required to attend weekend Masses with family members. At the beginning of November, a Commitment Ceremony will be held.

[Step 2: 'They sat at the feet of Jesus' \(Luke 10:38-42\)](#)

The Saturday morning sessions, at 10:00, start at the beginning of November where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

[Step 3: 'Jesus Sent them Out' \(Luke 10:1\)](#)

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Winnies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found on our website.

The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on **Thursday 21 September at 18:30 in the Parish Centre**.

At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Record Card' that needs to be stamped when you attend Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

[Joining of Windsor & Ascot Parishes](#)

Our new Pastoral Area needs a name, and we need your help to find one. Ideally, the name should reflect our common Catholic heritage and faith, the shared environment, communities and history of the **Great Park** which unites us and recognise our different histories and traditions, all under the three patrons of our churches, **St Mark, St Edward and St Francis**.

Please give us your suggestions and thoughts by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/jdz4EsxWUmtCzYh66>

Or if you would prefer to write down your thoughts there will be a box at the back of each church.

[St Francis of Assisi - Ascot](#)

If you would like to start receiving Ascot's Parish Newsletter, please subscribe using this link:

<https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/328304/80177558794011978/share> It is usually sent on Thu or Fri, every week.

[Special Collection](#)

The second collection for Peter's Pence will be taken the weekend of 2 July. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself.

Parishioners may use their gift aid envelopes or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2023>. The collection will be open from 23 June until 11 July.

[Petition](#)

Please sign the SPUC petition against the UK funding coercive abortions in China, www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition.