

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time - 18 June 2023

Thought for the Week

In Sunday's gospel, Jesus tasks his disciples to go out to the people of Israel, to heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead and drive out evil spirits. All twelve apostles, including Judas, are named, but only one - Matthew - has mention of his profession: tax collector. Matthew the evangelist is writing about himself, and it is notable that he emphasises his former trade which is omitted from the others, it doesn't say Simon and Andrew 'the fishermen'; perhaps he was reminding his readers that even a tax collector - a sinner - really could be a disciple too.

Upon seeing the crowds, Jesus was felt sorry for them because 'they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd' and he sent his disciples out as shepherds to tend to the flock. In the first instance, they were to go out to the people of Israel, to support the descendants of those who Moses had brought out of Egypt 'on eagle's wings' before turning to the Samaritans and pagans - the rest of the peoples of the world. It was only later that St Paul would start to spread the Good News around the globe. Jesus wanted to renew the people of Israel, get them to hold fast to God's promise: that, of all the nations, they would be his very own and they would be counted a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Today, we are the disciples of Jesus, the direct descendants of those supported by the first apostles or converted by the preaching and teaching of Paul. We, like those first apostles, are drawn from all walks of life, all experiences of life are included. Jesus's disciples today still include fishermen and tax collectors but to them have been added an amazing array of other skills and roles. We see from the news each day that sadly there are still many harassed and dejected living close at hand; we have our commission, in our world, now, to cure, cleanse, raise and cast out, just as were the first apostles - it is our turn and responsibility to help each other, renew and proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

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

Mass Times & Intentions 17 - 25 June

Sat 17	12:00	Divine Renovation Mass
	18:00	Nadia Kemp - RIP
Sun 18	09:30	Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP- St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 19	10:00	Mary Traynor - INT
Tue 20	18.30	Stuart Johnson - RIP
Wed 21	10:00	Helen Reilly - INT
Thur 22	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 23	12:00	Henry Magic - INT
Sat 24	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - INT
Sun 25	09:30	Private Intention - St Mark's
	11:00	Maud Hughes & Family - INT

Parish Diary 11 - 18 June

Sat 17	09:00	Divine Renovation, Priest gathering P/C
Sun 18	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Oliver Johnson
Wed 21	10:00	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
	18:00	New Parents Evening - P/C
Sat 24	15:00	Windsor Parent & Kids Group - P/C
Sun 25	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 20	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 21	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 22	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 20	12:00	Retired clergy gathering - Winchester
	14:30	Closer to Christ Campaign meeting
Wed 21	18:00	New Parents meeting First School - P/C
Thur 22	11:00	Cathedral Chapter - Portsmouth
	17:00	Bishops Personnel Meeting

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £238.47 Loose £ 620.81

Special Collection - Day for Life - 17/18 June

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. Parishioners may use their gift aid envelopes or can donate online at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2023>. The campaign will open on 12 June and close on 27 June 2023.

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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

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

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

New Dawn in the Church

Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham from **Mon 31 July to Fri 4 August 2023**.

Taking the theme of Luke 10:42 *'there is need of only one thing; Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her'*- Eucharistic Adoration will be at the heart of this year's conference.

To register your place on this year's conference (includes option to book the Family Camp). If you are a priest/deacon planning to attend this year's conference and wish to exercise your ministry, please email frances@newdawn.org.uk.

More information www.newdawn.org.uk

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>

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 10am, 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 Vinnies 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.

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).

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Fox who died recently.