

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 2 July 2023

Thought for the Week

'Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.'

I can well remember when I was training for the priesthood, it was the fashionable thing to wear a cross on your lapel of your jacket. Our Rector came up to me one day and said: 'carry that cross rather than just wearing it'!

Each of us has a cross to carry; there is no need to make one or look for one. The cross we have is big enough for us, but are we willing to take it up, to accept it as our cross?

Jesus took up his cross. Our cross is not made of wood but of our burdens, worries, problems, illnesses, or conflict within the family - the list is endless. Perhaps there is no big cross, only a multiplicity of little crosses. However, enough drops can fall eventually filling the cup to overflowing!

The cross we carry may not be visible to others. It may not be an outward thing but an inward thing, such as grief or depression. Perhaps one of the most painful crosses of all, is the one in which we have no choice. It is a lot easier to choose a cross for oneself rather than to learn to accept the one that comes our way.

Following Christ involves a dying to self. This process of dying to self begins at baptism. Saint Paul compares baptism to death: 'in baptism we were buried with Christ.' But the purpose of this death is resurrection. We are not saved by Christ's suffering but by his love. It was through his suffering that he attained to glory. If we suffer with him on earth we will be crowned with him in heaven.

Perhaps, rather than focusing on our cross - we might consider the heavy burdens that other people have to carry and pray for them. May they see hope and resurrection in the weight that they bear.

Canon David Hopgood

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 2 - 9 July

Sat 01	18:00	Alvaro Jimenez - RIP
Sun 02	09:30	Michael & Kathleen Kelly - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Richard Gardiner - RIP
Mon 03	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 04	18.30	People of the Parish
Wed 05	10:00	Annie Clohessey - RIP
Thur 06	10:00	Maud Mascarenhas - RIP
Fri 07	12:00	Colin & Eileen O'Callaghan - INT
Sat 08	18:00	Firmina Fernandes - RIP
Sun 09	09:30	Winifred Ferris RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP

Parish Diary 1 July

Sat 01	14:00	Confirmation Preparation Meeting - P/C
Sun 02	10:30	Tea & Coffee - St Mark's
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Wed 05	19:30	Mothers' Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thurs 06	10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C
Sat 08	12:00	Baptism - Zada Agard Sow
Sun 09	12:00	Parish Summer Party

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 04	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 05	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Thur 06	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tues 04	10:00	Portsmouth and Sandhurst meetings
	19:00	Joint Meeting of Ascot & Windsor Council
Wed 05	11:30	Pastoral Area Clergy Meeting

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £337.00 Loose £ 583.28

Coffee Morning - St Mark's

The next Coffee Morning at St Mark's will be held after Mass this Sunday, 2 July. See you there!

Pantastic - Invitation

The Year 4 children at **St Edward's First School** are working very hard to perfect their leavers' production of Pantastic - a Peter Pan related story.

There will be a performance in the **school hall at 10:00 on the 12 July** to which parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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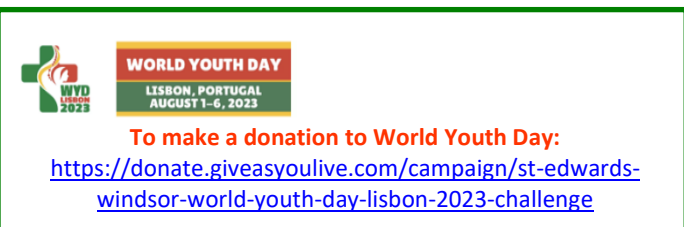
Thank you so much to the 125 parishioners who have responded to my appeal about new Gift Aid forms.

There are, still over 100 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



Summer Party-July 9th 12:00

Donations Urgently Needed - (Last week before party)

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 or the tombola from next week at Mass or drop them into the office.

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 this Saturday **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).

Vocations

We would like to invite you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Tony Darlinson and Br Francisco Hintikka on Saturday 8 July at 11:00 at St John's Cathedral (you can follow online <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>). If you feel that God may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life and want to know more, contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Wheelchair Rollers – Needed

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17-21 July 2023. Can you help fellow pilgrims get the most out of their experience on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Please contact: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07780 221686.

Posters at back of church.

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' (John 1: 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 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.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 19:00:00-20:30** Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

Special Collection

The second collection for Peter's Pence will be taken this weekend 2 July. 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.