

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 9 July 2023

Thought for the Week

In the first reading the prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the messianic king who will put an end to war and establish peace. It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy, Jesus lightens the burdens of the poor and brings peace to the humble. His life is based on his unique relationship with the Father, a relationship which he wants to share with his disciples, and us his modern-day disciples.

Because of the coming of Jesus we no longer see God as someone remote. We see him as someone who is very close to us, who knows each of us and is concerned about each of us, because we are his children. He is the God especially of the weak, poor and the overburdened.

When faith is a matter of the head alone, it becomes a cold intellectual thing. The result is that God remains outside us, a distant, aloof figure. But faith is not just a matter of the head. It is more a matter of the heart. When faith is rooted in the heart, God is seen as close and loving. Then faith a warm relationship with God.

To know God in this way, and to have a close and loving relationship with him should be cause of great joy to us. God is like a spring within us from which we can drink and refresh ourselves.

Deacon George

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.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass next Friday 14 July at 12:00

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 8 - 16 July

Sat 08	18:00	Firmina Fernandes - RIP
Sun 09	09:30	Winifred Ferris RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP
Mon 10	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 11	18.30	Bridget Williams (neé Collins) - RIP
Wed 12	10:00	Jock Cooper - RIP
	12:00	Thomas Reynolds - Funeral Service
Thur 13	10:00	Tony Quirke - RIP - St Mark's
Fri 14	12:00	Irene Coutinho - INT (<i>Sacrament of the sick</i>)
Sat 15	18:00	Wolfgang Cazin - RIP
Sun 16	09:30	Bill Johnstone - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP

Parish Diary 8 – 16 July

Sat 08	12:00	Baptism - Zada Agard Sow
	12:30	Baptisms - Amber Kingi & Lois Appleton
Sun 09	12:00	Parish Summer Party
Tue 11	10:30	UCM - Picnic off site
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Wed 12	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
	19:30	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room
Thurs 13	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 15	12:00	Baptism - Henry de Gisbert Lopez, Joaquim & Luciana Mercadal - Freeman
Sun 16	11:00	Baptism Laura Sannoo
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 11	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 12	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 11 Department of Clergy

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £305.97 Loose £ 617.75
Peter's Pence Collection £446.46

Mass at St Marks

As was mentioned last Sunday, we shall celebrate the Thursday morning Mass at St Mark's at 10:00 for a trial period. If this is to work, we will need a team to open and set up for Mass each week. We will begin this Thursday 13 July at 10:00. Names to Fr David.

Summer Party - July 9th 12:00

Hopefully, we shall see you at the Summer Party after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday 9 July. All welcome!

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Your Church Donation with Gift Aid

With the Summer holidays fast approaching and everyone having busy lives I am concerned that some of you may not have seen the parish emails, or newsletter notice regarding Gift Aid.

Due to the change in the Diocesan charity number, we will not be able to meet HMRC requirements on Gift Aid, worth an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, **unless a new form is completed soon.**

If you are a taxpayer and give to the church through your bank as a standing order or through the envelopes we need a form completed in order for us to claim the extra Government donation worth approximately £30,000 per annum to the Parish community.

There are forms on display at the back of each church as well as on our website. Alternatively please do get in touch via the Parish Office or email finance@catholicwindsor.org. Many thanks. Rich Flisher Finance Manager. finance@catholicwindsor.org



To donate to World Youth Day:

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

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.

To enrol, 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 a 'Record Card' that needs to be stamped when you attend Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

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).

Special Collection – Apostleship of the Sea

The second collection on Sunday 9 July is for Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime charity. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country, and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support.

Parishioners may use their gift aid envelopes or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-second-collection-2023>. The collection will open on 3 July and close on 18 July 2023. Thank you.

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.

UCM

Members will meet at the usual place by the Thames for a picnic from 11:30 on 11 July. Please bring your own picnic.

New Pastoral Area

On the 4 July, 10 representatives from Ascot and Windsor met for the Pastoral Area Council meeting with Canon David as Chair. At the meeting we discussed the purpose of the council and agreed it is here to:

- Provide a structure for the Pastoral Area to meet,
- Develop a roadmap for the new Pastoral Area to come together
- Create a focus and momentum for bringing people together
- Expand the number of people who influence, direct and build the new Pastoral area

It was a very productive meeting and we have developed five 'working groups' that will reach out into our parishes to look at Evangelisation, Finance, Communication, Growing Together and Youth. Over time, sub-groups will be developed to expand the reach of the Pastoral Area.

Over the coming weeks there will be an update to share how the Pastoral Area Council is working, and how we can all grow closer to Christ in prayer and mission.

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.

Good news, Alpha is returning in September!

This year, we are going to offer the course both **online and in-person**. Many people find it difficult to secure childcare, or prefer to meet others whilst in the comfort of their own home, so by offering an online version, we hope you will give it a try. If meeting in-person is your preference, that is still a great option too.

Start dates are as follows:

Monday, **18 September, Alpha Online**, 19:30 - 21:00

Tuesday, **19 September, Alpha In-Person** at St Edwards Parish Centre, 19:00 - 21:00

Alpha is a 10-week course that explores life's big questions, in an open, non-judgmental and safe place. We'll be discussing questions like: Is there more to life than this? Does God exist? Why did Jesus have to die? and, why is there so much suffering in the world?

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world - **so why not you?** Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has fallen away from the faith during the pandemic, doesn't feel as connected to the church as they once did, or maybe has never truly answered life's big questions for themselves - please invite them, we'd love to host them too!

To RSVP, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/miZUsLvKeFs2LMRf7>

If you have questions about joining, inviting others, or joining our team of volunteers, please email Ryan Greig at:

alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Deacon Tom Hiney

Tom, who is training to be a priest for our diocese of Portsmouth has been studying in the Beda College in Rome. He has recently been ordained a deacon and will be coming to our parish on Saturday the 22 July for five weeks as part of his formation to be ordained a priest in 2024.