

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 23 July 2023

### Thought for the Week

“Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?” We often live with the assumption that if we do good, live well and work hard, everything will work out well. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when everything is not right. Jesus is telling us that in reality our lives and our world are like a field in which good and evil, life and death, joys and sorrows, what we want or don’t want, live side by side? The wheat and weeds stand together in our world and in each of our lives.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings can be found in this world. The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from small beginnings. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom.

The parables have words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the Sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the ‘weeds’ prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings.

Pope Francis dedicated today as World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, as an occasion to cherish the advice and wisdom of elders; give thanks and ask God’s blessing on them.

*Sr Patricia Mulhall, csb*

### 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.

### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward’s:  
*Saturdays:* There will be no Confessions on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Fr David will be in Portsmouth.

*Tuesdays:* 18:00 - 18:30

### Deacon Tom Hiney

This weekend we welcome Deacon Tom to our parish for his placement over the summer month of August. Tom was ordained a Deacon earlier this year in Rome - he will be ordained a priest for our diocese next year.

### Mass Times & Intentions 22 - 30 July

Sat 22	18:00	Patrick Forkin - RIP
Sun 23	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark’s</b>
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Mon 24	10:00	Kathleen Bennett - FM
Tue 25	18.30	Henry Magic - INT
Wed 26	10:00	Kay Doyle - INT
Thur 27	10:00	Eucharistic Service - <b>St Mark’s</b>
Fri 28	12:00	Parents of Myra & Don - RIP
Sat 29	18:00	Jock Cooper - RIP
Sun 30	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark’s</b>
	11:00	Stanley Hughes - RIP

### Parish Diary 22 - 30 July

Sun 23	12:00	Catenian President’s Sunday Lunch - P/C (No Tea & Coffee)
	12:15	Baptisms - Sophia Snashall, Isla and Celine Swirski
Mon 24	18:30	SVP Meeting - St Brigid’s Room
Thurs 27	13:00	Wedding - Amber Kingi & James King
	18:30	Wedding - Kingi & James King
Sun 30	12:00	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room
		Tea & Coffee - P/C

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 25	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s
Wed 26	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward’s

### Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08    Envelopes £240.88    Loose £1,120.91

### Fr David’s Diary

Tue 25	Department For Clergy , Sandhurst
Thur 27 - Sat 28	Newcastle

### Mass at St Marks

We celebrated Mass on Thursday morning Mass at St Mark’s at 10:00, these will continue for a trial period. If this is to work, we will need a team to open and set up for Mass each week. Thank you to those who helped this week.

### Relic of St Columba

Tony Berkely from St Francis, Ascot will be bringing the Relic of St Columba to St Edward’s for the Mass on Wednesday 26 July.

### Congratulations

Many congratulations to Karen and Noel Devlin who are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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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](mailto:finance@catholicwindsor.org). Many thanks. Rich Flisher Finance Manager. [finance@catholicwindsor.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Monthly Talk for September - Creation

"Laudato Si" Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis (2015) was a bid to help humanity to love the earth, to glimpse its sacredness and to be moved by its plight." (Austen Ivereigh). With news headlines full of disastrous, soaring temperatures worldwide, how do we now view Creation? What mental shift has corrupted our relationship with the living world? What issues need to be addressed if we are to move forward? How are science and religion reaching out to each other in concern?

Dr Judith Thomas will be presenting this Talk as follows:

**Sat 2 September at 10:00 St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor**  
**Mon 4 September at 10:00 St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead**  
**Wed 6 September at 6.30 pm St Joseph's Parish Centre, Maidenhead**

The Talk lasts for 1 hour and there is no charge - just come along, listen, be encouraged and inspired!

## World Youth Day

Our young people will be joining the Holy Father and young people from all parts of the world in Lisbon on Monday, 31 July. Grateful thanks to all members of the parish who have supported them. They will all be attending the 11:00 Mass next Sunday to receive a blessing and commissioning as they leave to represent the parish on this important gathering. Later in the summer they will speak at all the masses about the experience of World Youth Day. Those going to World Youth Day are Elisa, Lilly, George and Catherine.

## New Pastoral Area

Over the next weeks and months, the Pastoral Area Council will be reaching into our parishes to look at how we can come together. We will be looking to the broader congregations to think about:

1. **WORKING TOGETHER** – can our parishes and schools run events and activities jointly, or share resources? Are there further opportunities to explore? What is missing that we need to develop for the new Pastoral area?
2. **DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS** - do our activities, events, and leadership structures reflect the diversity in our community? How can we ensure there is inclusivity for all our congregation?

These are just two of the many areas we will be working on, and we will only move forward if we have more and more people who would like to be involved. If you would like to be part of the growth of our new Pastoral area, please contact [annedowling@fairstar.co.uk](mailto:annedowling@fairstar.co.uk).

## 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?

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:

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## March for Life

March for Life on Saturday 2 September are looking for help in one of these roles: Marshal/Steward - Musicians on the march – Helpers for stalls - if you think you can help please send an email to [march4lifeuk@gmail.com](mailto:march4lifeuk@gmail.com)

**Right To Life UK** has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Contact your MP now [www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth) It only takes 30 seconds.

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rodger Austin**, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be at St Edward's on Monday 31 July at 10:30.