

23 Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 September 2023

Thought for the Week

Jesus says, if your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone. He doesn't say, put up with it, suffer it, endure it. He says, go and confront him with his wrongdoing.

If someone is doing us wrong, we have a duty to point it out to him or her. It is a special duty for those in positions of authority, as we hear in the first reading. People put up with all kinds of abuse for the sake of a phoney peace. They may think this is the will of God for them.

However, there is an art in confronting a person. If we adopt a harsh approach with someone, all we do is cause them to harden their heart. In which case, not only is nothing achieved, but further harm is done. If we adopt a gentler approach, we may soften their hearts, help them to see where they have gone wrong, and so enable them to change.

We don't show love for someone if we allow them to do wrong to us. By hurting us they are also damaging themselves. It is in their interest too, that they desist from what they are doing. If we watch someone do wrong, and try not to stop them, we bear part of the responsibility for the wrong which they are doing.

We are responsible for one another, and it is the duty of every Christian to speak out and not remain silent, when silence can suggest we approve of what is happening. Ezekiel was called to be a watcher for Israel. He speaks to them, not out of arrogance, but genuine humility and care for them.

In response to the psalm we say the words: 'O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts': God is continually calling us from the error of our ways into a closer relationship with him and with one another.

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.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward's this weekend:

Saturdays: 17:30 - 18:00

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Holy Hour

Holy Hours will restart on Sunday 10 September at 15:00 and continue on the second Sunday of each month.

Mass Times & Intentions 9 -17 September

Sat 09	18:00	Maria Martin - RIP
Sun 10	09:30	Roger Austin - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 11	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 12	18.30	Tomy Thomas - RIP
Wed 13	10:00	William Felix Riley - FM
Thur 14	10:30	Funeral - Gary Rattigan - St Edward's
Fri 15	12:00	Catenians - INT
Sat 16	18:00	Philomena Decoutho - RIP
Sun 17	09:30	Michael Ferris RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 09 - 17 September

Sat 09	09:00	Confirmation Preparation – P/C
Sun 10	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Edith and Wilfred Michael
	15:00	Holy Hour - St Edward's
Mon 11	18:30	Catenians Meeting - P/C
Tue 12	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Wed 13	18:30	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room
Thur 14	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 16	12:30	Wedding - Ryan Powell and Jessica Boase
Sun 17	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Hope Hayman

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 12	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 13	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £339.30 Loose £ 881.97

Sacrament of the Sick

The next anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick will take place on **Friday 13 October**, and will then continue on the second Friday of each month. If anyone would like to receive this Sacrament outside of these times, please contact Fr David

Deacon Glen Heffernan

Please welcome Deacon Glen, a permanent Deacon from the Diocese of Las Vegas, who some of you will have already met. Deacon Glen's work has brought him to Windsor for about a year. I have received permission for him to exercise his ministry of Deacon in our Diocese, so you will see him on occasion at mass and hopefully preaching soon. Glen's brother Douglas is also currently living in Windsor.

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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. To enrol, kindly send completed application forms and a **copy of your child's baptismal certificate** to fhc@catholicwindsor.org.

There will be an introduction to the programme on Thursday **21 September at 18:30** in the Parish Centre.

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

THE CLOSING DATE for all applications is Monday 11 September. Any application received after this date will be put forward for the 2024/2025 programme.

The Love Languages Course

The Love Languages were discovered by Dr Gary Chapman so couples could learn how to make each other feel most loved. This course is for all couples to learn each other's Love Language! The couples who attended this course last year really learned about each other and enjoyed the course! We would love for you to attend too. It will be held **Friday 22 September from 19:00 until 20:30** in St Edward's Parish Centre!

Please contact Kathy on kathyarundale@hotmail.com to register!

Pastoral Area update; Come and Join us

As we continue our journey together building the new Pastoral Area for Windsor and Ascot a number of celebrations are planned for the coming months. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible join these celebrations so that we come together in prayer, community and faith.

Weekend of 23/24 September

Pulpit Swap: Fr Kevin Bidgood will say the weekend Masses and preach in Windsor and Fr David will say Mass and preach at the weekend Masses in Ascot.

Wednesday 4 October - Solemnity of St Francis, Ascot; evening Mass followed by refreshments

Friday 13 October - Solemnity of St Edward, Windsor; Mass at 18:30 followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Please put these dates in your diaries. We hope to see as many parishioners attending the celebrations as we build our new Pastoral community - they are celebrations for us all, not just for one community or the other.

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 Thursday or Friday, every week.

UCM New and Existing Members

Are you interested in joining the UCM but find it difficult to attend meetings during the day? If so, this is for you!!!!

The UCM are now able to offer an evening meeting once a month as well as the usual morning meetings on a Tuesday. The first evening meeting will be on Wednesday 20 September at 19:00 in the parish Centre. ALL ARE WELCOME.

For more information please contact Lisa 07769249568 lisajk28@gmail.com.

Second Collection

A Second Collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for Education Sunday.

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:

alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Vacancy – PA to Vicar for Clergy & Administrator for Clergy Support Team

A vacancy has arisen for a PA to work for 18 hours per week for the Vicar for Clergy and Clergy Support Team. The role will be based at Windsor (2 days per week) and Sandhurst (1 day per week). In this role you will provide a full confidential administrative and secretarial service to the Vicar for Clergy and a sympathetic and efficient focal point for enquiries and assistance to the Clergy Support Team.

If you would like to join our busy team please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a job description and details of how to apply. **Closing date for applications: Friday 15 September 2023**

HCPT Pilgrimage 2024

The Parish HCPT group (128) are hoping to travel to Lourdes next Easter, taking a group of children with additional needs. The group needs some new helpers to travel and fundraise to prepare for a very special pilgrimage of spirituality, fun, prayer, laughter and lots of singing. Details of what happens on a HCPT pilgrimage are displayed at the back of St Edward's Church and there are handouts in both churches. There will be an initial meeting for anyone interested on Fri 8 Sept at 19:00 in the Parish Centre.

Please contact Pat Burke (Group leader)

group128@hcpt.org.uk or through the Parish Office.

Windsor Festival - Quire Voices

Quire Voices will be performing on Saturday 23 September at 19:30 at Eton College Chapel. Conducted by Sea Bui. Tickets are £24. More information: www.windsorfestival.com

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gary Rattigan** whose funeral will be held at 10:30 on Thursday 14 September at St Edwards. Also pray for the repose of the soul of **Siobhan Palluel**, whose funeral will be at 10:30 on Thursday 21 September at St Edward's, and the late **Mary Walsh** who died recently.