

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

### **Thought for the Week**

In the First Reading we see Jeremiah's faithfulness to his God-given mission, and what that faithfulness cost him. In the Gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus, and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him.

Peter gladly received the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, but he rejected out of hand the revelation of a suffering Messiah. In this he represents the typical Christian, caught between faith and doubt, for whom the cross is a stumbling block

This is a struggle which we all experience in some shape or form. There are things which we don't like doing, but which we know we have to do if we want to be faithful to our responsibilities and obligations. Sacrifice is not an easy road, but it is in this way that our best self takes shape. This is how one becomes a person of character and integrity, and paradoxically this is also the road to happiness. Our happiness does not lie in doing our own thing, or what we feel like doing, but in doing what we have to do.

The only thing that makes sacrifice easy is love. Love enables us to turn the cross from a stumbling block into a steppingstone. What Jesus did was an expression of his love for us and for his Heavenly Father.

The road to Jerusalem brought Jesus to Calvary, but it did not end there. It led to Easter. Jesus supports all those who follow him down the narrow road of sacrifice and shares his Easter victory with them.

Deacon George

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration has recommenced every Friday 10.00am until 16.00 pm.

### **The Rosary**

The Rosary is prayed after the 12:00 pm Mass each Friday, please join us.

### **Reconciliation**

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

Saturdays: 17:30 - 18:00

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

### **Holy Hour**

Holy Hour will commence again on Sunday 10 September .

### **Mgr Tom McGrath**

We are pleased to welcome Monsignor Tom McGrath who will provide cover for Canon David who is now away on holiday. He is a retired priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth and lives in Maidenhead

Canon David returns to the Parish on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Deacon Glen Heffernan**

Also please welcome Deacon Glen who some of you will have met. He is a permanent Deacon from the Diocese of Las Vegas. Deacon Glen's work has brought him to Windsor for about a year. I have just received permission for him to exercise his ministry of Deacon in our Diocese, so you will see him on occasions at mass and hopefully preaching soon. Glenn's brother Douglas is also here working alongside him

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

The next anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Friday 8 October, 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

### **Monthly Talk for September - Creation**

Dr Judith Thomas will be presenting a Talk on creation as follows:

**Monday 4 September at 10:00 St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead**

**Wednesday 6 September at 18:30 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!

## **Mass Times & Intentions 2 Sept - 10 Sept**

Sat 02 18:00 Billy Kennedy - RIP

Sun 03 09:30 Norman Long – RIP

11:00 People of the Parish

Mon 04 10:00 Eucharistic Service

Tue 05 18:30 Carol Sheperd - INT

Wed 06 10:00 Margaret Smart - RIP

Thur 07 10:00 Eucharistic Service - St Mark's

Fri 08 12:00 Viscount Arthur de la Panouser - RIP

Sat 09 18:00 Maria Martin - RIP

Sun 10 09:30 Rodger Austin - RIP

11:00 People of the Parish

## **Parish Diary 2 Sept - 10 Sept**

Sun 03 12:00 Tea and coffee in Parish Centre

12.15 Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Tues 05 10.00 UCM- St Edward's Parish Centre

Wed 06 17.30 Minivinnies - St Edward's Parish Centre

Thurs 07 18:30 Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room

Fri 08 19.00 HCPT meeting – St Brigid's Room

Sat 09 15.30 Confirmation Preparation - St Edward's Parish Centre

Sun 10 12:00 Tea and coffee in Parish Centre

12:15 Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

## **Morning & Evening Prayer**

Tue 05 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Wed 06 09:30 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

## **Offertory**

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £ 258.40 Loose £608.57

## **HCPTGroup128**

The Parish HCPT group is beginning to plan its pilgrimage to Lourdes for Easter 2024. We are looking for people who will travel as helpers with the group, looking after some children with additional needs . We also need people to help with fundraising.

If you are interested and would like to know more there is a meeting on

**Friday 8th September** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Contact **Pat Burke** (Group leader) on [group128@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group128@hcpt.org.uk) or through the Parish office

## **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.

Please note 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! 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](mailto:kathyarundale@hotmail.com) to register!

### **Parish Office**

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### **Pastoral Team**

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**World Youth Day July 31 – 7 Aug 2023**

### **Pastoral Area update; Come and Join us**

Over the next few weeks and months you are invited to experience our broader community and join in sessions at each other's parish. The first invitation is from Maureen and Mohan at St Edward's:

**'Mass Readings Explained Sessions' by Dr Brant Pitre** - facilitated in S. Brigid's Room at St Edward's Church, Windsor on Thursdays 18:30 - 20:00.

Dr Pitre's reflections on Mass Readings always give wonderful explanations that help us connect the Old Testament with the New Testament and suggest how the Old is fulfilled in the New. The explanations are eye opening and give a wonderful understanding that we have never had before. Our appreciation of the gospels has blossomed with these videos and the discussions afterwards. A testimony from one of our parishioners:

"The Mass Readings Explained sessions opened my eyes to the Scriptures and I found it to be a wonderful and enlightening experience. It has shown the endless connections between the Old and the New Testaments and answers to many questions I had. This has opened my eyes to understand what God is telling me through 'His Word' at Mass each Sunday. The knowledge I acquired through these sessions has further deepened my faith".

We welcome you to come, taste and then decide.

For more information you may contact Mohan or Maureen on 07517453338 or e-mail: [ecmak1@aol.com](mailto:ecmak1@aol.com)

### **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.

### **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](mailto:alphawindsor316@gmail.com)

### **Fraud Attempt**

Recently emails have been sent purporting to come from Canon David. These ask for the recipient to buy I tune cards or similar vouchers. This is not something he would ever ask a Parishioner to do nor would he ask for confidential information over the internet.

If you receive any suspicious e mail along these lines please contact me via the Parish Office or e mail me at [finance@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:finance@catholicwindsor.org) Thank you.

Rich Flisher, Parish Finance Manager.

### **Vacancies**

The Parish of Bracknell and St Margret Clitherow is looking for a Parish Administrator. Part time 30 hours per week

(Job would be suitable for either one post-holder to work all hours or a job share with two post-holders). Salary - £12 per hour.

If you would like to join our busy and happy parish team please contact:

[recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

for a job description and details of how to apply

**Closing date for applications: 22 September 2023**

### **Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**

#### **PA to Vicar for Clergy and administrator for Clergy Support team.**

Hours of work: 18 hours per week (3 days)

Based at: Windsor (2 days per week) and Sandhurst (1 day per week)

Salary: around £14.00 per hour

Closing date for applications: Friday 15 September 2023

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](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for a job description and details of how to apply.

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***"Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the successes and the failures, he knows your hearts," "And today he tells you, here in Lisbon for this World Youth Day: 'Don't be afraid'".***

It is estimated that 1.5 million people attended the final WYD Mass, where Pope Francis's urged the young people not to let their 'great dreams' of changing the world be 'stopped by fear.' Among those listening were some young people of this Parish, who were able to attend through the generosity of parishioners; you had representatives to witness these historic events. Over the coming weeks these events will be shared with you by the young people that attended.

Just over a year ago, we had been advised that the Diocese would be taking a group to WYD, Lisbon 2023. I registered our interest and on a dark Friday evening in last Autumn Elisa, Lilly and I attended an introduction talk in Basingstoke. Then on the solemnity of Christ the King, bookings went live, the deposits were paid, we were on our way to WYD 2023!

From January to July this year, monthly preparations sessions and group calls were attended by our group. This enabled the foundations for friendship and relationships to begin to form.

***But nothing could prepare the group for the enormity of what would be encountered once they arrived in Lisbon...***

WYD is aimed at young people from 16 to 35, however this attending age group went way above, with people well in their 70's attending to young children and babes in arms.

The atmosphere in the city was magical, all around were groups of people, from all over the world, playing instruments, singing, chanting, dancing, diverse groups of religious orders and clergy, waving flags that represented their diocese and their countries.

People would approach you to talk, ask questions, trade items from their country. New friendships were formed, some will remain lifelong! The most powerful thing was that every which way you looked, every chant that was made and every item swapped, came from another Catholic. This was perhaps the most powerful and enormous message of all, that everyone there was there because they were proud to be Catholic, they wanted to see Papa Francesco, they see and want a future in the church!

There were no awkward conversations about what you were doing there, rather conversations about what your faith means to you, and for you.

Everyone prayed, everyone fell to their knees on the street, in the road, at catechesis in the park, everyone around you was singing, praying, and looking for the umbrella which signified the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the street or in the park at communion time.

Over the week our group attended the opening and closing ceremonies, they danced on the streets, we witnessed the Pope drive past and wave to us, in Fatima everyone attended Mass where our clergy, bishop and a group member took part.

We listened to Bishop Baron talk and preach. We attended the Change concert with Matt Maher at Benfica Stadium. On Saturday the vigil was held overnight, followed by the closing Mass, in which Bishop Philip took part, and Ruth one of our groups read in front of the Pope.

We travelled with Bishop Philip, Canon PJ, Fr Mark, Fr Godwin, Sr Lucy, Sr Carino, three diocesan seminarians from Rome, Niall Farrell our leader and Jo, the Youth Coordinator from Winchester.

Please continue to pray for off all that attended WYD, may the seeds sown continue to grow in all our young people.



### **Second Collection for Catholic Education Service**

The Second Collection on Sunday 10th September is for Education Sunday and is for the Catholic Education Service. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools in England and Wales, educating over 850,000 pupils. If you would like to give to the collection, please donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2023>. This collection will open on 4th September and will close on 19th September 2023.

### **Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Siobhan Palluel** whose funeral will be at 10.30 am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at St Edward's, Gary Rattigen whose funeral will be at 10.30am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at St Edwards and **Mary Walsh** who died recently.