

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- 8 October 2023

Thought for the Week

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In this week's Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God's dealing with his people. The Landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself whom they killed.

God had bestowed on his people the sort of love and care which a dedicated vine dresser bestows on a vineyard. But the vineyard failed to produce the fruits of right living. God sent messenger after messenger in the persons of the prophets. But far from listening to them the people abused some of them and killed others. Finally he sent his son and Heir – Jesus. But the tenants killed him in the hope of taking over the vineyard themselves.

What the tenants did was ugly and sinful. Yet God did not abandon or destroy the vineyard. He handed it over to others, who would produce the fruits. Thus a new building came into being - the new people of God. Jesus the one they rejected and killed, is the cornerstone of this new building 'the Church'.

No one can say that Jesus did not live in the real world. He did. He experienced its ugliness himself. But he did not answer it with more ugliness, he triumphed over evil by good. He became a model for all those who suffer unjustly in the cause of right. He challenges us, his followers, the tenants of the new vineyard 'the Church', to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. It is a great privilege, and a great challenge too .

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.

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

Holy Hour

Holy Hour is held on the Second Sunday of the month at 15:00.

The next Holy Hour will be on 8 October.

Mass Times & Intentions 8 - 15 Oct

Sat 07	18:00	Glady Kemp Murr - RIP
Sun 08	09:30	Patricia Kean - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP
Mon 09	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 10	18.30	Margaret Moore - RIP
Wed 11	10:00	Siobhan Palluel - RIP
Thur 12	10:00	Eucharistic Service - St Mark's

Feast of St Edward the Confessor

Fri 13	18:30	Tommy Sharkey - RIP
Sat 14	18:00	Joseph Keogh - RIP
Sun 15	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Tony Gomez - RIP

Parish Diary 7 - 15 Oct

Sun 08	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Holy Hour - St Edward's
Mon 09	18:30	Catenian Meeting - P/C
Tue 10	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
Wed 11	18:30	Men's Group - P/C
Thur 12	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 13	19:30	Feast of St Edward's - Refreshments in P/C
Sat 14	12:00	Wedding - Michaela Shillam & Sam Young
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 15	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Grace Meaney-Quinn
	15:00	Holy Hour - St Edward's

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 10	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 11	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Fri 13	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 10	11:00	Sandhurst
Thur 12	10:00	Induction of New Priests, Portsmouth
Fri 13	09:30	Middle School Assembly - St Edward's
	14:00	Mass in St Edward's First School

Feast of St Edward

There will **NO 12:00 Mass** on Friday 13 October. The Sacrament of the Sick will take place the following week on 20 October at 12 noon. There will be a Mass for **the Feast of St Edward at 18:30 on Friday 13 October** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Offertory

S/O - D/D 1,848.08 Envelopes £230.22 Loose £1,768.27

Catholic Windsor - website www.catholicwindsor.org

Parish Office

Patricia Brown: Parish Secretary

office@catholicwindsor.org

Richard Flisher: Finance Manager

finance@catholicwindsor.org

Sharon Cole-Blows: Youth Ministry Worker/Coordinator

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Pat Burke: Safeguarding Representative

safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org

Pastoral Team

Canon David Hopgood: Parish Priest

canondavid@catholicwindsor.org

Rev George Young: Deacon

georgeyoung@hotmail.com

Sr Teresina Fingleton CSB: Parish Sister

Presbytery: 44 Alma Road, Windsor Berkshire, SL4 3HJ

Phone: 01753 865163

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth – Charity No. 1199568

UCM alternative evening meeting

We can now offer an alternative meeting in the evenings. This will be held in the parish centre on Wednesday 18 October at 19:30. **New and old member's welcome *You do not have to be a mother to join!!*** For further information please email Lisa lisajk28@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!!!

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 6 October



Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk: <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

Vacancy - Organist and Director of Music

St Edward's seeks an organist and director of music to play at the Parish Church and build and support music in the churches of the Parish.

The parish has a long standing and enthusiastic group of singers with a wide range of talent and is keen to expand their skills and musical range as well as encourage the differing congregations at the three weekend masses and celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist and capable singer with experience of playing in a church setting. This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months. Application forms and full details are available from office@catholicwindsor.org

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme.

The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District.

For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Macmillan Event – Thank You

Colette Molloy writes to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee, Cake and Raffle event last Sunday and for your overwhelming generosity.

The grand total so far is almost £2,600 with a large proportion of that from Parishioners donations are still coming in! The leftover cakes were sold for more donations or shared with the Macmillan nurses at The Parapet breast clinic and the radiotherapy unit at Brants Bridge.

There are two raffle prizes that have not been claimed:-
910 Mauve ticket AD322737 and 660 Green ticket AD842772.
Please contact Colette : colette_molloy@hotmail.com

A special thanks also to UCM for their support and hosting skills and to young Gabriella and Isabella Bowley who so happily helped fold raffle tickets.

Pastoral Area update: Come and Join us

As we continue our journey to build 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.

Saturday 7 October - Walk in the Park, Ascot and Windsor

Tom Cornish of St Francis, Ascot will guide a meditative walk in Windsor Great Park as part of the celebration of unity between our two parishes. The pace will be moderate, but a good level of fitness is required as it will include inclines and narrow tracks. It will proceed whatever the weather, and walking boots, raincoats and water bottles are recommended. There is a car park at Savill Garden, and we will meet at the Obelisk at 10:00 for a prompt 10:15 start. Tom will wear a colourful rosary to identify himself and we will conclude by around noon. The walk with our fellow parishioners will be a good time for us all to reflect on the successful joining of the two parishes and Tom will be joined by Rev George Young, Deacon of St Edwards.

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.

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they are due to start school in Reception in 2024. You are invited to contact St Edward's First School to book onto one of their open mornings.

Email office@secfs.org.uk or visit the admissions section on the school website www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk

HCPT Group 128 News

Your parish HCPT group are hoping to travel to Lourdes next Easter taking children with additional needs on pilgrimage. We still need some more helpers who can give up a week of their time for this very special charity.

For more information contact Pat Burke, Group Leader.

HCPT Autumn fayre

This will take place on **Sunday 12 November** in the Parish Centre. Can you donate a prize for the raffle or tombola, cakes for the cake sale or new items for the Christmas stall? Thank you.

Deceased

Please pray for the response of the soul of **Rudolph Pereria** and **Josephine Morton** who died recently.