

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28/29 October 2023

Thought for the Week

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' In this weekend's gospel we are given the two pillars on which Jesus builds his commandments for his disciples - for us. His statement was a response to the shrewd question put to him by the Pharisees: 'which is the greatest commandment'? They wanted to know whether he would support a commandment which favoured the views of one school of rabbinical teaching over another. Each school taught that some laws were 'light,' and some were 'weighty,' but didn't necessarily agree as to which was which. They were setting a trap for Christ; which would he choose, who would he appear to support or reject?

In his reply, Jesus steps over the challenge and unites the commandments of the books of Deuteronomy and Leviticus which run through all the Law and the Prophets (another way of saying 'the Old Testament'); love God and love your neighbour as yourself with all your heart, mind and soul. No-one could challenge this. The phrase 'heart, mind and soul' encapsulates the whole being, the whole person. This should lead us to each consider, do I love God with my whole being and simultaneously love my neighbour - whether that be family, friend, stranger - as I love myself? Do I respect them and seek the greatest good for them as hopefully they will for me? It can be daunting, who is my neighbour - everyone? Perhaps Mother Theresa had a formula to help us look at it in a way that we can achieve: 'Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.' If we start with that neighbour, with God's will, perhaps the rest will follow.

Stephen Patterson

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:
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 12 November.

Mass Times & Intentions 28 Oct – 5 Nov

Sat 28	18:00	Seamus McElwee - RIP
Sun 29	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Sally Dunne - RIP
Mon 30	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 31	18:30	Holy Souls
ALL SAINTS		
Wed 01	12:00	Canon Gerard Hetherington - INT
	18:30	David Murray Bruce – RIP
Thur 02	10:00	Anne Gibbs - INT - St Mark's
Fri 03	12:00	Michael Duffey - RIP
Sat 04	18:00	Maria Pawlik & Family - RIP
Sun 05	09:30	Normal Long - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 28 Oct – 5 Nov

Sat 28	12:00	Baptism - Joshua Runciman & Paisley O'Leary
Sun 29	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 31	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
	19:15	Choir Practice - St Edward's Church
Wed 01	19:30	Mothers' Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 02	10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 03	19:00	HCPT Meeting - P/C
Sat 04	10:00	First Holy Communion - Commitment Ceremony - Church plus refreshments in P/C
Sun 05	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
	15:00	Bereavement Service + refreshments P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 17	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 18	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 31	11:00	Clergy Training Day, Winchester
	19:30	Windsor Christian Action, AGM
Wed 01	09:30	School Mass
Thur 02	15:30	Art, Architecture & Patrimony meeting

Offertory

S/O - D/D	1,848.08	Envelopes	£181.64	Loose	£646.59
World Mission Sunday			£348.68		

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Christmas Cards

We have a full stock of Christmas cards which are available from the Repository at St Edward's after the Masses each weekend.

HCPT Autumn Fayre

The Parish HCPT group are hoping to take some children with additional needs to Lourdes next Easter. In order to do this the group need your help with fundraising. **On 12 Nov** there will be an **AUTUMN FAYRE** in the **Parish Centre from 12:00 - 14:00**

Can you please help by donating prizes for the Raffle & Tombola? Do you have any unwanted gifts or decorations for the Christmas/present stall? Can you provide items for the cake stall? Donations of items can be left at the Parish office, given to Pat Burke, Pat Bowley or Stephen Patterson. There is also a collection box at the back of St Mark's Church (until 9 Nov). Thank you for your support.

Service of Remembrance + Blessing of Graves

The month of November is when we remember the dead in a special way. A special Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at **15:00 on 5 November in St Edward's**.

The Blessing of the graves at **Oakley Green and Windsor Spital Cemeteries** will take place on **Sunday 19 November at 14:00**.

The Blessing of the graves at the **Old Windsor Cemetery (Crimp Hill)**, will take place on **Thursday 24 November at 14:00**.

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.

CAFOD Parish Volunteer

Could you put your faith into action and help CAFOD in St Edward and St Mark? Your desire for a better world will help promote CAFOD's work, connecting your community with those overseas and enabling our sisters and brothers in the poorest places in the world to lift themselves out of poverty. 'When people are in need, giving money is not the only way to help. With volunteering, you give your time and skills to make a difference.' CAFOD Parish volunteer. Please do contact Jo Lewry for more information by email jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447.

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

School Forms to be Signed

Fr David will be signing forms for entrance to any schools for 2024. If you have a form that needs signing, please go to the presbytery on **Wednesday 15 November and Thursday 16 November from 16:00 - 17:30**.

UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet in the Parish Centre at 10:30 on the 31 October. The speaker will be Mrs Aenid Davies who will talk to us about St George's Chapel. All welcome.

Pastoral Area update; Come and Join us

New Prayer Group

Join the new prayer group: **Walking with God** - which meets every Wednesday at St Francis at 18:15 followed by Mass at 19:30, Adoration will take place until 21:00.

This is an opportunity to join across the pastoral area to pray for unity, strength and love in our relationship with God and each other.

Bamenda Sunday 4/5 November

Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the projects the Bamenda Fund will be able support in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link!

Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. Any contribution of any size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! Donations can also be made securely

online: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

Please read the annual Bamenda News for an update, which can be accessed on the Bamenda and Portsmouth

website: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/index.php>

Vacancies

IT technician – Full Time based in St Edmund House, Portsmouth.

Schools Estates Manager - please note there is no closing date on this role.

To arrange an informal discussion about the role or request full job description and details of how to apply please contact:

andy@pp-recruitment.com

Health and Safety Officer - the closing date of Friday 10 November 2023.

For job descriptions and details of how to apply please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Ph: 02394 216493

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Do you want to know more, or start your journey? If so, why not join the new series of RCIA sessions which will begin on **Tuesday 5 December at 19:15** in St Brigid's Room.

If you would like to know more, please contact Fr David or Stephen Patterson on sjp0563@gmail.com or 07814127335.

Verdi Requiem - Concert

A joint concert with Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra and Maidenhead Choral Society, will take place on Saturday 18 November at 19:30 in the Baylis Theatre, Braywick Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1BN at 7.30pm.

Tickets adult £20, student/child £5, including the programme. www.wmsso.org.uk - followed by the Candle Rosary Procession.

Pro-Life Black-Tie Ball

Raising money to help save lives and change lives.

18:00 Saturday 18 November - Kensington, London. Tickets £125. Live band and silent auction. Contact 07795 205117 – gncball@gmail.com

Cheques in favour of the Parish

Please note that any cheques now issued in favour of the Parish should be designated **CDP Windsor St Edwards**.