

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time- 15 October 2023

Thought for the Week

How many times have you heard, said or sung this weekend's psalm, 'The Lord is my shepherd', Psalm 23? It is chosen so often for weddings, funerals, and celebrations both joyous and sad, that on occasion, it feels as if there is in fact only one psalm: 'The Lord is my shepherd' and not 150!

For all the very many the occasions when we come across it, as with every time when we hear something familiar, we do not necessarily fully take note or engage with what is actually been said. At its heart, it is a psalm about the Lord's care for his people (us) both as a shepherd, who provides for our needs, guides us and protects us from possible danger in the valley of darkness. The Lord is also seen as a host who cares for his guests at table, at a meal.

The imagery of feasting and celebrating also runs through the first reading from Isaiah with its descriptions of rich food and fine wine – symbols of hospitality. Isaiah goes on to say that the Lord will destroy death and wipe away tears and the psalmist says: 'no evil will I fear'. The generosity of the Lord is also alluded to in the king in the gospel who, when snubbed by his original guests, seeks out new guests from the crossroads – the good and the bad; anyone. When we come together at Mass, we gather together round a table, guests at a sacred banquet, celebrating the defeat of death by Jesus Christ through his Passion, death and resurrection and our salvation; Isaiah's words fulfilled. We, the good and the bad, are welcomed to the banquet of heaven, both in this world, at the table of the Lord, and in the next in the Lord's house; where we pray, we shall dwell for ever and ever. The familiar psalm and prophecies of Isaiah are happening today!

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.

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 14 – 22 Oct

Sat 14	18:00	Joseph Keogh - RIP
Sun 15	09:30	People of the Parish - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Tony Gomez - RIP
Mon 16	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 17	18:30	Alice Blaumier - RIP
Wed 18	10:00	Angela O'Hara - RIP
Thur 19	10:00	John Hartnet - RIP - St Mark's
Fri 20	12:00	Gerry Crossan - RIP (Sacrament of the Sick)
Sat 21	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 22	09:30	Zdenka Iapichino - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish - RIP

Parish Diary 14 – 22 Oct

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 - Eliana Kadi-Lorenzo and Grace Meaney-Quinn
Tue 17	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
Wed 18	18:30	UCM Evening Meeting - P/C
Thur 19	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 21	10:00	Talk by Fr Kevin Hughes - P/C
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 22	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Leif and Arabella Kwentua

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 17	11:00	Chapter Meeting - Portsmouth
	14:30	Personnel Meeting – Portsmouth
Wed 18	10:30	Interviews - Middle School

Sacrament of the Sick

This will take place on Friday 20 October at the 12 noon Mass.

Offertory

S/O - D/D 1,848.08 Envelopes £265.75 Loose £693.99
Cafod Collection £1,521.36

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UCM Meeting

UCM members will meet in the Parish Centre at 10:30 on Tuesday 17 October. 'A week to remember, in Lourdes', will be recalled by Mrs Frances Costello. All welcome. Many thanks to all who so generously donated to the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Colette will advise on the total amount.

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!!!

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

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

Sunday 12 November 12:00 - 14:00.

Raising money to take children from the Parish to Lourdes at Easter.

Can you help by donating prizes for the stalls or helping at the event?

We need prizes for the tombola & raffle, gifts for the Christmas gift stall and cakes for the cake stall. Please see Pat Burke, Pat Bowley, Stephen Paterson or leave donations at the Parish office. Many Thanks!

Pastoral Area update; Come and Join us

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.

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.

St Francis Ascot - Invitation

Pizza & Wine evening to fundraise for PACT - Prison Advice and Care Trust. This is being held on **Saturday 21 October** after the **17:30 Mass**. You can buy tickets after the Masses this weekend - £10 per adult and £5 per child above 6.

If you'd like to reserve tickets and pay on the day (*but kindly only reserve if you are absolutely certain that you'll come on the day*), contact: stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*the number of tickets required for each category (adult/child)

*names of the ticket owners

*telephone number

Hearts on fire, feet on the move - Talk

Sunday 22 October, World Mission Sunday, is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to Mission, coordinated by Missio. This talk, given by Fr. Kevin Hughes mhm, is a reflection on Pope Francis message for WMS.

St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor

Saturday 21 October @ 10:00

Please scan QR code on Poster at the back of the Church for further information.

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

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Deceased

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