

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5 November 2023

Thought for the Week

November is, and traditionally has been, the month where the Church calls upon us to remember those who have died, and to do so through our prayers. As the year – both calendar and liturgical – winds down, it seems appropriate to ask for God's love and mercy upon those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Last week we began the month of November with two Holy Days that helped us focus our attention on the dead; the solemnity of All Saints, and the commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls). The first recognises and asks for the prayers of all who now wear, in the words of St Paul 'the crown of righteousness'. The second centres our prayer on those who have completed the earthly journey, yet are presently undergoing 'the final purification of the elect' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1031).

The Church has always offered prayers for those who have died, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that they may be purified and attain the beatific vision of God.

After somebody dies, we rightly support those who are left behind and grieve. While we should support and show our care for them, we should also extend our prayers for those who have died, and are probably still in need of our prayers.

In the month of November, we have a Book of Remembrance, where you can add names of those who have gone before us - these names will be remembered during the Masses of November.

We also have a special Bereavement Celebration where we remember those who have died and call forth their name. This will take place on Sunday 5 November at 15:00.

Canon David Hopgood

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

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will take place during the 12:00 Mass next **Friday 10 November**.

Mass Times & Intentions 4 -12 Nov

Sat 04	18:00	Maria Pawlik & Family - RIP
Sun 05	09:30	Norman Long - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 06	10:00	Evie Sharley - INT
Tue 07	18:30	Isabel Webb - RIP
Wed 08	10:00	Mari Beresford - RIP
Thur 09	10:00	Eucharistic Service - St Mark's
Fri 10	12:00	Isobel Young - RIP (Sacrament of the Sick)
Sat 11	18:00	James Decoutho - RIP
Sun 12	09:30	People of the Parish- St Mark's
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP

Parish Diary 4 -12 Nov

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 (Church) and refreshments in P/C
Tue 07	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
Wed 08	18:30	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room
Thur 09	09:00	Homeless Project Reviews - P/C
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 11	10:00	First Holy Communion - Introductory Session
	12:00	Baptism - Raphael and Gabriel Spittle
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 12	12:00	HCPT Christmas Fayre plus Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 07	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 08	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 07	12:00	Mass for Deceased Clergy - Cathedral
Wed 08	11:30	Clergy, Pastoral Area meeting
	14:00	Sandhurst - Department of Clergy
Thur 09	10:00	Meeting of all coordinating pastors in the Diocese - Basingstoke

Offertory

S/O - D/D 1,848.08 Envelopes £254.50 Loose £668.45

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**.

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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.

HCPT Autumn Fayre

Sunday 12th November. 12-2pm in the Parish Centre. Raffle. Tombola. Cakes. Face painting. Christmas gifts stall. **Come along & support your Parish group, raising money to take a group of children to Lourdes next Easter.** We would be grateful for donations of items for any of the stalls. Thank you.

Service of Remembrance + Blessing of Graves

The month of November is when we remember the dead in a special way. A special Bereavement 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 23 November at 14:00**.

CAFOD Parish Volunteer

Could you put your faith into action and help CAFOD in Windsor? 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.' Please do contact Jo Lewry for more information by email jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447.

Vacancy - Clerk to Governors

St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School
Co-educational 9-13 - £2,418 - £2,650 (pay award pending).
Actual salary based on 4 hours a week, term time only.
Interviews may be arranged on receipt of application so early application is advised. Closing Date: Monday 29 January 2024 - 01753 867809 - e-mail: vacancies@sterf.org.uk - Website: www.sterf.org.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**.

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!
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>

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.

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

The newsletter is usually sent on Thursday or Friday, every week. Unfortunately, the link is not working to subscribe at the moment.

However, you can log on to their website for a copy of the newsletter: www.stfrancisascot.co.uk

Monthly Talk - Advent

Advent begins on 3rd December so how will you prepare for this special season? Come and listen to a presentation on Advent by Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM to prepare for your Advent journey. **Saturday 18 November at 10:00 at St Mark's Church**

Message for all our regular givers

As many of you will know there are no longer many banks in Windsor.

The Parish bankers Lloyds has closed, so cash cannot be paid in locally. Therefore a plea to everyone who donates to the Parish in cash; - please consider changing to standing order as it would make life much easier and simpler.

The advantages are many, from lowering bank charges (cash handling is our biggest cost), simpler record keeping, you not having to remember, savings on printing the weekly envelopes, saving of time for the counters, easier gift aid recording, and of course less frequent trips to the bank.

Standing order forms are available at the back of each church (or by email from finance@catholicwindsor.org) or simply use the following if you have internet banking Lloyds Bank Southsea 309304 CDP Windsor St Edwards 00891550. Please contact Rich Flisher, Finance Manager if you have any questions.

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**.

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

Christmas Cards

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

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Roger Thomas** who died recently. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 22 November at 10:30 at St Edward's.