

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 January 2024

Thought for the Week

This week's readings are rich in references and allusions to the five senses. In the Book of Samuel we hear the power of listening. The young Samuel hears a voice, but he thinks it is Eli; it is only when he is advised by his elder to listen, that he becomes aware of God. Our psalmist speaks of God hearing their cry but also of God seeking an 'open ear'; as God listens to us, so he wishes us to listen to him. The misuse of the sense of touch is referenced in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians where we are reminded that our bodies should be used for the glory of God; sight and seeing are strongly emphasised in the Gospel. In the text from St John's Gospel, both John the Baptist and Jesus 'stare' or 'look hard', John at Jesus and Jesus at Peter; through sight and hearing, lives can change.

What of taste and smell? Between the prophetic statement by John: 'Behold the Lamb of God' and Jesus telling Simon that he will be called Cephas (or Peter), there is a brief sentence about hospitality. Andrew and his companion spend some hours with Jesus, seeing where he lives. There, no doubt, they will have received hospitality. In a welcoming environment, sharing food and drink with Jesus, they see, they hear, they taste, they smell and maybe even touch - the two men find the Messiah and become disciples. They became disciples helped by hospitality. Although I am sure that our Hospitality Team is always keen for new members to produce tasty and sweet-smelling treats, an extended hand, a look of kindness, a gesture, a smile, a greeting, a listening ear will all help make disciples - wouldn't it be wonderful if a visitor, leaving our churches, said that through our hospitality and welcome 'we have found Christ!'?

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

Mass Times & Intentions 13 - 21 Jan

Sat 13	18:00	People of the Parish
Sun 14	09:30	Agnieszka Trabsz - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Kathleen Mangan - RIP
Mon 15	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 16	18:30	People of the Parish
Wed 17	10:00	Holy Souls
Thur 18	10:00	Tom Costello - St Mark's - Funeral
Fri 19	10:00	Tim O'Riordan - St Mark's - Funeral
	12:00	Margaret Campbell - RIP
Sat 20	18:00	Teresa O'Flaherty - RIP
Sun 21	09:30	James Galvin - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Nora Golec - INT

Parish Diary 6 - 14 Jan

Sat 13	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation 3
	12:00	Baptism - Lucy Oldfield, Rose & Elia Mae Phillipov
Sun 14	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 16	10:00	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Thur 18	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 20	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation Service + Refreshments in P/C
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 21	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptisms - Vincent Drummond, Elsie & Amelie Burgess

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 16	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 17	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £302.14 Loose £614.10

Fr David's Diary

Tue 16	Department of clergy, all day meeting - Windsor
Wed 17	Pastoral Area meeting of Clergy - Windsor

Communion to Sick and Housebound

If you, or you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Windsor - website

www.catholicwindsor.org

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Christian Unity Week

Christian Unity week runs from 18 - 25 January. Please pray for our fellow Christian in Windsor.

The "Saturday Social"

. . . . is coming to St Edwards! Beginning **Saturday 3 February**, immediately after 18:00 Mass (approx. 19:00 - 20:30) we are inviting you to join us in the Parish Centre for snacks, fellowship and spiritual growth by watching **The Chosen** series together as a community. Fully crowdsourced, The Chosen is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Individuals, couples and families with children are all very welcome to join (we'll have some games and other things set up for little ones not so interested in watching the series). We are planning on meeting: 3 Feb, 17 Feb, 2 March, 16 March, 6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June.

What does it mean to be Human?

Hosted by David Wells and Bishop Philip Egan on **Saturday 16 March from 10:00 – 16:15**. The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB. Tickets £20 (*includes light refreshments*). Keynote speakers; Mgr Michael Nazir Ali and Ryan Christopher

<https://what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-symposium.eenbrite.co.uk>

CAFOD School Volunteers needed

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer.

For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

Pastoral Area - Come and Join us

Prayer is essential in our relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in the power of prayer will help us to listen to God's will as our parishes join together. Let us all take this Pastoral Area Prayer into our ministries, our schools and our private prayer over the coming months.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of faith and hope as we pray for the successful joining of our two parishes in this pastoral area.

Lord, we seek your guidance and blessings for this journey as we strengthen our faith community and fulfil your mission to evangelise and bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

May your wisdom enlighten our journey as we join together in faith, love, and unity.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer this prayer.

Amen.

Please take a copy of the Pastoral Prayer from the back of the Church and pray it as often as you can.

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

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

Second Collection - Cathedral

Ahead of this year's Second Collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese, which is scheduled to take place on **21 January**, Canon James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia has asked me to pass on the following shortened message to you.

"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.

Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us."

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church, do you want to know more, or start your journey? If you would like to know more please speak to Fr David or Stephen Patterson (sjp0563@gmail.com/07814127335).

Vocations - The Epiphany

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him and others as a sister, brother, or priest?

Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Accommodation Request

A gentleman returning to the UK from New Zealand with his family is looking for accommodation for himself for 4 nights a week. He is working at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Windsor for 3-4 months starting late January or February. He is only looking for a bed and bathroom as he will have his meals at the hospital. If you think you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following who have recently died:

Tom Costello: His funeral will take place on **Thursday 18 January** at St Mark's Church at 10:00.

Tim O'Riordan: His funeral will take place on **Friday 19 January** at St Mark's Church at 10:00.

Sheila Clare: Her funeral will take place on **Monday 5 February** at St Edward's Church at 09:30.

Frank Holland: His funeral will take place on **Friday 9 February** at St Edward's Church at 12:00.