

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 January 2024

Thought for the Week

Time, Talents and Treasures.

Our Parish has embarked on a journey, through the Bishop's Ten Year Plan, to bring us 'Closer to Christ.' As part of our journey we are all invited to contribute to the life of the Parish. The beating heart of our communities is through our ministries and calling to serve Christ. We have produced a leaflet detailing the Ministries within our Parish, which will be distributed from the 17 February and is titled, 'Time, Talents and Treasures' and parishioners will be asked to read, absorb the details, and consider how you can contribute to one or more of the ministries. More details to follow.

We are asked to maybe 'change' the way we look at our parish life, and when looking at this Sunday's Gospel, the word 'change' leaps out.

As Jesus was preaching in the Synagogue, a poor demented man created a scene, 'What do you want with us Jesus of Nazareth,' was he saying in effect, 'Leave me alone, don't try to change me.' We hear this message often in the Gospels, 'Leave us alone, don't try to change us.' Jesus healed the poor demented man, as he will heal us when we ask him to.

When we have the courage to face changes, new creative energies become available to us.

When we consider how we might become more involved in 'Time, Talents and Treasures,' we are looking at how we might change and in doing so 'Bring us Closer to Christ.'

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 us.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward's:
Saturdays: 17:30 - 18:00
Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Anointing of the Sick

This takes place during Mass on second Friday of the month. The next date is Friday 9 February.

Mass Times & Intentions 27 Jan – 4 Feb

Sat 27	18:00	Dharam Wati Maliya - RIP
Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Jimmy Finnegan - RIP
Mon 29	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 30	18:30	Helen Courtney - INT
Wed 31	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 01	10:00	David Ratcliffe - RIP
Fri 02	12:00	Firmina Mendes - RIP
Sat 03	18:00	Ronnie O'Toole
Sun 04	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Mary Connolly - RIP

Parish Diary 27 Jan – 4 Feb

Sat 27	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 28	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Tue 30	19:00	Choir Practice
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Thur 01	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 03	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharist Session 1
	10:00	Fr Kevin Hughes -Lenten Preparation Talk St Mark's
	12:15	Baptism - Iris and Eli Carne
	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 04	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 30	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 31	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David

Fr David will be away from the 22 January until 31 January. Mgr Tom McGrath will be covering Masses.

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £166.50 Loose £606.89
Cathedral Collection - £670.24

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Feast of St Brigid – 1500th Anniversary



We wish Sr Patricia and Sr Teresina a Happy Feast Day, as this February marks the 1500 Anniversary of St Brigid. She is one of Ireland's best known Irish Saints. She was born around 453AD and died in 524. There are many stories

and legends relating to her birth and early years. Her feast day is on **1 February** and marks the traditional beginning of spring in Ireland according to the Celtic calendar. There will be a festival in Ireland and processional events to celebrate, which will take place in the towns of Maynooth and Kildare. More information on can be found: www.brigid1500.ie

Monthly Talk – Lent

Lent is a time of grace given to us by the Church to help us focus on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. This talk, presented by Fr Kevin Hughes mhm, is a reflection aimed at helping us get the most out of this time of Grace and Reconciliation. **Saturday 3 February at 10:00 at St Mark's Church**

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.**

CAFOD Meetings

You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. On **Saturday 3 February** at St Philip Howard Church Hall, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world as they overcome poverty. You can sign up as an individual, parish or school here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

Foreign Notes and Coins

Many thanks to those of you who contributed your discontinued foreign notes and coins. We raised the sum of £131.73 which has been forwarded to Missio/Red Box appeal. Vic Mullan

Flower Team

Do you love flowers? Would you like to join St Edward's flower team? No experience necessary as we will guide you through. Interested? Please speak to Margaret Vickers or Jo Leedom

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

Renewal starts with You

In his Pastoral Letter about the future of the Diocese in October 2022, Bishop Philip invited us all to establish or pledge our commitment to Six Holy Habits.

Our ambitious Mission Plan will fail, he said, without a deep spiritual renewal in ourselves and in our parish communities.

Have you adopted Six Holy Habits?

- Keeping Sunday special, a family day by attending Mass on Sunday - Could I prepare better for Mass, arriving in good time, reading the Gospel and the prayers?
- Spending five minutes a day in prayer - what help do I need to pray and to know the Bible better?
- To do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy - what does poverty mean in my area and how can I help?
- Every fortnight make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament - how can I hear more clearly the voice of Jesus calling me?
- Going to Confession once a month or so - how can I best prepare?
- Joining a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship - Many groups would welcome new members - or why not start a new one?

How have you responded? Share your story with us at communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deceased

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

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.

Hermintrud Simons: Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 22 February** at St Edward's Church at 10:00.