



The Parish Handbook

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Welcome!

This booklet is designed to give information about the prayer life of the Parish and of the organisations within it. If you are a new parishioner, we hope that it will help you to become one of the family. We hope that all parishioners, whether new or long established will take this booklet home for reference. If you are able to offer your time and talents, please don't wait to be asked. Group organisers will be glad to hear from you now. Your involvement in the parish community is eagerly awaited.

Addresses

St Edward's RC Church
44 Alma Road
Windsor
SL4 3HJ

St Mark's RC Church
Dedworth Road
Windsor
SL4 4JS

History of St Edward's

This Roman Catholic Church is dedicated to St. Edward and it was opened on St Edward's Day, 13 October 1868, in the presence of Archbishop, later Cardinal Henry Edward Manning. The Church was designed by Charles Alban Buckler. It is constructed of Kentish ragstone in the Early English style with chancel, nave, aisles and chantry. The chapel features pictures by Murillo and Carlo Dolci, a reredos and a 14th century statue of the Virgin Mary. The windows are all stained glass. The Church will seat about 550 persons. St Edward's Presbytery next door dates from 1883. The parish website contains a comprehensive history and tour of St Edward's.

History of St Mark's

As the increasing numbers of Catholics grew in the Dedworth area a Church needed to be built. Canon Timothy Dwyer who was the Parish Priest at that time employed the Architects Alexander E Mathew and Frances E Allen. The Church was opened and dedicated on the 12th October 1968 by Bishop Derek Warlock who was the Bishop at that time.

Parish people

Canon David Hopgood
Parish Priest, Leadership team
canondavid@catholicwindsor.org

Deacon George Young
Leadership team
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Sr Teresina
Parish Sister
01753 859529

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Stephen Patterson
Leadership team

Brigid Dent
Leadership team

Kim Greig
Leadership team

*The parish office is in St Brigid's room in the Parish Centre.
Please phone or email first if you need help with anything.
01753 865163, parishoffice@catholicwindsor.org*

The Parish Communications Team is responsible for the circulation of the Parish Newsletter, the Parish Website and the Live Streaming of Mass from St Edwards. The Team consists of Canon David, Michael Brooks, Anne Dowling (co-ordinator), Becky Flisher, Richard Flisher, Steve Ward, Mike Wyld, Becky Young.

There is a Parish Finance Committee, which meets regularly to monitor income and expenditure and to prioritise future spending plans. The Members are Canon David, Liam Byrne, Richard Flisher, Paul Lock, Vic Mullan, Vincent O'Horo, Hugh Salter, Mike Street (Chairman), John Wall, Louise Wilson.

A Liturgy Group embraces many of areas involved to create a good Liturgy for Mass or services in both our Churches such as the leaders of: Choir, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Flowers. The group meets about 3 times a year and plans the liturgical seasons. The coordinator is: Mary Wolstenholme Email: marywolstenholme@aol.com

The Youth Committee was established in September 2023; the aim is to support the parish youth, families and the Parish Youth Co-ordinator. This includes clubs, trips, ministries for the children, youth and families etc. This Committee will also be made up of members from St Francis, Ascot. They will meet once a term in the Parish Centre. Contact: Sharon Cole, email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindor.org

[The Parish Newsletter](#)

The Parish Newsletter is produced weekly by the Parish Office and is the principal source of information to all parishioners. It is distributed via email, at each weekend Mass and is also published on the Parish Website. It contains details of all current activities taking place in the Parish. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please contact the parish office (office@catholicwindsor.org). Copies of the Newsletters for the past six months are retained and available.

St Edward's and St Mark's Parish Website

To access the Website, go to www.catholicwindsor.org The objective of the Parish Website is to provide users with up-to-date information about the many activities that take place throughout the Parish of St Edwards and St Marks. It is targeted at both providing prayers and news to regular long-standing parishioners and also to providing parish information to new parishioners moving into the area and people interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church. The Website is usually updated weekly on each Friday, particularly with details of the weekend Masses and readings, and Diary of Events due in the week ahead. The Website contains links for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals plus the many active groups in the Parish.

Catholic Schools

Primary:

St Edward's First School
Parsonage Lane, Windsor, Berkshire. SL4 5EN
Tel: 01753 860607 **Fax:** 01753 869107
Email: St Edward's First School (office@secfs.org.uk)
Website: www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk

Middle School:

St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School
Parsonage Lane, Windsor, Berkshire. SL4 5EN
Tel: 01753 867809 **Fax:** 01753 869001
Email: st-edwardsroyalfree@rbwm.org

What's on

Mass and Eucharistic services:

Usual weekly times:

Saturday	18:00: Vigil Mass	St Edward's
Sunday	09:30	St Mark's
	11:00	St Edward's
Monday	10:00	St Edward's
Tuesday	18:30	St Edward's
Wednesday	10:00	St Edward's
Thursday	10:00	St Mark's
Friday	12:00	St Edward's

Teas and coffees are served after the 11:00 Sunday Mass at St Edward's in the Parish Centre, and after the 09:30 Sunday Mass at St Mark's on the first Sunday of the month.

Holy Days of Obligation:

Masses	12 noon	St Edward's
	18:30	St Edward's

Children's Liturgy

During the 09:00 and 11:00 Masses, children aged five years and over are invited to share in their own liturgy of the Word. A simplified version of the Gospel is read and children are encouraged to reflect on its main theme in a variety of ways relating to their own lives and experience. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult and all parents are welcome to join us.

Family Mass

The first Sunday of the month:	09:30	St Mark's
	11:00	St Edward's

Live streaming

Masses, Funerals and Weddings from St Edwards have been live streamed on YouTube. The camera is normally switched on about 15 minutes before the start of each service. The link to the Live Streamed Mass is available as the first item on the Parish Website. Normally streamed copies of each Mass are retained for about three months.

Receiving Communion at home

Ministers are commissioned to share in the distribution of Communion at parish Masses and to take Communion to the sick and housebound. If you know anyone who would welcome Communion at home, please contact Fr David on 01753 865163 or Sr Teresina on 01753 859529 or the Parish Office on:

parishoffice@catholicwindsor.org

Mass Intentions

If you wish to arrange for a Mass Intention, please give the details to the Priest or the Parish Office. Alternatively, use the envelopes that are provided in the Church.

Foundation Masses

An annual Mass for the donors' intention will be offered in the diocese for a period of 25 years for an offering of £100.00 or more to the Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard:

Saturday 11:00 - 11:30 and 17:30 - 18:00 St Edward's

Tuesday 18:00 - 18:30

Or please contact the Parish Priest if you wish to have an appointment at another time. The Priest visits the sick and housebound during the course of the year so that they may avail themselves of this sacrament. For those in hospital, please contact the Hospital Chaplain.

Sacrament of the Sick

This takes place during the 12:00 Mass on the second Friday of each month.

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism

Baptism is the first Sacrament we receive, when we become a member of God's Christian family. Baptism Preparation is on the first Sunday of most months at 12.15 - 1pm, with Laura Noctor-King and Deacon George Young. The Sunday before the Baptism, your child will be anointed during the 11:00 Mass at St Edward's. To book a place on the Baptism Preparation Course, please email Deacon George Young: revgeorgeyoung@hotmail.com To book a date for the Baptism please download the application form on our website and email it to Canon David and you will then be contacted to arrange a time to meet. Or please contact Canon David:

canondavid@catholicwindsor.org

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is parish based, and we use the 'Growing Up Catholic' preparation. Children should be in Year 3 when they start preparation, which takes place on Saturday mornings at 10:00am between September and May. Contact: fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Confirmation

Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation and takes place when the candidates are in year 9. Preparation with a team of Catechists takes place on Saturday afternoons, at 16:00, usually twice a month. Confirmation takes place at the Cathedral in Portsmouth, as part of the Pastoral Area, once every two years. For further details please contact: Sharon Cole Co-ordinator: Email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Marriage

There are various Civil and Church Requirements to be fulfilled before a marriage, including firstly contacting the Parish Priest to arrange the date. There are also two very useful booklets that give details of the various statutory requirements and suggestions for appropriate readings. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation course before their wedding: this is for all engaged couples, teaching them to build a strong foundation for their married lives together. Also, The Marriage Course and Marriage Evenings are held throughout the year at St. Edward's Church; these are for married couples or couples in long term relationships and teach them to strengthen their relationship with each other. All these courses are based on the Holy Trinity Brompton Marriage Courses. Please contact Kathy Arundale on: kathyarundale@hotmail.com

Funeral planning

Canon David or one of his representatives from the parish will meet with families to arrange the readings, hymns and the order of service of the funeral with you.

Prayers:

Morning and evening prayer

Tuesdays	18:00	St Edward's
Wednesday	09:30	St Edward's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday	10:00 – 16:00	St Edward's
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Rosary

The Rosary is recited every Friday following the 12:00 Mass in St Edward's Church. Why not try this devotion to Our Lady that focuses on the mysteries of Our Lord.

Holy Hour

There is a Holy Hour held at St Edward's at 15:00 on the second Sunday of each month.

Remembrance services

These are short services of prayer, hymns and readings, held twice a year, once in May and once in November, to remember those who have died (recently or at any time in the past).

Getting involved

The following pages give information about the various groups in the parish – we are looking forward to you joining us!

Prayer and liturgy

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 - 16:00 at St Edward's. All welcome.

Altar servers

If you would like to serve at Mass, please contact Andrew Mullan (mobile number 07496506626) or Vincent O'Horo via the Parish Office on 01753 865163.

Choir/music

The parish has one choir with singers who help enhance the liturgy and sing at Mass at St Edward's and St Mark's each weekend; we always welcome new members! Rehearsals take place on the last Tuesday of the month after the 18:30 Mass. If you would more information or to be a Cantor please contact Stephen Patterson: email: sjp0563@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Sr Teresina on 01753 859529 or via the Parish Office on 01753 865163.

Morning and evening prayer

A small group meets in the Lady Chapel at St Edward's on Tuesdays for Evening Prayer at 6pm before Mass at 18:30, and on Wednesdays at 09:30 for Morning Prayer before Mass at 10:00 (except when there is a funeral). We use the prayers from the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours). Anyone is welcome to come along – no prior experience is necessary and we can guide you through the short service of hymns, psalms and scripture reading. For more information please contact Stephen Patterson: email: sjp0563@gmail.com

Mothers' prayers

This is a small group of mothers who meet monthly for fellowship and to pray for our children. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month, from 19:30-21:00 in St. Brigid's Room at St. Edwards. All are welcome. Contact: Kim at rkmgreigfamily@gmail.com

Offertory collectors

If you would like to help with the offertory collections, please contact Richard Flisher on 07443 044720 or via the Parish Office on 01753 865163.

Readers

If you would like to read at Mass, please contact Sr Teresina on 01753 859529 or via the Parish Office on 01753 865163, or Sr Patricia on mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk

Rosary prayer group

The Rosary is recited every Friday following the 12.00 Mass in St Edward's Church. Just come along and join in.

Learning more

Alpha

Alpha meets Tuesday evening after Mass, September-November, in St. Edwards Parish Centre. We are a small team of hosts and helpers, who set up the centre, make and serve meals, play live music, and chat with others at round tables. There is a weekly video and small group discussion on topics related to the "basics of Christianity" so you don't need to be an expert, just have a heart for serving others and a desire to grow in your faith through the Holy Spirit. Contact: Ryan at alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Baptism programme

To get involved in the Baptism Preparation Course, please email Deacon George Young: revgeorgeyoung@hotmail.com

Bible studies/Mass readings explained

We gather to listen to Dr. Brant Pitre, a theologian and a lecturer in a Seminary, who carries out extensive research and releases weekly videos to provide in-depth explanations on the readings for the following Sunday Mass. Having viewed and listened, the group discusses the messages about the passage. The meetings take place weekly on Thursdays at 18:30 in St Brigid's Room. For more information please contact Mohan or Maureen Chandramohan on 07517 453338 or ecmak1@aol.com

Children's Liturgy

New leaders and helpers are always needed. If you are interested in find out about this important ministry, the Co-ordinator for St Edward's is Triona Chakraborty (07733 148648) and for St Mark's is Mandy McGovern (07864-547709).

Confirmation

To get involved in the Confirmation programme, please contact:

Sharon Cole Co-ordinator: Email:

youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

First Holy Communion

To get involved in the First Holy Communion Preparation, please

contact fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Marriage preparation

To get involved in the marriage preparation programme, please

contact Kathy Arundale on: kathyarundale@hotmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is for anyone wishing to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic, being received into the Church, or being confirmed as an adult. It consists of discussion of various topics relevant to joining and participating in the Church, including the Bible, the Sacraments, prayer and the Church's year. Selected Tuesdays (not every week) at 7.15pm in St Brigid's room. Adult baptisms and confirmations usually take place at the Easter vigil. For more information, contact Stephen Patterson at sjp0563@gmail.com

Outreach and inclusion

APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith)

The APF and Mill Hill missionaries support the work of spreading the Gospel throughout the world. It is Britain's own missionary society of Priest, Brothers and associates. Please support this work by prayer, devotions and by having APF red box in your home. For further information please contact: Vic Mullan (01753 867029).

Bereavement support group

We meet on the first Thursday every other month, at 10.30am in St Edward's Parish Centre. We pray for the deceased; visit the bereaved; support funerals; and plan remembrance services. For more information, please contact: Rev George Young: bereavement@catholicwindsor.org or 01753 865163

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

CAFOD is the official relief and development agency of the Catholic Church for England and Wales (Registered Charity No: 1160384). CAFOD raises money from the Lent and Harvest Fast Days and through other fundraising events during the year, such as the Big Lent Walk. The money raised will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas. For more information please contact the parish representative at jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com

Catenians

The Catenian Association is an organisation for Catholic men to meet together for mutual friendship in a relaxed atmosphere. The Association was founded in Manchester in 1908 and today has approximately 10,000 members worldwide. Windsor Circle, which was formed in 1984, currently has 32 members drawn mainly from St Edwards and St Marks parishes. It meets at 19:15 for 19:30 on the second Monday of each month at the Parish Centre Dorset Road, Windsor SL4 3BA. This consists of a short meeting (usually about 30 minutes) followed by a dinner. We also have quarterly ladies' evenings when wives are invited and regular social and family events. New members are always welcome. Contact: Don Alphonso: donalpho@talktalk.net

Churches Together in Windsor (CTW)

The Catholic churches in Windsor are members of CTW, which aims to encourage local churches to work, worship and pray together. The Core Group prays together and plans joint activities between the member Churches, including the World Day of Prayer service (on the first Friday in March); Good Friday Witness (a walk between the churches ending in the town centre); Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (services in each church open to others); a joint service at Pentecost; the Annual Assembly in November; and Carols on the Hill (a service of lessons and carols at the statue of Queen Victoria, supported by the Band of the Household Cavalry). CTW also links the churches by newsletters and publicity of events taking place at various churches but not specifically run by CTW (e.g., Christian Aid events, concerts, quiz nights, harvest supper, messy church, talks, walks, etc). The Core Group meets four times a year, usually at the Dedworth Green Baptist Church on a Thursday morning. Contact the secretary: jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com

Communications group

The Parish Communications Team is responsible for the circulation of the Parish Newsletter, the Parish Website and the Live Streaming of Mass from St Edwards. Contact the group via the Parish Office on 01753 865163 or via Communications@catholicwindsor.org

HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust)

HCPT is a charity that take disabled and disadvantaged children on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes at Easter. Group 128 are one of the family groups based in St Edward's Parish. Helpers pay their own fares, and the group fundraises to pay the children's fares. Children from the parish have travelled with HCPT a number of times. If you would like more information or would be interested in becoming a helper, please contact Pat Burke (Group leader) through the Parish office or by email group128@hcpt.org.uk

KIT (Keeping in Touch)

Catholic Windsor KIT Group have the specific objective of welcoming and supporting Catholics who have been away for a long time and feel they have lost touch with the Church. Perhaps if you have been away from the Church for a while, you may feel a little 'out of touch'? You are warmly invited to attend a short series of lay led small group meetings where Non-churchgoing Catholics can ask questions, deal with difficulties and take a fresh look at their faith again in a welcoming, relaxed and non-judgemental atmosphere. For more information, please contact Valerie Lock at:-
keepingintouch@btinternet.com

Men's group

This is a small group of men who meet monthly to connect, pray and learn from one another in a Catholic context. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, from 18:30-20:00 in St. Brigid's Room at St. Edwards. All are welcome. Contact: Ryan at rkmgreigfamily@gmail.com

Safeguarding

A small group of parishioners ensures that we as a parish comply with all diocesan and national norms concerning the protection of our young people in the life of the community. Coordinator: Pat Burke — 01753 865163 Email: safeguarding.winde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society)

The Society was founded in 1833 and has members throughout the world. We aim to combat poverty, isolation and loneliness, particularly among the elderly, where families have moved great distances from their parents or the elderly do not have any family help. We simply "Love thy Neighbour" by visiting, chatting, befriending, shopping or taking someone shopping, going on trips outdoors, and helping with trips to medical appointments. Make someone who is lonely or in need feel part of our society! Meetings are held every 4th Monday at 18.30, in St Brigid's Room in the Parish Centre. A meeting starts and closes with our Society prayers. We have updates on our visits to beneficiaries and discuss any new requests for help to see if we have sufficient resources to assist. Our treasurer presents a short statement regarding finances and further discussions might take place on Society matters and requests, training, DBS qualifications, and planning for any events such as afternoon teas or our Christmas Day lunch.

PLEASE - We need you as a new member to help with one or two hours of your time each week, a fortnight or monthly or whatever you can spare. We need befrienders, drivers, and individuals who enjoy administration to help with running the local group - THANK YOU. For more information, please contact: Barry Thompson - President of the St Edwards and St Marks Windsor Conference - mob: 07547 514467 - email: presidentb170321@svp.org.uk

Taking Communion to the sick and housebound

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to take communion to the sick and housebound, please contact Sr Teresina on 01753 859529 or via the Parish Office on 01753 865163.

UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)

Meetings take place on alternate Tuesdays and are advertised in the Church Newsletter. The venue is in St Edward's Parish Centre unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are serious, spiritual, light-hearted - often engaging a speaker. Fundraising supports causes such as:- H.C.P.T. (Hosanna house Children's Pilgrimage Trust), CAFOD and Macmillan. For more information contact: Teresa King: 01753 867788

Windsor Christian Action (WCA)

WCA was founded as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number 1154308) in 2013 to provide assistance and ongoing support to the vulnerable of Windsor. The charity currently has 10 Trustees, 4 full/part time employees and approximately 200 volunteers. For more information: the WCA website is:

<https://windsorchristianaction.org> Contact for WCA: Geoff Hudson (Chair) geoff@windsorchristianaction.org

Homeless project/shelter:

The Homeless Project supports the homeless and vulnerable 4 days per week not only with hot meals, a shower, laundry facilities, clothing, a phone/access to the internet but, equally importantly, with access to healthcare, professional and housing/tenancy advice - all with the aim not only of addressing immediate needs but also providing a good starting place for life-rebuilding skills. On the 3 remaining days of the week (currently limited to evenings during the coldest months of the year) it provides a warm hub, a meal and companionship to those in need. This wide range of services is provided from the charity's new premises: Alma Beacon, 73A Alma Road, Windsor. Contact: Nick Roberts (Windsor Homeless Project Manager) nick@windsorhomelessproject.org.uk

Foodshare

Windsor Foodshare opened in October 2013 since when it has been run principally from Dedworth Green Baptist Church. From early February 2024, however, it has been able to offer an additional service from Alma Beacon. It came under the WCA umbrella in late 2016 and, due to the generosity of so many individuals and organisations in the town, is currently able to provide food for approximately 150 people per week, mainly referred to them by agencies such as the local authority, community wardens, GP's and church leaders. Contact: Sarah Kember (Windsor Foodshare Project Manager) manager@windsorfoodshare.org.uk

Street angels

Windsor Street Angels came into being in 2012 due to a growing awareness of the need to provide support and help to anyone on the streets of Windsor at night time and became part of WCA in 2013. Although the focus has been to help teenagers and young adults when they emerged from the pubs and clubs at the weekend and were vulnerable due to intoxication, the Street Angels have helped anyone in need who they come across in their patrols. These take place every Friday and Saturday night and at a number of local public events. Street Angels operate principally out of a Safety Hub at Windsor Baptist Church with the support of Thames Valley Police but also have a base at Alma Beacon. Contact: David Bullock (Windsor Street Angels Project Manager) David.bullock@thamesvalleypolice.uk

Welcoming, hospitality and practical support

Church cleaning

This is one of the less public ministries of the Church but provides a valuable service. We have a good band of helpers who diligently keep our Churches clean and welcoming to visitors. St Edward's: Cleaning takes place on Wednesday after 10am Mass; coordinators: Mohan and Maureen Chandramohan (01753 621307); St Mark's: Cleaning takes place on a Wednesday every 2/3 weeks; coordinator: Maggie Waddington (01753 852791)

Collection counting/finance/gift aid

If you would like to help with counting the offertory collections or other finance tasks, please contact Richard Flisher on 07443 044720 or via the Parish Office on 01753 865163.

If you pay income tax, we can claim this back (25 pence for every £1.00 you contribute). All you need to do is fill in and sign a Gift Aid Declaration form, which only includes your name and address. We do not know and do not need to know anything about your income or tax. Contributions are either in weekly envelopes or by Standing Order. For forms or envelopes please contact Vic Mullan (01753-867029).

Flowers

Flower Arranging takes place behind the scenes but would be noticeable by its absence. The flowers reflect the liturgical year; they enhance worship and prayer and bring joy to the liturgy of our Church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Margaret Vickers (St Edward's) on 01753 861187 or Kathleen Sumner (St Mark's) on 01753 859665.

Hospitality group

To offer hospitality is a strong message contained in the gospels. Our hospitality group of men and women ensures that on occasions during the year, good hospitality and welcome is delivered after Masses or for parish celebrations. Teas and coffees are served after the 11am Sunday Mass at St Edward's in the Parish Centre, and after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Mark's on the first Sunday of the month. Linda Mullan is the coordinator of this team and can be contacted on 07887-368545 or lamulla@hotmail.com

Welcomers/stewards

Stewards welcome people to Mass and can also be asked to open and lock the church, as well as being present for other services and functions that happen during the course of the year. For more information please contact Mohan or Maureen Chandramohan on 07517 453338 or ecmak1@aol.com

Youth

Faith in Action programme

The CYMFed Faith in Action Award rewards young people's active service in helping to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. Many young people are doing so much to follow Jesus' example in serving others in their schools and parishes. The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to take that service into their wider community and accept greater responsibility for their faith in action. The programme facilitates an exploration of scripture and church teaching, with an emphasis on translating this into action. It encourages young people to shine the light of faith upon their experience of service, through guided and personal reflection and a short monthly session. There are four levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants accrue credits of service in their parish/school and wider community. Contact: Sharon Cole email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Junior Leadership Team

This is a group that was created at the request of the newly confirmed young people from the 2022 Confirmation Group. They meet termly and have been supporting parish projects, helping with youth activities such as Mini Vinnies, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, and singing at the Parish Party. They arranged for a group to go to the Flame event, and all took on the challenge to attend and fundraise for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. They have lots of exciting ideas so please keep reading the newsletter. Contact: Sharon Cole email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Mini Vinnies/Youth SVP

The Mini Vinnies are literally Mini St. Vincent de Paul's. Mini Vinnies are for young people in school Year 4 or above. Mini Vinnies meet to pray, discuss and support by doing whatever they can to help make a difference in our communities. They work on the slogan See, Think & Do! SEE: The young people look to see where action is needed in the community. THINK: They then come together to talk about what they can do to help in the area they have identified. DO: They then work together to do what they have planned to help in the identified area. Contact: Sharon Cole email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Youth SVP is for young people over 11. It runs along with Mini Vinnies and the older youth mentoring/supporting/leading the younger ones. We also encourage the older ones who are undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh to come along and volunteer with us as part of the DofE award. Contact: Sharon Cole, email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindor.org

Youth catechist

We are looking for people to join a bank of Catechists. We want people with a wide range of gifts and talents to join our Youth Catechist team. We don't want you to feel tied to one ministry and appreciate that it isn't always possible or realistic to be able to come to every session of a course as a helper.

We have created the 'Youth Catechist Bank' to give us and you the opportunity to help as much or little as you are able to, working across all Youth Ministries. This includes First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Mini Vinnies, Faith in Action PJII Award, Youth outings and other ad hoc events. For further information or to request a DBS pack contact: Sharon Cole email: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org