

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28 April 2024

Thought for the Week

Christ offers us a beautiful and striking image of the vineyard when describing the intimate nature of the relationships between himself and his disciples. He is saying that his followers are to be closely united with him as to share his ideals, attitudes and concerns. The vine, with its life-giving energy, is a vibrant and dynamic image of the Christian Community. Just as the branch is dependent on the vine for food and life, we are dependent on Jesus for divine life and spiritual sustenance. John's Gospel returns again and again to the theme of belonging, emphasising the profound oneness that exists between each one of us and Christ, who is our life.

We all know that there are areas of our lives where there is 'dead wood'. which instead of producing new and more fruitful growth, is sapping our energy. We are so easily led astray, and we find ourselves thinking and acting in ways that are opposed to the Gospel. The only remedy is to be pruned and trimmed and taken back to our roots by the tender care of the divine gardener. This is not easy, yet we can be confident that God who nourishes us and directs us will be with us.

Sr Teresina

Vocation Visit: Canon John Cooke – 4/5 May

Have you asked yourself who is responsible for 'finding' your next priest? Is it Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is it down to Bishop Philip or maybe even a task for Canon David to plan for his own succession? It may surprise you to realise that the duty of fostering and supporting vocations lies with the whole Christian community. What do you do at the moment to foster and support vocations? Whilst it is important that each one of us comes to a realisation of our own personal vocation through God's plan for each one of us; our call to holiness and discipleship in Jesus' name - it is good to focus on the need for priestly vocations in our Diocese. I hope that our visit to you highlighting vocations will be memorable, that it stirs up a fresh enthusiasm in the parish for praying for vocations, for actively encouraging vocations and for being open to the possibility of exploring a God-given call. And who knows, it may be the start of a journey towards the priesthood for one of your parish members sat in the pews this weekend. We can all play a part in God's Divine plan because the Holy Spirit works through each one of us.

Canon John will be available before and after the Masses on 4/5 May. He will be sharing a Homily reflection on Vocations asking you to pray for vocations, primarily by joining the Vocation prayer network and using their Rosary books.

Mass Times & Intentions 27 April – 5 May

Sat 27	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Karl Perkins & Gabriela Zemberova - INT
Mon 29	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 30	18:30	Pauline & Tony Thorney - INT
Wed 01	09:00	Luis Coutinho - RIP
Thur 02	10:00	Johanna Rogers RIP (St Edward's) - Funeral
Fri 03	12:00	Nora Golec RIP - Funeral
Sat 04	18:00	Vernon Tattersfield - RIP
Sun 05	09:30	Tim O'Riordan - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 27 April – 5 May

Sat 27	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic 6
Sun 28	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Wed 01	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 02	11:00	Bereavement Group - P/C
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 04	10:00	The Road to Priesthood - by Francis Ezeani
Sun 05	12:00	Tea & 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 01	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Adoration of the 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

Save the Date - Parish Party!

The annual Parish Party will take place on **Sunday 9 June** from 12:00 – 15:00.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Karl and Gabriela who are celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary this Wednesday, 1 May.

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Save the Date - Youth Event - Sat 14 September

There will be an event for young people aged 13 - 30! Led by the [One Hope Project](#). It will be a day of worship/workshops and fun finding your faith. Starting **11:30 until 17:00 at St Edward's**. Check out the One Hope Project here: <https://lorettouk.charitysuite.com/events/tzdtabr>
More information and bookings will follow shortly.

Refurbishment of St Mark's Church

Work on St Mark's Church began on Monday 15 April this will take approximately five to eight weeks. During this time, there will be Sunday Mass in St Mark's at 09:30. However, the Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's.

Volunteers for cleaning - St Mark's

We are looking for volunteers to clean the Church on a Saturday afternoon, in time for Mass on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for anyone who can volunteer.

Talk – 'The Road to Priesthood' by Francis Ezeani

Windsor: St Edward's Church, Saturday 4 May @ 10:00
Maidenhead: St Edmund Campion Church, Monday 6 May @ 10:00 (after the 9:30 am Mass)
St Joseph's Church, Tuesday 7 May @ 10:30 (after the 10:00 am Mass)
Twyford: St. Thomas More Church, Monday 13 May @ 19:00

Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot - Sunday 19 May - Friday 24 May 2024

A **Week of Accompanied Prayer** may be the special retreat time just for you! Do you find yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying? Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?

Who is this week for?

For YOU. It is like a "mini retreat in daily life" just 5 days, led by professionally trained Retreat Guides.

The week at a glance:

- Sunday 19 May at 17:00 a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting.
- Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you.
- Friday 24 May at 18:30 a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.

Visiting Group

We're going to re-establish, the visiting group we had before Covid came! The purpose of this group is to reach out to resting Catholics within our community, to remind them that we are thinking of them and invite them to be a full part of our community. If you would like to know more about the purpose of this visiting group and what would be required, then please speak to Fr David or contact Lisa King on lisafranklin730@gmail.com

UMC Meeting

Katie Regan is going to speak about Artemisia Gentileschi, an Italian artist of the Baroque period at our meeting, in the Parish Centre, on 30 April at 10:30.

Pastoral Area

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

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

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.

Safeguarding Training

Following new guidance from the diocese, anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister is required to complete online Safeguarding training (level 2).

Please register for the training at:

<https://training.catholic safeguarding.org.uk> and choose level 2.

Please email the Parish Safeguarding Rep Pat Burke at:

safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org to confirm completion of the training. *Thank You*

CAFOD: Sudan Crisis Appeal

After a year of war, people in Sudan need urgent help to supply water, food and medicine. Please help by:

- **donating online** (<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>);
- **buying a World Gift** (<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or 08081400014);
- **giving in memory of a loved one** (remembrance@cafod.org.uk or 03033033030)
- **giving as you shop online:** (<https://cafod.org.uk/give/other-ways-to-give>)
- **donating/recycling unwanted items** (<https://www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org/individual-donors/> or 08006335323 for jewellery, currency, stamps, gadgets etc., or <https://www.therecyclingfactory.com/cafod/> or 08000910696 for inkjet cartridges).

World Communications Day 12 May 2024

The Second Collection for World Communications Day assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024>

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Johanna Rogers - Her funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Thursday 2 May.

Nora Golec - Her funeral will take place at 12:00 at St Edward's on Friday 3 May.

Hazel Wearing - Her funeral will take place at 12:00 at St Edward's on Friday 10 May.

Elisa Riccoboni - Her funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Wednesday 15 May.

Andrew McCarthy - His funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Thursday 16 May.