

## **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 June 2024**

### **Thought for the Week**

We all read/hear and remember the Gospels in diverse ways. For some, the events of Christ's life are most vivid, particularly his Incarnation and his Passion, for others it is the miracles: the raising of Lazarus or the feeding the 5,000 but then there are the stories; the parables. This week we have two from Mark's Gospel; the Parables of the Grain Growing and of the Mustard Seed which flourishes into a great bush that can give shade to the birds of the air. In both, the miracle of nature and creation, the plant growing while the farmer sleeps and rises night and day without understanding how, and the tiny mustard seed, are eloquent and accessible, as parables should be - simple stories used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

Some parables – the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son - guide and teach about compassion, love, forgiveness, mercy and care for others; this week's stories speak of faith and the Kingdom of God. They tell how our faith can grow and the benefits of that growth. Using examples that were commonplace to just about everyone in a largely agrarian society, Jesus speaks of imperceptible development (the growing crop) from small beginnings (the mustard seed) and celebrates the result - the harvest and the shelter for the birds. For both harvest and shelter to be ready, time is needed. Just as the plants need to grow - being watered by the rain and warmed by the sun - our individual faith also needs warmth and watering, especially from prayer. While growth in faith is personal for each one of us, a single ear of wheat will not yield enough flour for a single loaf; however growth in us all across our community will yield a rich harvest that can feed many. So long as we let our little faith grow, so too will the Kingdom of God.

*Stephen Patterson*

### **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

## **Mass Times & Intentions 15 - 23 June**

Sat 15	18:00	Betty Ballantine - RIP
Sun 16	09:30	Doreen Russell - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP
Mon 17	10:00	Brendan Noctor - RIP - <b>FUNERAL</b>
Tue 18	18:30	Shirley McLoughlin - RIP
Wed 19	10:00	People of the Parish
Thur 20	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 21	12:00	Florence Matwiejcyk - INT
Sat 22	18:00	Francesco & Teresina Iapichino - RIP
Sun 23	09:30	Sheila Clare - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

## **Parish Diary 15 - 23 June**

Sat 15	10:30	Baptisms - Penelope Borg Cardona & Maximilian Davies
Sun 16	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptisms - Carraig Byrne, Sasha Wells & Joshua Jendrzewski
Tue 18	10:30	UCM Planning Meeting - P/C
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Wed 19	10:00	Newly Ordained Priests Meeting - P/C
	18:00	First School New Parents Meeting - P/C
Thur 20	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 22	10:00	'Catholic Voice for the Election' - P/C
Sun 23	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C

## **Morning & Evening Prayer**

Tue 18	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 19	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

## **Offertory**

S/O-D/D £1,848.08 - Envelopes £233.00 - Loose £ 753.25

## **Pray As You Go - App**

This is a very useful 'App' to download on your phone. It gives a small piece of scripture to pray through. A useful way to pray the scriptures every day.

## **Fr David's Diary**

Tues 18	11:00	Department of Clergy - Sandhurst
Wed 19	10:00	Recently Ordained priests gathering P/C
Thur 20	10:30	Cathedral Chapter Portsmouth

## **Interfaith**

In our diocese we have an Interfaith Group who try to foster dialogue and good practice with those of other faiths. Over the years they have organised conferences and talks. We have been asked to have a representative from the Pastoral Area to be the link person. If you would be interested in knowing more or volunteering please Contact Fr David.

**Catholic Windsor - website** [www.catholicwindsor.org](http://www.catholicwindsor.org)

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## Prepare Ye The Way. . . to the General Election

Please ensure you have registered to vote in the General Election **by 18 June 2024**. As a Catholic, Christian Community, Pope Francis, Cardinal Vincent Nichols & the Bishops of England & Wales remind us of our Duty and Obligation to uphold our Teaching and Principles by representing our views to the Candidates in our Civic Elections. Come listen to Fr Kevin's talk on **A Catholic Voice on the issues in our forthcoming election** on Saturday 22 June in the Parish Centre at 10:00. All Welcome

## Ordination – Stephen Patterson

Stephen's Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in **Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 27 July at 11:00** - all are welcome. A coach has been booked to take anyone who would like to go to the Mass and reception afterwards. The suggested donation towards the cost of the coach is £15 a head. If you would like to travel on the coach, please contact Lisa Franklin as soon as possible, via email [lisafranklin730@gmail.com](mailto:lisafranklin730@gmail.com), (07769 249568), alternatively contact the Parish Office.

Many parishioners have been asking how to contribute to Stephens's Ordination to the diaconate – we have therefore set up a 'giveasyoulive' page for those who wish to contribute this way.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/collection-for-stephen-patterson>

## Parish Outreach Group

We are hoping to form a small group of people between the communities of Ascot and Windsor to reach out to every household in our parishes. To find out more about this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes, please come to a short information meeting on **25 June in St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor, at 19:00 (there will be a follow-up meeting in Ascot)**. If you cannot make this date but would like to be a part of the group, please contact the Parish Office.

## Save the Date – Concert

There will be a concert by 'Duo Amie,' a Boston based Cello and Piano duo - Julie Reimann (cello) and Ellyses Kuan (piano) including works by Saint Saens and Mussorgsky at St Edward's Church on **Monday 8 July** at 19:00. More information to follow.

## Catholic Schools

The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please open the link and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required).

Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

## Ring Found

A ring has been handed in, which was lost after Mass on Sunday 9 June outside the Church, possibly at the Summer Party. Please contact the Parish Office.

## Pastoral Area

### St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

You can log on to the website for a copy of the newsletter:

[www.stfranciscot.co.uk](http://www.stfranciscot.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.*

## Parish Summer Party

The **Summer Party Team** would like to thank everyone for all the donations and unsung heroes who gave their time, talents and helped to support the event . . . too many to mention! Also a very big thank you from the **Hospitality Team** for all those who donated food/drink etc. The various dishes savoury and sweet were enjoyed by all and made a delicious and very colourful display.

## Raffle Prize Winning Numbers

There are some raffle prizes yet to be claimed. They can be picked up from the Parish Office in St Brigid's Room, between 09:00 – 14:00 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Ticket No. **215** Lynda. Other tickets plus serial number.

**80** (329916) **330** (192290) **49** (329916) **47** (3229916)

**336** (192290).

## Special Collection – The Day for Life

There will be a special collection at all the Masses this weekend, which focuses on the issue of Assisted Suicide. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. Link to Second Collection Day for Life fundraising page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2024>

## Vacancy - St Edward's Middle School ([www.sterf.org.uk](http://www.sterf.org.uk))

Design & Food Technology Technician required for Co-educational 9-13. Permanent / Part- time contract. Closing Date: Friday 28 June - Ph: 01753 867809 e-mail: [Vacancies@sterf.org.uk](mailto:Vacancies@sterf.org.uk)

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, whose funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Brendan Noctor:** 10:00 at St Edward's on 17 June.

**Thomas Mphanza:** 10:30 at St Edward's on 26 June.

**Frances Wetherall:** 11:00 at St Edward's on 3 July.

**Martin Mulkerrins:** 10:00 at St Edward's on 10 July.