

*The Parish Church of*  
**SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**  
*Burgess Hill*

*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**  
**SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**  
**PATRONAL FESTIVAL and GIFT DAY**

**6.00 p.m.** (Saturday evening)  
**Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**10.00 a.m.** **PARISH MASS**  
*with Kidz Zone*



Today, we celebrate our Patronal Festival - the feast of St. Edward the Confessor, who as king of England was known for his compassion and generosity.

Today is also the occasion of our annual GIFT DAY, when each of us is called to consider our own response to the gift of generosity.

Our Gospel reading today is a challenge to all of us with regard to our own attitude towards authority and our following of Jesus. We pray that we, like St. Edward would be humble.

THANK YOU to everyone who came into church to pray during our Vigil of Prayer yesterday and to all those who have given generous gifts for our annual Gift Day today. Deo Gratius.

## WELCOME

*to everyone gathered here today.*

*We bid a special welcome to any newcomers and visitors to St. Edward's this morning.*

**Coffee and tea** will be served at the back of the church after the Parish Mass. Do please stay and share in this time of fellowship together.

**LUNCH** in celebration of **our Patronal Festival** and **Gift Day** will be served at **12.30 p.m.** in the church hall. *Please remember to supply your own drink!!!*

**THANK YOU** to all those who have been preparing and cooking our Parish Lunch today and to all those who will be serving us. We are all very grateful indeed!

May our celebration today be one of JOY and THANKSGIVING for all that the Lord has been doing among us this past year. St. Edward's is a very different church to what it was – a church where QUALITY rather than quantity matters and where faith and spirituality is deepened and nurtured.

**Thank you** to everyone who came and supported Jack and Di at the Funeral Mass of our dear Joy last Friday. It was a very moving Mass yet also joyful in celebration of a long life well spent. May she rest in peace.

**Thank you** also to all those who came and supported our Confirmation Candidates last Sunday evening at 'The Point'. It was really great to see so many people from St. Edward's there and I know that our candidates felt so supported and up-held in prayer. *(The 'do' in the Woolpack was good too!)*

**THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who has contributed to our **GIFT DAY** this morning. Please place your gift in the 'font' which today is placed in the middle of the aisle towards the back of the church. YOUR gifts will be brought forward at the offertory and offered at the altar. The gifts will be counted during this coming week and we will be able to announce how much was raised through the Gift Day next Sunday morning

**Father Denis** is on holiday from Thursday evening.

During his absence if there is need for a priest, please contact Father Clay (01444 254429).

While Father Denis is away, all the services at St. Edward's will be as usual – **except** the Thursday morning Mass.

The **Vigil Mass** on Saturday evenings will continue for the first two Sundays – but not the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Please pray that Fr Denis will have a good holiday and rest (he has not had a single Sunday off since September 2013!) and will come back to a church that has been faithful at the altar during his absence.

The **Churchyard Gardeners** will be 'at work' tomorrow morning and would welcome your help and support!

### PRAYER & CARE

For **Jack** and **Di** in their loss.

For **Fr. Denis** – for a good holiday and that he would return refreshed and renewed.

Please pray for the **SICK**

**Chris Reeve** - undergoing treatment for leukaemia

**Steve Brooker** - diagnosed with spinal tumours

**Grace Atkins** (aged 8) with Leukaemia

**Ian Dennison** - that his recent treatment may be successful

**John Moore** – very unwell in hospital

**Terry Monk** having treatment for cancer now undergoing chemotherapy

**Kathy Sadler**- Going through a phase of many tests again.

**Trish Williams** battling cancer of the pituitary

**Fletcher Mepham** age 6 battling cancer and his family Sarah, Antony and Louis

**Libby Trotter** (age 11) battling cancer and for her family Clare, Scott and Abby

**Recently departed: Joy Tucker-Hawkins**

**Anniversary of death:**

Evelyn Goddard (Sunday)

Alfred Maillardet, Herbert Dines (Monday)

Marion Deacon (Wednesday)

Edie King, Fred Brownell (Friday)

# *The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor*

- MONDAY:**            *Father Denis has Monday as his 'day-off'*  
Churchyard Gardeners from 9.00 a.m.
- 'Saints Alive' Home Group at 39 West Park Crescent  
at 7.30 p.m.
- TUESDAY:**        **MASS at 10.30 a.m.** - with the Ministry of Prayer for  
Healing and Wholeness
- Home Group for Men** at 7 Bramble Gardens  
at 7.30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:**    **Home Group** at 39 West Park Crescent  
at 1.00 p.m.
- Home Group** at 83 West Street  
at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:**     **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- FRIDAY:**         **MASS at 7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:**     **VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY** at 6.00 p.m.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

### *The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.00 p.m.        (Saturday evening) Vigil Mass of Sunday

**10.00 a.m.    PARISH MASS**

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Clay Knowles

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