

Trinity Sunday-26 May 2024

Thought for the Week

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, affirming our belief in one God living through three divine persons. To understand the Trinity is to understand the revelation of God to us, in the form of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It offers us a relational model of community, sharing, belonging and mutual love in our relationships.

Many of us say we believe in the Trinity, but do we really? Regularly we pray, 'Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.' Can we even imagine it? All of our metaphors are simply words trying to grasp the reality of God that can only be experienced. The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich experienced the Trinity in her multiple visions ('showings') of God during a near-death illness.

This model of communion and equality of three-in-one can also be a challenge because our culture values individualism over community; champions 'my' rights over the common good. Too often the focus is on separation, boundaries, building walls instead of bridges. Walls separate, bridges unite.

When we say the Trinity is 'mystery' we're using the term in the sense that it is inexhaustible, so profound, so rich and deep that it can never be explained fully, but only experienced with our hearts.

Many of you will be familiar with the beautiful icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev, depicting the visit of three 'angels' to Abraham (Gen.18:1-33). Abraham sees them not as ordinary folk but as God visiting him – the three form a bridge into the oneness of God. This icon is seen as a mirror of the Trinity.

When we enter into the mystery of the Trinity, we can no longer exclude other people. All are loved equally and all are valued by God. As a community of love, we are invited to be part of it, to share in it and to experience God's unconditional love for the whole of humanity, and for all God's creation.

Sr Patricia Mulhall csb

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 25 May – 2 June

Sat 25	18:00	Danny Wood - RIP
Sun 26	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Mon 27	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 28	18:30	Jean Stonehouse - RIP
Wed 29	10:00	Maureen & Brendan Cantwell - RIP
Thur 30	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 31	12:00	Holy Souls Visit of Relic of St Edmund Campion
Sat 01	18:00	Jackie & Frank McElroy - 30 th Anniversary
Sun 02	09:30	Tim O' Riordan - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 25 May – 2 June

Sun 26	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptisms - Olivia McCormack, Valentina Bowen Mateo
Tue 28	10:30	UCM Meeting - Talk by Fr Kevin - P/C
	18:30	SVP Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:15	RCIA - P/C
Thur 30	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sun 02	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Confirmation plus refreshments in P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 28	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 29	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O-D/D £1,848.08 - Envelopes £173.71 - Loose £ 578.81

The Prayer of Examen

1. Recall things for which you are grateful and give thanks.
2. Review the day looking for signs of God's presence.
3. Call to mind things for which you are sorry.
4. Ask for forgiveness.
5. Ask for the grace to see God the following day.

Confirmation

Bishop Philip is coming to Confirm our candidates on Sunday 2 June at 15:00 at St Edward's.

Repository

There are Confirmation cards available in the Repository after the Masses each Saturday and Sunday.

Catholic Windsor - website www.catholicwindsor.org

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UCM Meeting

Fr Kevin, a Mill Hill priest, will address members of Windsor and Ascot UCM in the Parish Centre at 10:30 am on Tuesday 28 May. His theme will be Our Lady. Parishioners welcome.

St Edward's Windsor, Organist

Part time, self-employed.

St Edward's RC Parish Windsor - a vibrant and busy faith community - seeks an organist to play at the Parish Church and to build and support music in the churches of the parish. The parish has a long standing and enthusiastic group of singers with a wide range of talent and is keen to expand their skills and musical repertoire at Mass each weekend, and celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

Reporting will be to the Parish Priest. Application forms and full details are available from:

spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 7 June 2024.

Summer Party June 9 2024, 12:00 - 15:00

Parishioners OLD and NEW are all invited to the Parish Summer Party.

Volunteers are needed in the areas below, all ages can sign up, there are jobs for everyone.

Collecting tables - setting up - clearing away - helping with activities on the day - car park organisers - welcomers - helping with hospitality and many other roles to cover.

Please consider offering some of your time to support the event and help make it a great success.

If you have any talents to offer or suggestions for the day these will be gratefully received as this is an inclusive parish event, so please make contact via email or after each Mass.

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

St Edward's 18:00 & St Marks 9:30 Mass - Mandy or the welcomers

St Edward's 11:00 Mass - Please see Lawrence, Frances or Triona

Just 2 Weeks left - Donations Urgently Needed

At each Mass we are **collecting donations** for the Parish Party Raffle - Tombola - bottles for our wine or water game and anything that you feel might be suitable.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Cleaner required for the Friary in Ascot

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner to look after the priest's house in Ascot and some of the parish rooms. The role is for six hours a week. For further details, please contact the Parish Office.

Using our Catholic voice in the General Election

CAFOD and the SVP are inviting people to reach out to local candidates to find out more about their views on the issues that we, as people of faith, care about. This initiative is not about political affiliations, it's about participation and promoting the common good. CAFOD have resources on their website at <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters> including briefings on poverty and the cost of living crisis, migration and asylum, the global food system, climate, debt cancellation, human rights, aid and international development, and inequalities. Let's be as well informed as possible when we cast our votes.

Pastoral Area

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

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

www.stfranciscascot.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.

Save the Date - Youth Event - Sat 14 September

There will be an event for young people aged 13 - 30! Led by 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.

Part time Receptionist/Admin Assistant

St Edward's Middle school have the above vacancy. For more information please see: www.sterf.uk

email: vacancies@sterf.org.uk or call 01753 869869. Closing date Monday 3 June at 09:00.

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 achieve this we will focus on three or four roads every week and will deliver a card to every home saying:

This week, the Catholic Church in Windsor and Ascot will be praying for you. We will light a candle at the Lady Altar and pray for you on Sunday in the Bidding Prayers.

If you would wish to speak to anyone or be visited, then feel free to contact our parish. If you would like your house to be blessed, then please contact the parish.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes then please either come to the information evening on **25 June at St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor, the follow-up meeting will be in Ascot. It will be a short meeting beginning at 19:00.** (There is the option of coming to Mass at 18:30 before). If you cannot make this date but would like to be a part of the group, please contact either Parish Office or just turn up at the meeting.

Caritas - Do Justice: A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal

We are inviting parish communities to 'see' the needs of their local area and consider how the Gospel might call us to respond. We are also regularly updating our website with resources on other topical issues that you can view here: <https://dojustice.co.uk/resources/downloads/>

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret Hegarty, Philomena (Phyllis) Atkins, Mary Knibbs, Frances Wetherall. Funeral details will follow.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Thomas Mphanza**, His funeral will take place at 10:30 at St Edward's on 26 June.