

Pentecost Sunday - 19 May 2024

Thought for the Week

I always enjoy the Pentecost Sunday reading from the Acts of the Apostles; it is so easy to immerse oneself in the scene. We get a real sense of the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, a city buzzing with the gathering of peoples for the celebration of Pentecost, *Shavuot* from across the Near East and around the Mediterranean. The Feast of Pentecost was when the first fruits of the harvest, following the instructions to Moses, were presented with great ceremony and rejoicing in the temple. Think of the smells and the sounds, the flashes of colours, the exotic fabrics, the traders with their goods and animals (no feast would be without the opportunity to do business). We can get a real feel of the variety of ethnicities and peoples represented, each with their different costume and looks, each with their own language. In spite of the differences, all heard the Apostles repeat the call of the Holy Spirit, inspired as they were by their wonderful experience of the rushing wind and what appeared to be tongues of flame. Languages, looks and customs may appear to separate but the Spirit unites, this is as true today as on that first Pentecost; the language of the Spirit transcends differences and brings peoples together as we happily see in our parish community.

The first fruits of the Holy Spirit were those who heard God's word that morning in their own tongue; let us be the disciples of our own time spreading the same spirit through our words and deeds.

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

Refurbishment of St Marks Church

Happily, work on St Mark's Church is continuing. During this time, there will be Sunday Mass at St Mark's at 09:30. The Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's.

Mass Times & Intentions 18 – 26 May

Sat 18	18:00	Pat Brook - RIP
Sun 19	09:30	Jock Cooper - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 20	10:00	Canon Gerard Hetherington - INT
Tue 21	18:30	Jennifer Weed - RIP
Wed 22	10:00	Adrian Franke - RIP
Thur 23	10:00	Ann & Steve Barry - INT
Fri 24	12:00	Sr Margaret - RIP
Sat 25	18:00	Danny Wood - RIP
Sun 26	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP

Parish Diary 18 - 26 May

Sat 18	10:30	First Holy Communion Mass - plus refreshments in P/C
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 19	11:00	Baptism - Joseph Panzarino
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Hallie Quinn
Sun 19 - 24		Week of Accompanied Prayer
Tue 21	19:00	Choir Practice
Sun 26	12:15	Baptisms - Olivia McCormack, Valentina Bowen Mateo
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 21	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 22	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O-D/D £1,848.08 - Envelopes £105.00 - Loose £524.19
World Communications £393.66

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.

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those who have made their First Holy Communion this year. Thanks to our wonderful team of catechists. In particular, thanks to Penny King, who is now stepping down from this role, after giving 20 years of dedicate service to the young people of our parish. Thank you Penny.

Repository

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

Week of Accompanied Prayer

A group of parishioners from across the Pastoral Area will take part in the Week of Accompanied Prayer from 19 – 24 May. Please pray for them and their prayer guides who will support them.

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, 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 greatly received as this is an inclusive parish event so please make contact via email or after each Mass.

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

St Edwards 18:00 & St Marks 9:30 Mass – Welcomers

St Edwards 11:00 Mass – Please see Triona.

Donations Needed

From this weekend we will be **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.

Pastoral Area

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

You can log on to the 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.

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.org

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 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.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret Hegarty

Philomena (Phyllis) Atkins

Mary Knibbs

Funeral details will follow.