

Corpus Christi – 2 June 2024

Thought for the Week

I think the most important thing we can do on the Feast of Corpus Christi is not to explain some aspect of the Eucharist but to be in awe and wonder and marvel at this great mystery and presence. This feast was born in Belgium in the early 13th century. Pope Urban IV extended it to the whole Church in 1264. Why was it necessary to institute a new feast? Doesn't the Church recall the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday? Doesn't she celebrate it every Sunday and weekday? Corpus Christi was the first feast whose object was not to celebrate an event in the life of Christ, but a truth of faith - that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. Body, soul and divinity, Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine.

Pope Francis often speaks at the importance of 'Wasting time adoring' Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. He says, 'It is good to adore in silence before the most Blessed Sacrament, to be in the consoling presence of Jesus, and to draw the apostolic impetus to be instruments of goodness, tenderness and welcome in the community the Church, and the world'.

Every Friday from 10:00 until 16:00 we have Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament in St Edward's Church. I'm pleased so many are committed to come and spend time here before Our Lord. But I must admit, I do wonder why more do not come. Why not consider calling into the Church and spending a little time. Time spent this way will enable us to do all the things that we are called to do – and to do them with greater love.

Canon David Hopgood

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

Confirmation

Bishop Philip is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates this Sunday **2 June at 15:00** at St Edward's.

Mass Times & Intentions 1 – 9 June

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| 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 First Holy Communion children - Presentation to the Parish at all Masses this weekend |
| Sun 02 | 15:00 | Confirmation Mass - St Edward's |
| Mon 03 | 10:00 | Eucharistic Service |
| Tue 04 | 18:30 | Margaret Hegarty - RIP |
| Wed 05 | 09:30 | Rilia Carvalho - INT First Holy Communion Children from the First School attending Mass |
| Thur 06 | 10:00 | Irene & Geoff Dorrett - INT |
| Fri 07 | 12:00 | Ronald D'Souza - RIP |
| Sat 08 | 18:00 | Margaret Leavy - RIP |
| Sun 09 | 09:30 | Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP - St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | People of the Parish |

Parish Diary 1 - 9 June

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| Sun 02 | 10:30 | Tea & Coffee - St Mark's |
| | 12:00 | Tea & Coffee - P/C |
| | 12:15 | Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room |
| | 15:00 | Confirmation - St Edward's + P/C |
| Tue 04 | 19:15 | Talk by Fr Kevin Hughes, Jubilee Year - P/C |
| Wed 05 | 19:00 | Pastoral Area Meeting - St Francis, Ascot |
| | 19:30 | Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room |
| Thur 06 | 18:30 | Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room |
| Sat 08 | 10:30 | Training Session for Readers - St Edward's |
| Sun 09 | 12:00 | SUMMER PARTY |

Morning & Evening Prayer

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| Tue 04 | 18:00 | Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's |
| Wed 05 | | No Morning Prayer |

Offertory

S/O-D/D £1,848.08 - Envelopes £336.52 - Loose £ 669.29

First School

We welcome our First Holy Communion children from St Edward's First School to celebrate with us at Mass on **Wednesday 5 June at 09:30.**

Congratulations – Diamond Wedding

Please remember in your prayers Irene and Geoff Dorrett who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 6 June.

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St Edward's Windsor, Organist

St Edward's RC Parish Windsor 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. 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

YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org or after each Mass: St Edward's 18:00 & St Mark's 9:30 Mass - Mandy or the welcomers and 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.

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/>

Our Catholic voice in the general election

CAFOD and the SVP have produced a guide about how to raise issues of poverty and injustice with your parliamentary candidates over the next five weeks before the General Election on 4 July ([Click to download General Election leaflet](#)). This includes short 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, and suggested questions to ask. More detailed briefings on these issues are available at [Call for action - Your Parish and the General Election](#). We can ask questions as individuals or as a small group within the parish – CAFOD will have a template email that will send a message to all the candidates (available from around 10 June, once the political parties have finalised their candidates). Please contact jacobyvpatterson@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved in a small group to raise these issues with the candidates.

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 – Concert

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

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.

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.

Deceased

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

Mary Knibbs: 13:30 at Slough Crematorium on 14 June.

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.

Also **Margaret Hegarty** and **Philomena (Phyllis) Atkins**, whose funeral details will follow.