

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9 June 2024

Thought for the Week

In the First Reading, we see the pathetic efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves on to the serpent, and even on to God himself. We also see the consequences of sin; loss of intimacy to God, and a breakdown between man and woman - the man betrays the woman. It is not God who has changed but the man and woman. However, the sad scene ends with a promise of salvation.

The Gospel shows the promise of salvation as being fulfilled in Jesus. He overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God. For those who believe in him, and do the will of God, a new kinship is formed.

Mark highlights the frustrations Jesus has to contend with. His relatives, worried about the direction his life had taken, wanted to bring him back home. Then there is the argument with the Scribes concerning the source of Jesus's healing power. While the ordinary people recognised the God-given nature of Jesus's power, the Scribes put a horrible spin on Jesus's healing miracles, perversely claiming that it was through the power of the devil that he did these deeds. This shows the sheer hardness of heart of the Scribes.

At first Jesus tries to reason with them, but with little success. Such people are not open to the truth. Then he warns them against committing the gravest sin of all, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, the sin of deliberately twisting the good so that it is made to look bad.

For those who believe in him, and who do God's will, a new kinship is formed and a new intimacy with God becomes possible. As a result of what he did, we are not just God's creatures, but members of God's family. A new bond is formed between us - thus the old divisions are overcome.

Deacon George

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

Sacrament of the Sick

This will take place on **Friday 14 June** during the 12:00 Mass.

Mass Times & Intentions 8 - 16 June

Sat 08	18:00	Margaret Leavy - RIP
Sun 09	09:30	Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 10	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 11	18:30	Fiona Wade - RIP
Wed 12	10:00	Thomas Reilly - RIP
Thur 13	09:00	Isobel Young - RIP
Fri 14	12:00	Philip Ayrton-Grime - RIP
Sat 15	18:00	Betty Ballantine - RIP
Sun 16	09:30	Doreen Russell - St Mark's
	11:00	Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP

Parish Diary 8 - 16 June

Sat 08	10:30	Training Session for Readers - St Edward's
Sun 09	12:00	Parish Summer Party after Mass
Mon 10	18:30	Catenians - P/C
Tue 11	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:00	RCIA Gathering - P/C
Wed 12	18:00	Confirmation Group - P/C
	18:30	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room
Thur 13	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 15	09:30	Catechists Gathering - P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Penelope Borg-Cardona & Maximilian Davies
	14:00	Wedding - Judy Johnson & Jeswin Pynadath
Sun 16	09:30	Baptism - Joshua Jendrzewski
	12:00	Tea & Coffee P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Carraig Byrne & Sasha Wells

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 11	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 12	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O-D/D £1,848.08 - Envelopes £192.03 - Loose £ 712.85

First Holy Communion – Presentation to Parish

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communion children and their families on receiving Holy Communion for the first time at Mass in May. Your catechists are very proud of you - well done.

As previously mentioned, candidates will have another opportunity to wear their First Holy Communion outfits when they are presented to the Parish during Mass held this coming weekend, the 8 and 9 June.

Candidates need only attend one Mass, **Saturday 18:00** at St Edward's or **Sunday 09.30** at St Mark's or **Sunday 11:00** at St Edward's. We look forward to seeing you at one of the Masses.

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

The weekend of the summer party has finally arrived - dust off the sunglasses as weather is looking good - come along and catch up with old friends and make some new ones. If you can, bring a dish of whatever your speciality may be, a bowl of salad or a cake to share. Food will also be provided, so don't let anything keep you away!

We are also accepting donations on the day. Any questions please email YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

UCM Meeting

Angela Brench will enlighten members about St Ignatius of Loyola, in the Parish Centre, at 10:30, on the **11 June**. All welcome.

Catechists Gathering - June 15, 2024

We will be holding a gathering for Catechists led by Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. The morning will start in the Parish Centre promptly at 09:30 and end at 12:30 followed by lunch. If you are a Catechist or are interested in becoming one and working with children: young people, children's liturgy, youth ministry etc. please come along. For more information please email: YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Ordination – Stephen Patterson

Stephen's Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in Portsmouth Cathedral on **27 July at 11:00** - all are welcome. We are exploring the possibility of hiring a coach to take as many as possible to the service (*there will be a small charge*). If you would like to travel on the coach please email: lisafranklin730@gmail.com as soon as possible, or contact the Parish Office.

Wintershall Life of Christ Production

Re-enactment of the Life of Christ at Wintershall on **Thursday 20 June**. This immersive drama will take you back in time to witness the childhood, miracles and teaching of Jesus. Transport departs Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale at 08:00 and returns by 17:00. Cost is £39.50 (paid in advance). Bring a packed lunch for a picnic. Space is limited – 01344 756806 Sue.

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. To find out more about this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes, please come to a short information meeting on **25 June at 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.

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.

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 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/>

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.