

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 August 2024**

**Thought for the Week**

Today's Gospel passage follows on from the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Whilst the people's physical hunger had been satiated, they were still looking for "signs," being unable to recognise in their minds and hearts the miracle that had been worked and therefore unable to recognise who Jesus is. Jesus reminds them that, as we heard in our First Reading today, it was God who gave his people the Manna in the desert – the bread from heaven that sustained them on their journey to the promised land. In the same way, he gives his people, then and now, "the true bread... which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." That bread is the bread of life – Jesus himself.

When we open ourselves to receiving Jesus in our lives, something amazing happens. As Jesus says, "He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." He is talking here not so much of transient physical hunger and thirst but of the deep spiritual need we have as human beings to be close to God. Jesus is Immanuel, God-with-us: he came among us to enable us to come close once more to his Father.

At every Mass, Jesus continues to give himself for us as the perfect sacrifice and the bread of heaven who brings us eternal life: let us always recognise him as our Lord and Saviour, the One our world so urgently needs. Let us worship him and receive him with renewed faith, so that we can proclaim him ever more effectively in the world today.

*Fr Phillip*

<b>Date 3 – 11 Aug</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intentions St Edwards &amp; St Marks</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi</b>
<b>Sat 03</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>18:00</b>	In Thanksgiving	<b>10:00</b> <b>12:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	Baptism - Gabriel Poulsen
<b>Sun 04</b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	People of the Parish - <b>St Marks</b> Rudi Darmanin - RIP	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	People of the Parish Eileen Berkeley RIP
<b>Mon 05</b> <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	<b>10:00</b>	Margaret Tull - RIP		No Mass
<b>Tues 06</b> <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	<b>18:30</b>	Anthony Degiovani - RIP	<b>18:30</b>	
<b>Wed 07</b> <i>St Sixtus II</i>	<b>10:00</b>	Peadar Turnulty - RIP	<b>10:00</b>	Camelia Adela - INT
<b>Thur 08</b> <i>St Dominic</i>	<b>10:00</b>	Holy Souls - <b>St Marks</b>	<b>18:30</b>	Moira Wearn - INT
<b>Fri 09</b> <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	<b>12:00</b>	Thomas Brydges - RIP	<b>10:00</b>	Holy Souls - RIP
<b>Sat 10</b> <i>St Laurence</i>	<b>18:30</b>	Konrad Glowa, Family - RIP	<b>10:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 11</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	Tim O'Riordan - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b> Lawrence Dyke - RIP	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	Agnes & Jimmy Rowland - RIP Berkeley deceased members - RIP

**Pastoral Area Prayer**

*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*

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 3 August	11:00 - 11:30 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 4 August	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September
Mon 5 August		No event		No event
Tues 6 August	10:00 18:00 18:00 - 18:30	FHC - handover meeting - P/C Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group ( <i>term-time only</i> ) Resumes September
Wed 07 July	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
Thur 8 August	18:30	Mass Readings Explained – St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 9 August	10:30 12:00	UCM Committee Meeting - 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary P/C Sacrament of the Sick during Mass and Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Sat 10 August	11:00 - 11:30 13:00 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Wedding – Christopher Furlong & Preeti Ghandial Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 11 August	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September

Further dates and info on our websites;

[CatholicWindsor.org](http://CatholicWindsor.org)

[StFrancisAscot.co.uk](http://StFrancisAscot.co.uk)

## Pastoral Area Notices

### Parish Secretary

Friday the 26 July was Samia’s last day as parish secretary in Ascot - we thank her for her work and commitment. We wish her well in her new employment. For a trial period the Parish Secretary at Windsor (Patricia) will take on a joint role of secretary in both Windsor and Ascot. This will require an adjustment for both Parishes with the times the Parish secretary is available.

So from the 30 July she will be present as follows:

Ascot: Thursday 09:00 - 10:30 & Friday 14:30 - 16:00

Windsor: Tuesday 09:00 - 14:00

Thursday 11:00 - 16:00

Friday 09:00 - 13:30

With the joy of modern technology Patricia will be able to access the emails from both St Francis and St Edward’s Parishes from both offices. Emails will be dealt with on three days a week. **This is a trial, and we will make adjustments, as necessary.**

We want to ensure both offices remain open and accessible. This was not a planned move in the light of the coming together of our Parishes - but it may prove helpful as we become one Parish. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Items for Newsletter

If you have any items for the newsletter, they need to be in by midnight on a Wednesday.

### Knight of St Gregory

Philip Reynolds, a member of our parish has been awarded the Papal honour of a knight of Saint Gregory for his outstanding services to the National church during the course of his life. This Papal award will be presented to Philip on a Sunday in October this year. We offer Philip many congratulations.

## The Marriage Course

If you are married or in a long-term relationship, you are invited to attend the Marriage Course to be held at St. Edward's Church. It is designed to strengthen your relationship with each other and keep your love alive! The dates are Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11 and 18 from 7:30PM until 9:45PM. There are catch-up links if you cannot attend all sessions. Please contact Kathy at [kathyarundale@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyarundale@hotmail.com) if you would like to register or find out more!

## Mini Vinnies/ Youth SVP - Summer Camp - 15 / 16 August

There will be a **2-day Summer Camp for young people in years 3 – 8, at St Edward's Parish Centre**. The day will run from 10:00 – 15:00. The camp will consist of games, crafts, activities including some around our faith. We will also prepare a short play for the final day which families will be invited to watch. There is no charge, but any donations are welcome. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and any snacks or treats to share with the group at break times. **Booking is essential**. Please talk to or email Sharon – [youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org) Also, Triona will be available at 11:00 Mass to answer any questions.

## The Rescue Project - Save the Date

**You Matter**. We live our lives based on the stories we believe... but what if there is another story? That story is the **Gospel**, and it is explosive, extraordinary, life-changing news! We invite you to *Save the Date* for **The Rescue Project**, an 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel.

Commencing 1 October, every Tuesday evening from 19:00 at St Joseph's Maidenhead. Our intention is to further collaborate with parishes from Windsor and Ascot to bring our Christian community closer together.

The weekly format will include an optional evening Mass, followed by prayer, a simple meal, music, a video and reflection. Further details will be available from early September.

You can learn more by watching this short promotion video: <https://vimeo.com/712654272/8566ac01eb?share=copy>

## Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. It will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7 September at 14:00. Please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope "Significant Wedding Mass."

## SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seek out and help those in need in the community. **It would like to recruit an MSO for the Portsmouth diocese, which specifically includes the Bournemouth district**, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part-time, home-based role (15 hours per week – 2 days equivalent, with a salary of £11,333 pa), working as part of the SVP membership team. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk). Closing date for applications is Sunday 1 September 2024.

## How can you help our Parish?

We come to church to praise God and there are many ways in which we can do this, not just kneeling in prayer. Actions in His name matter too. In this respect our **Stewards and Collection Counters** praise God with their actions. Could you help with one of these ministries once every few weeks?

The more people we have, the less onerous is the task. If so, please let one of the stewards know or contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

## Thank you

'I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of everyone in the lead up to, and the days following, my ordination last Saturday. The ceremony itself was deeply moving and it was wonderful to see so many from the parish in the cathedral. The hard work of planning behind the scenes, whether arranging the bus to transport people, the preparation of the singers to help produce such wonderful music, or the efficiency of the hospitality team for the reception on Sunday, to name but three, were all examples of our community using our time, talents and treasures. They all contributed to a memorable weekend for me personally and our whole parish community – thank you. Thank you also to all those who have arranged Masses to be said, have prayed, sent gifts or cards, all of which are greatly appreciated. I look forward to serving all in Ascot and Windsor in the coming days, weeks and years, alongside Fr David, Fr Phillip and Dcn George - God bless us all.' *Stephen*

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased – **Rosilde Brooks** - Funeral at St Edward's 13 August at 10:00.  
**Paulin Dixon** - Funeral at St Edward's 21 August at 10:30. Also pray for **Manuela Birch, John Gibson**.

## St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

### First Holy Communion Programme 2024 - 2025

Our FHC team are now accepting registrations for the 2024-25 First Holy Communion programme. Further details plus application forms can be found on the Parish website. Kindly send completed application forms and a copy, not original, of your child's Baptismal Certificate to [fhc@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:fhc@catholicwindsor.org). **A meeting for parents will be held on 26 September at 18:30.** At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Commitment Card' that needs to be stamped when your child attends Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting. **Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 16 September 2024.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FHC team at [fhc@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:fhc@catholicwindsor.org)

## St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

**SVP Table Sales:** Raised £505 for very needy families from April to date. Thank you all very much.

**The Knights of St Columba** - are recruiting new members in Ascot and Windsor Parish - anyone interested can pick a form from the foyer - or please contact Tony Berkeley [07377 168 356](tel:07377168356) or [council984@hotmail.com](mailto:council984@hotmail.com) for more information.

**The Knight of St Columba** would also like to thank parishioners who have already returned the WaterAid jars. The fundraising is ongoing until October. Anyone who wishes to donate to this worthwhile cause can collect a jar from the foyer and return it at your leisure in the coming months.

### The New Lectionary Books

**Thanks to your donations, we already have raised £519.50! We would appreciate any further donations so we can achieve the remaining amount of £450.50.** From Advent 2024, the new Lectionary books are being introduced in every Catholic parish in England and Wales. We will need to purchase the new copies in time for this. Please would you consider making a donation towards these?

There is a button named "Lectionary Books" at the **DONA Terminal** in the back of the church for those donating by card. You can also donate by cash using the designated envelopes available at the Church porch.

### **Would you like to receive the newsletter by email or join the Catholic Windsor and Ascot News WhatsApp Group?**

Sign up on <https://catholicwindsorandascot.org/subscribe> to receive this weekly into your inbox.

We have set up a new WhatsApp group called **Catholic Windsor and Ascot News**. This will be dedicated to the weekly newsletter and important news such as Easter and Christmas services. Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera app, to access this group via WhatsApp.



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