

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 August 2024

Thought for the Week

During these few weeks of August our Sunday Gospels speak of the importance of Jesus the bread of life - Jesus, who comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. In our two Churches of St Edwards and St Francis we are blessed to have times when the Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the Altar for Adoration. This is an important and ancient practice of the church for several reasons.

- Presence of Christ:** We believe that during Mass, bread and wine become the true body in blood of Jesus Christ. Adoration allows us to engage in a direct and personal relationship with Christ, acknowledging his real presence in the sacrament.
- Worship and reverence:** Adoring the Blessed Sacrament is an expression of worship, love, and veneration towards Jesus.
- Prayer and reflection:** Spending time in Adoration enables contemplation and personal prayer. It creates a space for us to reflect on our lives, seek guidance, and deepen spirituality.
- Healing and peace:** We can find peace, comfort, and healing in Adoration – especially during difficult times. It is a moment to lay our burdens down before our God and seek solace in his presence.

These are just a few reasons why it is worth making the effort to come to Adoration. I'm sure those who regularly come could list many other reasons why it is so important. Let's just give thanks to God who comes to us in this most holy gift.

Canon David Hopgood

Date 10 - 18 Aug	Time	Mass Intentions St Edward's & St Mark's	Time	Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi
Sat 10 St Laurence <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	18:00	Konrad Glowa Family - RIP	10:00 17:30	People of the Parish
Sun 11 <i>19th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Tim O'Riordan - RIP - St Marks Lawrence Dyke - RIP	08:30 10:00	Agnes & Jimmy Rowland RIP Berkeley deceased members - RIP
Mon 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 13 St Pontian, Pope, & St Hippolytus	10:00 18:30	Funeral - Rosilde Brooks - RIP People of the Parish	18:30	
Wed 14 St Maximillian Maria Kolbe	09:00	Ellis Arnaud - RIP	10:00	Camelia Adela - INT
Thur 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12:00* 18:30	Mary McHale - RIP Blanche Coutinho - RIP	10:00* 18:30	Sarah Ball - RIP
Fri 16 St Stephen of Hungary	12:00	Imelda McConnell - RIP	10:00	Holy Souls - RIP
Sat 17 Our Lady on Saturday <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	18:00	Jon Underwood - RIP	10:00 17:30	Private Intention
Sun 18 <i>20th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	George & Ellie Firth - INT - St Mark's People of the Parish	08:30 10:00	Monica Crooks – INT People of the Parish

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 10 August	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 11 August	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September
Mon 12 August		No event		No event
Tues 13 August	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group (<i>term-time only</i>) Resumes in September
	18:00 - 18:30	Reconciliation		
Wed 14 July	09:30	<u>No</u> Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
Thur 15 August	10:00 - 15:00	Mini Vinnies Summer Camp - P/C		
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 16 August	10:00 - 15:00	Mini Vinnies Summer Camp - P/C	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	19:20	Parish Outreach Group Meeting
Sat 17 August	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	14:00	Wedding - Faban Thomas & Rani Metha	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation		
Sun 18 August	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September

Further dates and info on our websites: CatholicWindsor.org StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Pastoral Area Notices

Holy Day of Obligation

Next Thursday 15 August is the **Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***. Please see the extra Masses and times on the front page.

Parish Outreach Group

There will be a meeting next week on **Friday 16 August at St Francis Ascot at 19:20** (in the Narthex). This will be a good opportunity for the Ascot & Windsor volunteers to meet up, get to know each other and find out a bit more about what we hope to achieve through the group. All welcome.

Parish Secretary

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 30 July Patricia will be working 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.

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, in the Parish Centre. 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 19:30 until 21:45. There are catch-up links if you cannot attend all sessions. Please contact Kathy at 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
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.

Sessions will commence every Tuesday evening from 1 October at 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>

Invocation at Adoremus, at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) Sunday 15 September 10:00 - 17.30

'Adoremus' is the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held on Saturday 14, September. On Sunday 15 September, the Bishop's Conference are hosting a national discernment event called 'Invocation at Adoremus'. This is a fantastic opportunity for any discerners to gather with the seminarians and meet others from right across the country. There will be workshops, keynote speakers, Adoration, and opportunities to speak to people to discern your vocation. Please get in touch if you would like to be considered as a delegate to attend this free event vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Environmental Conference – Caritas

As part of the Season of Creation, Caritas are holding an environmental conference, 'To Hope and Act with Creation' at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs parish on **Saturday 14 September, 10:00 - 13:00**. John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group Charity will speak on 'Fellowship of believers: how should faith motivate us in caring for our common home?'. There will be updates from COP28 and preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes. More information on [website](#).

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.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased – **Rosilde Brooks**, her funeral will be held at St Edward's on 13 August at 10:00. **Pauline Dixon**, her funeral will be held at St Edward's on 21 August at 10:30. Please also pray for **Manuela Birch** and **John Gibson**.

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

A new version of Lectionary

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops of England and Wales have given us a new version of the scriptures to be used in the Lectionary. (This book that contains the readings that are proclaimed at Mass).

There are four volumes, and we need to purchase two sets which cost just over £1,600. So if there is anyone who might like to contribute to have one or more in memory of somebody please speak to Fr David.

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. **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

Give As You Live

Many thanks to the fifty-nine parishioners who have already signed up to 'Give As You Live.' Four of you purchase monthly, which is fantastic, and another seven have spent so far, this last resulting in hundreds of pounds a year for the Parish. It is so easy, all you have to do is download the link to your laptop, pc or phone and it does the rest for you. It is literally free money so why not join us now before you buy online again. Just click on [Donate to Windsor St Edward's R C Church | Give as you Live Donate](#). Any queries please contact finance@catholiwindsor.org Thank you.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

SVP Tabletop Sales:

The tabletop sale continues in the Narthex after all Masses. Lots of bargains. TAKE A LOOK. Thank you for your wonderful donations, the proceeds going to needy families locally.

The Knights of St Columba - are recruiting new members from Ascot and Windsor Parishes - anyone interested can pick a form from the foyer - or please contact Tony Berkeley [07377 168 356](tel:07377168356) or 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

If you would you like to donate towards the new Lectionary Books, 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. *Thank you for your donations.*

Narthex Door

If the Narthex area is being used, please can you make sure that the door is securely locked before you leave. Thank you.

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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