

TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER

20th & 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time – 18 August & 25 August 2024

Thought for the Week

The first reading, this weekend talks about the sumptuous banquet that wisdom offers its devotees. It suggests the great blessings that would coincide with the coming of the Messiah. Christians will see it as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, and of the heavenly banquet which the Eucharist anticipates.

The theme of the Gospel is exclusively eucharist. Absolutely central to what we believe about the Eucharist that Christ is really and truly present there. Not physically, but nevertheless really present. For those who believe that God is present in all things and places, a special presence in the Eucharist ought not be such a big problem. Besides, we have the words of Jesus: 'This is my body, this is my blood', and the Lord cannot lie.

However, we must never forget that the Jesus we receive in the Eucharist is the same Jesus who gave his life for us. The words of the consecration remind us of this.

This is my body given for you. This is my blood shed for you. Hence, communion should evoke a spirit of sacrifice in us. To receive this food is to be reminded that, like Christ, we too must be willing to give ourselves in the service of others.

Deacon George.

Date 17 Aug - 1 Sept	Time	Mass Intentions St Edwards & St Marks	Time	Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi
Sat 17 St Laurence <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 Marks People of the Parish	08:30 10:00	Monica Crooks – INT People of the Parish
Mon 19 St John Eudes	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 20 St Bernard, Abbot	18:30	Tessa Johnstone & Malcolm Main - RIP	18:30	People of the Parish
Wed 21 St Pius X, Pope,	10:30**	Pauline Dixon - RIP - FUNERAL**	10:00	Camelia Adela - INT
Thur 22 The Queenship of Mary	10:00	George McDonagh - RIP - St Mark's	18:30	
Fri 23 St Rose of Lima	12:00	Franklyn Coutinho - RIP	10:00	Holy Souls - RIP
Sat 24 St Bartholomew <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	18:00	Florrie O'Donoghue - RIP	10:00 13:00 17:30	Wedding Angel & Michael Teresa Lanham - RIP
Sun 25 <i>21st Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Joaquim & Beata Fernandes - RIP St Mark's Fr Lorcan O'Toole - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish John Francis Wilson - RIP
Mon 26 Blessed Dominic Barberi	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tue 27 St Monica	18:30	People of the Parish	18:30	Phillip MacDonald - RIP
Wed 28 St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop	10:00	Eucharistic Service	10:00	Nora Doody - RIP
Thur 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist	10:00	Eucharistic Service	18:30	Eucharistic Service
Fri 30 Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward	12:00	Intention - Those who have had Miscarriages	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Sat 31 St Aiden, All Saints of Lindisfarne	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	10:00 17:30	No Mass People of the Parish
Sun 1 Sept <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish Josephine Thomas - RIP	08:30 10:00	Mary & Kathryn Sherlock RIP Eileen Berkeley - RIP

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 17 Aug	11:00 -11:30 14:00 17:30-18:00	Reconciliation Wedding - Faban Thomas & Rani Metha Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 18 Aug	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September
Mon 19 Aug		No event		No event
Tues 20 Aug	18:00 18:00 -18:30	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group (<i>term-time only</i>) Resumes in September
Wed 21 Aug	09:30 18:30	No Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Ascot & Windsor Pastoral Area Meeting - Windsor P/C	18:30	Ascot & Windsor Pastoral Area Meeting - Windsor P/C
Thur 22 Aug	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 23 Aug	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Sat 24 Aug	11:00 -11:30 12:00 17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Mark, Annie & Ada Appleton Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 25 Aug	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September
Mon 26 Aug		No event		No event
Tue 27 Aug	18:00- 18:30 18:00 -18:30 18:30	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation SVP Meeting - St Brigid’s Room		Little Franciscan Toddler Group (<i>term-time only</i>) Resumes in September
Wed 28 Aug	09:30 19:00	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Men's Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 29 Aug	11:15 14:00 18:30	UCM Planning Meeting for 60 th - P/C Wedding - Keziah & Sangeerthan Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 30 Aug	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Sat 31 Aug	11:00 -11:30 17:30 -18:00	No Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 1 Sept	10:30 12:00 12:15	Tea & Coffee - St Mark’s Hall Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism Preparation - St Brigid’s Room		Children’s Liturgy Resumes September

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*

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Pastoral Area Notices

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 be as follows:

Ascot: Thursday 09:00 - 11:00 & 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 and when necessary.**

RCIA

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church, do you want to know more, or start your journey? The RCIA programme will be starting again in the autumn and will be an opportunity to explore the faith. If you would like to know more and join the sessions please speak to Fr David, Fr Phillip, or Deacon Stephen.

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!

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. We hope that as many people as possible from the Pastoral Area can attend to help 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>

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.

CAFOD meeting 7 September

On Saturday 7 September from 10:30am to 12 noon, please join them at the Newman Centre, St John Bosco Church, Woodley, Reading RG5 3BH to hear about CAFOD's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Everyone is welcome, but please book a place by contacting Jo Lewry on jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone [07710 094447](tel:07710094447) so that we have an idea of numbers. Come and find out about the difference your generous donations make.

SVP Tea Party

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP - Windsor) is arranging an afternoon tea party in the Parish Centre on Sunday 15 September at 15:00. It's for those who are home alone, lonely, suffer anxiety or have dementia issues, and need to feel loved and included, in a similar way to the Christmas day lunch. If you know of anyone who might wish to attend please contact Barry Thompson on [07547 514467](tel:07547514467), or email jetbar@live.co.uk, in order that an invitation might be arranged.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased – **Pauline Dixon**, her funeral will be held at St Edward's on 21 August at 10:30, followed by family burial at Old Windsor Cemetery. Please also pray for **Mike Tagg, 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 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@catholicwindsor.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.

Fatima Rosary on Zoom

If you would like to join others in praying the Rosary via Zoom, please contact Tony Berkeley. The Rosary is prayed from Monday to Friday at 13:30. Tony will then add you to the group and send you all the information you will need to join. This is being sponsored by the Knight of St Columba Prayer Group. For further information please contact [07377 168 356](tel:07377168356) or furtunato101@gmail.com or [KNIGHTS OF ST Columba, Knights, Columba, Ascot, Bracknell, Council, 590 \(council984.co.uk\)](http://www.knights-of-st-columba.org)

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 and any other door used is closed and 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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