

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 September 2024

Thought for the Week

This week's first reading talks about the 'just one' who serves the cause of righteousness and suffers for it at the hands of the wicked. The righteous are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey his commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hostility suffered by Jesus. This reading forms a unified theme with the Gospel and with the second reading of St James.

In the Gospel we have the second prediction of the Passion, once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus and by James. In the second reading it is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the 'little ones', that is to the most insignificant persons in the community.

Jesus set the example himself. Though he had authority from God, he never used that authority to dominate others. Instead, he used it to serve others. And that service was directed towards the poor, the sick, the maimed and the outcasts. Service implies that you are not there for yourself. You are there for others.

Deacon George

Date 21 – 29 Sep	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 21 Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	18:00	Filomena Coutinho - RIP	10:00 17:30	William Wong - RIP
Sun 22 Sept <i>25th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish Tommy Sharkey - RIP	08:30 10:00	Jennette Gross - RIP People of the Parish
Mon 23 Sept (<i>Padre Pio</i>) <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 24 Sept <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	18:30	Betty Ballentine - RIP	18:30	All UCM Members - INT
Wed 25 Sept	10:00	Collette Thorne - RIP	10:00	Ainslie - RIP
Thur 26 Sept <i>St Cosmas & Damian</i>	10:00	Roy Ashwell - RIP - St Mark's	18:30	Arthur Roland Harris - RIP
Fri 27 Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	12:00	Bernard Boylan - RIP	10:00	
Sat 28 Sept <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	18:00	Kyra Smith - RIP	10:00 17:30	Agnes Toner - RIP
Sun 29 Sept <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Holy Souls - St Mark's Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Derrick James Gallagher (FM)

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 21 Sept	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	12:00	Baptism - Lucy Miggin		
Sun 22 Sept	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 23 Sept	18:30	SVP Meeting		
Tues 24 Sept	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	18:00-18:30	Reconciliation		
	19:00	Choir Practice - St Edward’s Church	19:00	UCM Meeting + Windsor UCM
Wed 25 Sept	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
	19:00	Men's Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 26 Sept	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
	18:30	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting P/C		
Fri 27 Sept	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass		
	19:30	The Marriage Course - via Zoom		
Sat 28 Sept	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	10:30 12:00	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Baptism - Ada Grace Seldon
Sun 29 Sept	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

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<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

Readers’ Reflection Day – 12 October 09:30 - 14:00

Dr Judith Thomas, Theologian and Scripture Scholar, will lead the reflection on the importance of the Scriptures in the celebration of Liturgy in our parish community. We will also be introducing the new Lectionary. This important session is for all current Readers in Ascot and Windsor and those who may be interested in this Ministry. This is an opportunity to reflect on the scriptures and explore the new Lectionary, which will be used from the first Sunday in Advent. Please contact Sr Patricia Mulhall by email mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk or TEXT [07766 710 000](tel:07766710000).

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 [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] programme which leads up to Easter 2025 will start on 15 October at 19:15 in St Brigid's Room in the Windsor Parish Centre. It's an opportunity to explore the faith and discover more about the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more and join the sessions please speak to Fr David, Fr Phillip, or Deacon Stephen.

Baptism Preparation

Windsor - Preparation is usually held once a month in the Parish Centre, Dorset Road, Windsor at 12.15 on Sunday. Classes run for around 45 minutes. Parents are invited to begin this process even before the birth of any child to be baptised. Please contact Deacon George for more details: dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Ascot - Preparation sessions are held on certain Sundays of the year at 11:15. Please contact Deacon Stephen for more details: spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

Next week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will begin posting a card through the doors in **Testwood Road** in Windsor and its side roads and in **Friary Road** in Ascot. The Parish will be praying for the people who live in these roads at Mass, and a candle will be lit for them in the Lady Chapels. If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) [07769 249568](tel:07769249568) or Lucy (Ascot) from the Outreach Team: outreach@catholicwindsor.org.

Season of Creation

This year takes the theme 'To Hope and Act with Creation.' In a weekend celebrating Creation, the Bernardine Sisters invite you to join them in reflecting on the words of Job who invited us to 'ask the animals' what they can teach us about our faith (Job 12: 7-10). All are welcome **at the Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard, 27-29 September 2024** to come and enjoy 'Learning from the animals' and find hope and opportunities for action from the examples of small creatures that bring about significant change. Details at <http://www.bernardine.org/brownshill-programme> see poster at the back of the church) or contact sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com – please head your email 'Brownshill Retreat'. Thank you.

The Rescue Project - 1 October at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

The 'Rescue Project', is an 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel every Tuesday evening at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead. Mass will be offered first, and the 'Rescue' sessions start at 19:00. The intention is to include parishioners from Ascot, Maidenhead, Sunningdale and Windsor, bringing our local Catholic-Christian community closer together. Secure your place today via this link: [Register Now](#). You can learn more by watching this [short informational video](#) If you have already tried Alpha (or have considered it, but never joined), perhaps 'The Rescue Project' is for you? It is aimed at all levels of faith from priest to no faith at all, so all are welcome! You can also scan our QR code and complete the registration form.



Walk for Nekemte

We warmly invite your parishioners to join our Marist School community to support an inaugural "Walk for Nekemte" charity event on **Sunday 20 October - 9.30-12:00**. <https://buytickets.at/themaristschoolascot/1381539>

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Save The Date



CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on 4 October 2024.

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

A New Version of the 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 (the 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 (Windsor)

A meeting for parents will be held on 26 September at 18:30 in the Parish Centre. At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Commitment Card' that needs to be stamped each time your child attends Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting. **Please note the closing date for applications was Monday 16 September 2024.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FHC team at fhc@catholicwindsor.org

Cake Sale Sunday 6 October

The Union of Catholic Mothers are having a Cake Sale on Sunday 6 October in aid of Thames Hospice. Cakes will be sold after the 09:30 Mass at St Mark's and the 11:00 Mass at St Edward's. Please bake/donate a cake to help make this event a success. All monies raised will be given to Thames Hospice.

HCPT

Save the date! HCPT Christmas Fair - Sunday 8 December 12:00 - 14:00 in the Parish Centre.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Bartlett. His Funeral Service will take place at Slough Crematorium on Wednesday 25 September at 12:30.

St Francis First Holy Communion - (Ascot)

Registration is open for children Year 3 and above to join our programme which runs January to May 2025. **Closing date for applications is 27 October 2024.** Forms are available from the church (and from the website in due course). In order to run this we need volunteers willing to be DBS checked. Please contact the Parish Office if you are volunteering.

Feast of St Francis - 4 October

To celebrate the Feast of St Francis, there will be Mass at 18:30 followed by light refreshments in the Narthex. We are looking for volunteers to make refreshments and help after the Mass. Please contact Sue: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

UCM

A Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, Tuesday 24 September at 18:30 which will be attended by members from the Windsor branch. Four of Windsor's UCM members will be enrolled during the Mass. This will be followed by a meeting afterwards.

Cleaner required for the Friary in Ascot

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner to look after the Priest's house in Ascot and some of the Parish Rooms. The role is for six hours a week. For further details, please contact the Parish Office.

The New Lectionary Books

If you would you like to donate towards the new Lectionary Books, there is a button named 'Lectionary Books' on 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.*

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.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday during term-time, from 11:00 – 12:45. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the 10:00 Mass (term time only). We accept children from 3 years to Year 3. Enrolment forms are available in the Narthex. Further enquiries: please email Sue Roche sue.roche1@btinternet.com.

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 Knights 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://KNIGHTS OF ST Columba, Knights, Columba, Ascot, Bracknell, Council, 590 (council984.co.uk))

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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