

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 September 2024

Thought for the Week

Our second readings over the past Sundays have been from the straight-talking epistle of James. Last week we were tested - do we treat people differently because of the way they dress, is the man with rich clothing and a gold ring given more respect than the poor man shabbily dressed? James's teaching is to treat each person equally. This week we hear that our faith should be expressed through our deeds. However much we may say we have faith, we need to show our faith by our actions, and it is impossible to prove faith without good deeds to back it up. In both readings the writer is challenging us as to how we behave towards others and how we live our lives – lives we cannot live on our own.

This coming week, the project to deliver a postcard to every home in Ascot and Windsor, one street at a time, begins. There is a card for every home, be the residents of faith or no faith; a card will go to Catholics, other Christians, those of other faiths or none; God made each one of us in his image.

The objective is simple – to offer support if wanted, to reach out, offer house blessings and most importantly pray for everyone in an avenue, close, crescent, cul-de-sac, road, street, or terrace. Everyone is included, with no distinction as to wealth or status, it is a chance to live our faith and share it with others – reaching out to those who might need it, simply by putting a card through a letterbox. Jesus asked his disciples who they said he was, and it was Peter who acknowledged him to be the Christ. People will not see or know Jesus unless his hands and his feet in the world today – you and I – show that we care, support and pray for all. Everyone can help deliver cards: contact the Outreach Team and together we can put our faith into action.

Deacon Stephen Patterson

Date 14 – 22 Sep	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 14 Sept <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	18:00	Gabor & Pawlik Families - RIP	10:00 17:30	People of the Parish
Sun 15 Sept <i>24th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish Armando Mennone & Filomena & Antonio Esposito	08:30 10:00	Veronica Shand - RIP Barry Sillett - RIP
Mon 16 Sept <i>Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 17 Sept <i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i>	18:30	Rosario Carvalho - RIP	18:30	The Rau Family - RIP
Wed 18 Sept	10:00	Marie Grey - RIP	10:00	Sylvia Murphy - RIP
Thur 19 Sept <i>St Januarius, Bishop</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service - St Mark's	18:30	Ann H - RIP
Fri 20 Sept <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hassang & Companions,</i>	12:00	Isobel Young - RIP	10:00	Kelly Fearn RIP
Sat 21 Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	18:00	Filomena Coutinho - RIP	10:00 17:30	William Wong - RIP
Sun 22 Sept <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Tommy Sharkey - RIP	08:30 10:00	Jennette Gross - RIP 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 14 Sept	All day 11:00 -11:30 17:30 -18:00	Church open for 'Ride + Stride' sign-in's Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 15 Sept	12:00 12:15 15:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptisms - Rosie Hughes & Leo Dunlap SVP Afternoon Tea - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 16 Sept				
Tues 17 Sept	18:00 18:00-18:30	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group (<i>term-time only</i>)
Wed 18 Sept	09:30 18:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Ascot & Windsor Pastoral Area meeting - Ascot	18:30	Ascot & Windsor Pastoral Area meeting - Ascot
Thur 19 Sep	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 20 Sept	10:00-16:00 12:30 19:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass The Marriage Course - via Zoom	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 21 Sept	11:00 -11:30 12:15 17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Lucy Miggin Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 22 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

Special Collections

There will be a Special Collection for **Home Mission** this weekend 14/15 September. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection> or use your envelopes.

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.

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/brownhill-programme> see poster at the back of the church) or contact sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com – please head your email 'Brownhill Retreat'. Thank you.

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

This coming week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will begin posting a card through the doors in Ruddlesway in Windsor and its side roads and in Coronation 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) or Lucy (Ascot) from the Outreach Team: outreach@catholicwindsor.org

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

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! [Register Now](#) for 'The Rescue Project', 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. The weekly format will include prayer, a simple meal, music, a video and discussion. 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!

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You can also scan our QR code and complete the registration form.

Youth Event – with One Hope Project

Due to unforeseen circumstances this is now taking place on Saturday 23 November at St Edward's Parish Centre. For more information please contact: Sharon Cole-Blows - youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Save The Date

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on 4 October 2024.

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

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 each time 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.

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.

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.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

This resumes on Tuesday 10 September (term-time only), 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: email Sue Roche sue.roche1@btinternet.com.

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 the 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 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))

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.*

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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