

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 October 2024

Thought for the Week

In this weekend's First Reading is an excerpt from Isaiah's fourth Servant Song. The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and be a source of blessing for others. By reflecting on passages such as this, the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus. In the Gospel we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously, they thought that his kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honour, power and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom, service is what makes one great. He would set the example himself. He came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Jesus did not lord it over people. He appealed; he invited but left the response to them. He would lead, but he would not control. His authority mirrored that of God. God uses his power not to control but to enable.

This is how he wanted authority to be exercised in his community. Authority should not be given to those who seek it, but only to those who have proved that they are willing to serve. Those entrusted with power over their fellow human beings ought to be caring, just, merciful, wise, tolerant and lenient.

Deacon George

Date 19 – 27 October	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 19 Oct <i>Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions</i>	18:00	People of the Parish	10:00 17:30	Theresa Evette Turner - RIP
Sun 20 Oct <i>29th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Antonio Gomez – RIP - St Mark's Carmel Hammond - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Ben Cox - INT
Mon 21 Oct	10:00	Riyanna de Oliveira - INT		No Mass
Tues 22 Oct <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>	18:30	Ryan De Oliveira - INT	18:30	Joseph Reilly - RIP
Wed 23 Oct <i>Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life</i>	09:00	Bernard Boylan - RIP	10:00	In Reparation
Thur 24 Oct <i>St Anthony Claret</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service - St Mark's	18:30	Roisin Kelly - RIP (FM) <i>In Friars' Chapel</i>
Fri 25 Oct	12:00	Isobel Young - RIP	10:00	Tony Bland - RIP
Sat 26 Oct <i>Ss Chad & Cedd</i>	18:00	Bartolomé & Ángela - RIP	10:00 17:30	Honoria Tomlinson - RIP
Sun 27 Oct <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	Dr Keith Thomson - 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 19 Oct	11:00 -11:30 12:15 17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Eva Seguin Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 20 Oct	12:00 12:15	Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism - Maribelle Cuconato	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 21 Oct				
Tues 22 Oct	10:30 18:00 18:00-18:30 19:15	UCM Meeting Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation RCIA - St Brigid’s Room	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 23 Oct	09:30 19:00	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Men’ Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 24 Oct	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 25 Oct	10:00-16:00 12:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 26 Oct	11:00 -11:30 12:00 12:30 14:00 17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Vincent Clemens Baptism - Demetria Zbikowsak Baptism - Grace Gibson Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Baptisms - Eloise Hills & Logan Stanbrook Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 27 Oct	12:00 12:15	Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism - Robert Bergin	10:00	Children’s Liturgy

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

Masses this weekend

Fr David will be celebrating Mass in St Francis, and Fr Philip will be celebrating Mass in St Edward’s and St Mark’s in Windsor.

Missio Special Collection – World Mission Sunday - 19/20 October

By supporting Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to ‘go and invite everyone to the banquet’ for the joy of Christ’s Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit [Red Box parish appeals - Missio](#) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in Wood Close, Victor Road, Windsor and Llanvair Drive, 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. **A big thankyou to all Parishioners who have helped by posting out cards in their own roads.** If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) 07769 249568 or Lucy (Ascot) from the Outreach Team: outreach@catholicwindsor.org.

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage - Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue . . . or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8 - 10 November. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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

The Rescue Project – From 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. Secure your place today via this link: [Register Now](#). You can learn more by watching this [short informational video](#).

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Night Shelter – Volunteers Needed!

Before the Pandemic, during the cold winter nights, a Night Shelter was offered to the homeless people of Windsor under the name 'More Than a Shelter' in the Parish Centre. The guests were offered a warm meal, a warm bed for the night, and breakfast.

The charity has merged with WCA and is now part of the Windsor Homeless Project. Last week, planning permission was granted to run a Night Shelter at the Homeless Project home, Alma Beacon.

To run the shelter, we need volunteers to cover 84 shifts per week:

- Evening Meal 07:00pm - 10:00pm
- Overnight 10:00pm - 07:00am
- Breakfast 07:00am - 08.30am

If we are going to run the night shelter this winter, we need lots of new volunteers to staff all the shifts each week. If anybody is interested in becoming a volunteer, can I ask them to complete this very simple form

<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>

Churches Together in Windsor (CTW) Songs of Praise

Please come along and sing some favourite hymns at Windsor Methodists Church on Sunday 27 October at 18.30. The CTW AGM will be held at 18:00, followed by the Songs of Praise, finishing with refreshments. All welcome!

Childrens Christmas Carol Practice *Calling all young people in year 2 and above*

All children wishing to sing in the Church on Christmas Eve please come along on **22 October, at 17:00** and meet us in the Parish Centre for the first practice and to agree further meeting dates. From January 2025, we will be meeting once a month, on the last Tuesday at 17:00 to continue Choir practice for young people who would like to be involved in a Youth Choir and also singing and taking part in youth events. Any questions please contact

youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Union of Catholic Mothers – Parish Centre

On Tuesday 22 October at 10:30, a talk will be given by Hannah from Thames Hospice. All welcome. On Tuesday 29 October at 10:30 Dr Judith Thomas will give a talk, on Pilgrimages One Person's Journey - Thomas Merton a Trappist Monk. Please join them in what will be a very interesting and informative talk.

Friday 1 November is the Feast Day of All Saints. On this day Farvin Gonsalves a diocesan Seminarian (*Windsor UCM supporting Farvin with our prayers*) will be joining in the Mass. We hope many of you will come for a light lunch, followed by a talk from Farvin. There will be an opportunity for any questions.

The HCPT Christmas Fair

This will be on **Sunday 8 Dec** in the Parish Centre from 12:00 - 14:00. Can you help with our fundraising? We are looking for people to help set up; help run a stall; knit small angel decorations; donate prizes for the Tombola & Raffle; donate new gifts for the Present Stall; provide cakes; donate prizes for the Children's Lucky Dip. If you think you can help please speak to **Pat Burke** or email group128@hcpt.org.uk

Remembrance Service

A Remembrance Service will be held at 15:00 in St Edward's on Sunday 3 November, to be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Carroll**, her funeral service will take place at Slough Crematorium at 13:30 on 21 October. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Price**, her funeral in on Tuesday 22 October outside of the parish and her burial is in Stoke Road Cemetery, Slough on Wednesday 23 October at 13.15.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

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, by emailing the Parish Office and from the website. In order to run this we need volunteers willing to be DBS checked. Please contact the Parish Office if you are volunteering.

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.

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. The Knights of St Columba Prayer Group are sponsoring this. 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.



Parish Office: Windsor - 01753 865163

Patrica Brown: **Parish Secretary (Office Hours):**
Tues 11:30 - 14:00, Thur 11:30 - 16:00, Fri 09:00 - 13:00
office@catholicwindsor.org
Richard Flisher: **Finance**
finance@catholicwindsor.org
Pat Burke: **Safeguarding Rep**
safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org
Sharon Cole-Blows: **Youth Ministry co-ordinator**
youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Parish Office: Ascot - 01344 620591

Parish Secretary (Office Hours):
Tues 09:00 - 11:00, Thur 09:00 - 11:00, Fri 14:00 - 16:00
stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Chris Sowinski: **Finance**
giftaid.asc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Jaycie Warren: **Safeguarding Rep**
safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Charity number 1199568

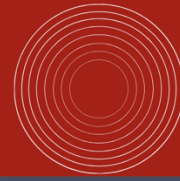


LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are planning to open a Night Shelter at Alma Beacon, Alma Road, Windsor over the winter months.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? We'd love to hear from you. Various shifts available.

If interested use this link
<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>



HELPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THE WINDSOR COMMUNITY

