

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 October 2024

Thought for the Week

I always remember, when I was a child, a picture we had at home on the wall of Jesus. He was looking straight out at you and, as you moved around the room, wherever you stood, his eyes still seemed to be looking at you, almost following you around. In today's Gospel, we hear of the man who runs up to Jesus and asks him a very important question: "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" After hearing and responding positively to our Lord's presentation of the fundamental commandments we are told that, "Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him..."

We do not know much else about the man except that after Jesus saw into his heart and he is told that he should let go of worldly riches and give to the poor, his face fell – he stopped looking back at Jesus and sadly went away. In the same way that Jesus looked at him and saw deeply into his heart, so he does with us when we turn to him... and he loves us. In our daily lives, one of our great challenges is to keep our eyes on the Lord in everything that we do. His eyes are eyes of love and are always on us. Let us always respond to his love and help bring his love to others by the way we live our lives.

Fr Phillip Harris

Date 12 – 20 October	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 12 Oct <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	18:00	Patricia Heaslip - RIP	10:00 17:30	Sheila Kearney - RIP People of the Parish
Sun 13 Oct <i>Solemnity of St Edward the Confessor</i> <i>28th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Eithne O'Toole - INT - St Mark's Tommy Sharkey - RIP	08:30 10:00	Berkeley Family Deceased - RIP Gerry Portuguez - RIP
Mon 14 Oct <i>St Callistus I</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 15 Oct <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	18:30	Ciaran Fitzgerald - RIP	18:30	Guittap - INT
Wed 16 Oct <i>St Hedwig</i>	10:00	People of the Parish	10:00	Armando Marino - RIP
Thur 17 Oct <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10:00	Helen C Fernandes - St Mark's	18:30	
Fri 18 Oct <i>St Luke</i>	12:00	Gary & Claire O'Brien - INT	10:00	Christopher Wallis RIP
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 in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Antonio Gomez - RIP - St Mark's Carmel Hammond - RIP	08:30 10:00	Ben Cox

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 12 Oct	09:00 11:00 -11:30 14:00 16:00 17:30 -18:00	Readers Reflection Day P/C & Church Reconciliation Wedding - Andrew Smith & Charlotte Dare Altar Servers Practice - St Edward’s Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 12:00	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Baptism - Casey Wickham
Sun 13 Oct	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 14 Oct	18:30 19:00	Catenians - P/C Outreach Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Tues 15 Oct	18:00 18:00-18:30 19:15	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation RCIA - St Brigid’s Room	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 16 Oct	09:30 18:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Pastoral Area Meeting - P/C		
Thur 17 Oct	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room,		
Fri 18 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 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

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

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

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God’s love which has the powers to transform lives and heal our world. 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.

The new Catholic Parish of Ascot and Windsor

Fr David recently wrote to the Bishop to request that we move forward to create one Canonical Parish out of the existing two parishes of Windsor and Ascot. There will be an Open Meeting to explain the Canonical procedure and answer any questions. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October at 18:30 in St Edward’s Parish Centre, Windsor (a similar Open Meeting was held in Ascot in June), all are welcome.

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.

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!

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 will be held, as required on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15 from 3 November. Please contact Deacon Stephen for more details: spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors 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.

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. 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!

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

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>

Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust(HCPT)

The Parish HCPT group will be holding their annual **Christmas Fair on 8 December**. As part of the Fair we will be having an '**Angel stall.**' Are you a knitter? We are looking for people who can knit small angels to hang on Christmas trees. A pattern can be provided. Contact group128@hcpt.org.uk. We are hoping that people in the parish will support the Fair by donating items for the stalls : Tombola items e.g. bottles; Raffle prizes; New gifts for the Christmas stall , Cakes for the cake stall, Gifts for the Children's stall. We will start our collection at the beginning of November. **We really value your support with our fundraising to enable us to take children with additional needs to Lourdes. Pat Burke**

UCM – Thames Hospice

Thank you for your generosity to those who bought/made cakes for the Thames Hospice. A total of £700 was made!

Lecture - Divine Will

Derek Williams will lecture on Divine Will at St Anthony RC Church, Farnham Road on Saturday 19 October from 11:00 - 16:00. All welcome

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Carroll**, her funeral service will take place at Slough Crematorium 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

Fatima Devotions

On Sunday 13 October the Parish celebrates the last visit of Our Lady at Fatima. **After the 10:00 Mass next Sunday** the Knights of St Columba will pray the Rosary, and (*weather permitting*) we will process the statue of Our Lady out of the church with decade stops outside, in the Car Park and Friary Garden, finishing with the last decade/Benediction back in the church. Please do try and stay for the Rosary.

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.

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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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

