



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 November 2024

Thought for the Week

Our First Reading and the Gospel passage this Sunday both reflect on unexpected generosity. The first, from a widow, who shared her last scraps to make some bread and share it with Elijah; the second, from another widow, whom Jesus saw giving all she had to the temple treasury. Their generosity is a wonderful lesson, as Christ teaches, not to hang onto the passing things, pleasures and honours we might be offered by this world, but to have that simplicity and generosity of heart. We remember especially this Sunday all those who have shown such generosity in giving their lives to save others in the two World Wars of the last century and in other conflicts. We do not just remember them, but we thank God for their sacrifice, and we pray for them. As the writer to the Hebrews reflects in our Second Reading, Jesus is the one who has given himself as the one supreme sacrifice to win for us something even greater: salvation – eternal life with him in heaven. May we always respond to God's great generosity and self-giving love by giving generously of ourselves in love for him and for others.

Fr Phillip Harris

Parish Logo - Might there be a designer who creates logos within our community who will help to create the new Parish Logo of our joint parishes of Christ the King? If so, please speak to one of the Clergy.

Date 09 – 17 Nov	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 09 Nov <i>The dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	10:30 18:00	Damian Richardson - RIP	10:00 17:30	Vera King – RIP Eugene O'Brien - RIP
Sun 10 Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Sally O'Neil - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Dec'd Berkeley Family Members
Mon 11 Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 12 Nov <i>St Josaphat</i>	18:30	Anne Kenny - INT	18:30	Dec'd Members of Molloy Family
Wed 13 Nov	10:00	Dec'd Crossan & Sharkey Families	10:00	Holy Souls
Thur 14 Nov	10:00	Fatima Gomez - RIP – Funeral St Edward's	18:30	Gladys Edwards - RIP <i>(In Friars' Chapel)</i>
Fri 15 Nov <i>St Albert the Great</i>	12:00	Bernard Boylan - RIP	10:00	Annie Furlong – INT
Sat 16 Nov <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	18:00	Clare Gallagher - INT	10:00 17:30	Gloria & Brian Sayce - INT Leslie & Margaret Seymour - RIP
Sun 17 Nov <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Marcella Dyke - St Mark's Michael McGuire - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Frank Poulson – RIP

Assisted Dying Bill

A letter from the Bishop is available at the back of the Church. In his letter it details a call to action; to write to your local MP, to ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. A template letter is also available. Please take a copy of this template to fill in and send to your MP this Sunday.

Link to video - https://youtu.be/GTZNVxP_eRw

The MP for Ascot and Windsor is Jack Rankin. Email:- jack.rankin.mp@parliament.uk

Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 09 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion Commitment Ceremony + Light refreshments - P/C	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation		
Sun 10 Nov	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
Mon 11 Nov	18:30	Catenians Meeting - off site		
Tues 12 Nov	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	18:00 - 18:30	Reconciliation		
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid’s Room		
Wed 13 Nov	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C		
	19:15	Men’s Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 14 Nov	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 15 Nov	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		
Sat 16 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion - Introductory Session - Candidates & Parents	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	12:00	Blessing of Graves
	12:00	Baptism - Roman Gammage	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation		
Sun 17 Nov	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
	12:15	Baptism - Idris Toubajie		
	14:00	Blessing of Graves		

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

New Lectionary

The Liturgy team is offering two online sessions about the new lectionary which will be introduced in Advent. If you wish to pose a question, please submit this in writing in advance to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The sessions are on Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 19 November from 19:00 to 20:00.

To sign up the links are: **5 November:** [Online session 5 November](#) and **19 November:** [Online session 19 November](#), or see the diocesan website.

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in The Redwoods, Orwell Close, Bolton Avenue and Bolton Crescent in Windsor, and The Poplars 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. **A big thank you to all Parishioners who have helped in their own roads.** If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) [07769 249568](tel:07769249568) or Lucy (Ascot) outreach@catholicwindsor.org. The Outreach Team.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [Give to CAFOD](#)

FLAME 2025 - 15 March - Unstoppable

Calling all young people: it's that time again, Flame 2025 - the theme is 'Unstoppable'. If you are aged 13 - 35 on or before 15 March and would like to join us and Portsmouth Youth. For more details and to register email, youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org. Flame link below for more information <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Blessing of Graves - 17 November 14:00

The Blessing of the graves at **Oakley Green, Windsor Spital Cemeteries and Old Windsor Cemetery (Crimp Hill)**, will take place on **Sunday 17 November at 14:00**.

Book of Remembrance

Please do add the names of your relatives and friends to the Book of Remembrance, which is on the Altar of the Sacred Heart.

Night Shelter – Volunteers Needed!

During the cold winter nights before the Pandemic, 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, please complete this very simple form

<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>

Little Eddies Toddler Group

This group began on **Thursday 7 November** and runs each week in the Parish Centre from 09:30 -11:30. All parents, carers, grandparents, childcare providers are welcome. The cost is £3.00 per family. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Mini Vinnies

This is now in the Parish Centre on 13 November and 29 November from 17:30 – 19:30. Please check dates in newsletter for any changes. For more information: youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

HCPT Christmas Fair - Sunday 8 December 12:00 -14:00

Can you help support your Parish HCPT group by donating something for the Tombola, the Raffle, the Christmas Presents stall or the Children's lucky dip? Donations can be left in the box at the back of St Edward's, given to Pat Burke, Pat Bowley or left at the Parish Office. Money raised will go towards taking disabled, disadvantaged children or children with additional needs to Lourdes.

Christmas Shopping online

To help the Parish have a percentage of this by joining ***Give as you Live***. So easy that all you need do is click on the link below and add to your device. The link will do the rest and earn a percentage for the Parish. So, get shopping!

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-edwards-r-c-church

Deceased - Please pray for the repose of the soul of **(Maria) Fatima Gomez**. Her funeral will take place at St Edward's on Thursday 14 November at 10:30.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

Blessing of the Graves - 16 November 12:00

The Blessing of the graves will take place on **Saturday 16 November at 12:00**, at St Michael's & All Angels Church, Sunninghill, Ascot, SL5 7DD.

Remembrance Cards

There are Remembrance cards at the back of the church for you to add the names of your relatives and friends.

St Francis First Holy Communion - (Ascot)

Registration has now finished. The First Holy Communion programme will run from January to May 2025. Families who have registered will be sent full details of the dates in the coming weeks.

Money and Maintenance

Thanks to all parishioners who provided contact details in response to Fr David's comments about parish finances. If you missed it, Fr David encouraged parishioners to (1) periodically review their level of donations; (2) consider completing a Gift Aid form if they have not already done so; and (3) donate by bank standing order or numbered envelopes to help the budgeting process. Please contact Chris Sowinski at giftaid.asc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information.

SVP Tabletop Sales

SVP Tabletop Sales in Narthex raised £1,423 in September/October from items kindly donated by you the parishioners. A big thank you for your generosity. The Society of St Vincent de Paul helps very needy families locally.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday from 11:00 – 12:45 in the Narthex. 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.

UCM - The UCM will be holding an **Autumn fair and Raffle** on the weekend of **16/17 November**, the proceeds to be donated towards the cost of the New Lectionary and UCM charities.

CAFOD

In collaboration with DEC, Cafod is sending aid to Gaza. If you can contribute to this please go online or use the emergency envelopes and the green bucket in the porch. Thank you for all you do to support Cafod, including your prayers.

St Francis - Christmas Party

You are all invited to a pre-Christmas get together to get us all in the festive mood. The gathering will take place on **Saturday 14 December** in St Francis Church narthex after the 17.30 Mass. If you could kindly bring a dish or refreshment that would be much appreciated. There will be a list at the back of the church, please put a tick to indicate what you will be bringing (savoury or dessert).

P A C T – Prison Advice & Care Trust



This supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. Your donations help their services in courts, prisons and communities across England and Wales. There will be a short talk given at the Masses on **16/17 November**. www.prisonadvice.org.uk. Together we can help prisoners, and their families make a fresh start.

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>



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