

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot

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First Sunday of Advent – 1 December 2024

Thought for the Week

A new parish of Christ the King - A new liturgical year and a new translation of the lectionary for the readings at Mass. This is a real Advent - but a time of hope and anticipation.

The First Sunday of Advent always begins the new liturgical year. The gospel that will accompany us this year is the gospel of St Luke. The church takes the occasion of these important moments of passage, from one year to another, and from one season to another - to invite us to stop for a moment and reflect and ask ourselves some essential questions: 'who are we' and above all, 'where are we going'?

In the readings this Sunday the verbs are in the future tense. In the first reading we hear the words of Jeremiah 'The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made . . . I will raise up David'. The gospel brings a new horizon, which is the glorious return of Christ at the end of time. 'They will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power'.

These readings bring us a message of hope and consolation. They tell us that we're not heading for an eternal void and an eternal silence, but we are on our way to an encounter, an encounter with the one who created us and loves us.

I hope, that as we move forward as a new parish of Christ the King , we will be filled with hope and anticipation that we will be stronger together in our service of Christ. We will not see dramatic changes, perhaps little subtle changes that will remind us that we are people of hope, and we need the strength of one another as we work together to proclaim the kingdom of God.

May Christ, our Eternal King draw us ever more closely into one parish as together we proclaim His kingdom. I wish you a happy Advent.

Canon David Hopgood

ADVENT

Holy Hour each Sunday during Advent 15:00 – 16:00 - St Edward's

Penitential Service Saturday 14 December 11:00 - St Edward's

Penitential Service Saturday 18 December 19:00 - St Francis

Date 30 Nov – 8 Dec	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 30 Nov <i>St Andrew Patron Saint of Scotland and Apostle</i>	18:00	Maria Pediconi - INT	10:00 17:30	Sue Powell - RIP People of the Parish
Sun 1 Dec <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 11:00	Zdenka Iapichino - RIP - St Mark's People of the Parish	08:30 10:00	Eileen Berkeley - RIP Bridie and Bill Miles - RIP
Mon 2 Dec <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 3 Dec <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	18:30	Andrew McCarthy - RIP	18:30	Bishop John Hine - RIP
Wed 4 Dec <i>St John Damascene</i>	12:00	UCM 60 th Anniversary Mass	10:00	David McCann - RIP
Thur 5 Dec	10:00	Eileen Cowman - RIP St Marks	18:30	John & Ivy Dean - RIP
Fri 6 Dec <i>St Nicholas</i>	12:00	Tommy Sharkey - RIP	10:00	George & Kitty Hockley – RIP
Sat 7 Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	18:00	Joseph Keogh - RIP	10:00 17:30	Annie Furlong - INT Anastasia & George Puskar RIP
Sun 8 Dec <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Shirley McLoughlin - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Berkeley Family Deceased Members

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 30 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion -	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation - Session 2	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	12:00	Baptisms – Max & Sophie McDonagh
Sun 1 Dec	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid’s Room		
	15:00	Holy Hour - St Edward’s Church		
Mon 2 Dec				
Tues 3 Dec	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 4 Dec	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
	13.00	UCM Celebratory lunch P/C		
	19:30	Mother’s Prayers - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 5 Dec	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	13.30 - 15:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 6 Dec	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	18.00	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass Youth Event		
Sat 7 Dec	10:00	First Holy Communion - Session 3	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	After Mass - Order of Secular Franciscans, meeting in Narthex
Sun 8 Dec	10.30	Coffee after Mass – St Marks	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
	12:00	Tea & Coffee and HCPT Christmas Fayre in Parish Centre		
	15:00	Holy Hour - Church		

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

Parish of Christ The King

This week Canon David received the decree from the Bishop creating our new parish of Christ The King:
I, the undersigned Bishop of Portsmouth, exercising my ordinary power and in virtue of canon 515 §2, do hereby decree that the Parish of St Edward’s, Windsor, with all the rights, obligations, and privileges accorded it by law, be and is hereto united to and amalgamated with the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ascot. I herewith decree that on account of this extinctive-union and amalgamation of the Parish of St Edward’s with the Parish of St Francis Assisi, is hereto re-named and is henceforth legally to be known as Christ The King, Windsor-Ascot, with all the rights, obligations, and privileges granted it by law.

New translation of the Lectionary

What is happening and why? The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts.

What translation will the new Lectionary use? The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms.

What effect will the changes have on the readings? The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is easier to proclaim and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

When are the changes taking place? The lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in England and Wales, and in Scotland from Advent 2024 (1st December).

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in Bridgeman Drive in Windsor and Wooden Drive and The Glade 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. Thank you for all who have helped over the past few weeks - we will now pause on distributing cards until the New Year. Watch the newsletter to see when we will start again, and help will be required once more to support the Outreach Team.

BLACK FRIDAY IS HERE: Christmas Shopping online

To help our new enlarged Parish have a percentage of your online shopping join us on ***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 of Christ the King. We already have over 60 parishioners joining in so download and get shopping!

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

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Advent Chant

We will sing this chant after communion on the four Sundays of Advent:

Jesus, Name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord; Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Repository

The New Sunday Missal is now available at St Edward's Repository for only £15.00. Also Advent Calendars and Christmas cards so please call in.

UCM Celebration

Members of the Union of Catholic Mothers will celebrate 60 years on Wednesday 4 December at the 12 noon Mass in St Edward's and afterwards in the Parish Centre.

HCPT Christmas Fair

Sunday 8 December 12:00-14:00 in the Parish Centre. Please come along and support your Parish HCPT group: Tombola, Raffle, Face paints & tattoos, Children's lucky dip, Mulled wine, Cakes, Christmas presents stall. Can you provide a cake? (Please bring cash for purchases if possible). Looking forward to seeing you! Pat (Group leader).

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Day Lunch party

We are currently arranging our annual Christmas Day Lunch for those who are home alone and lonely, or are less fortunate, on this important day. If you know of anyone who might like to come to the lunch, please let us know their contact details. If you would like to volunteer, either helping in the hall or driving guests to and from the event, please also email or phone. Thank you - Barry SVP - e-mail: jetbar@live.co.uk or mobile [07547 514467](tel:07547514467)

Last minute Wreath and Table Decoration Workshop with Carol King

Did you miss out on signing up to one of the many wreath making classes that have been on offer over the recent weeks, well don't panic we have you covered! Refreshments and festive music included in the evening on **Friday 6 December 19:00** in the Parish Centre. Sign up required by the end of day on Wednesday 4 December 2024.

To book or for more information contact - youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org or call/message [07758 952462](tel:07758952462)

Save the Date – Saturday 14 December 2024

Christingle, Family hour and a Festive fun night, all on the same day! More details in next week's newsletter!!

Mini Vinnies

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

Young Readers

First Sunday of the month we have a family Mass in both churches, and it is lovely to have some young readers. If your child is year 3 or 4 or above, a confident reader and would like to become involved please contact Mandy McGovern [07864 547709](tel:07864547709)

School Play

The children in Y2 at St Edward's First School have been rehearsing and are looking forward to performing their Nativity play; Lights, Camel, Action! next week. Members of the parish community are warmly invited to attend their performance at 10am on Wednesday 4 December. No need to book - just turn up at 09:45. You won't regret it!

Recently deceased

Please remember **Monica Mayhew, Priscilla Mphanza, Rita Robinson, George Price, Richard Tattersfield, Maureen Powell, Ursula Clements and Annette Strawson**, who died recently. May they rest in peace. The funeral of **Rita Robinson** will take place at St Edwards on 11 December at 10:00 and that of **Priscilla Mphanza** at St Edwards on 12 December at 10:00.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

The New Sunday Missal

The New Sunday Missal is now available in the Narthex for only £15.00, please use the Dona contactless card machine.

The Big Christmas Clean!

Please come and help on Thursday 19 December from 10am for the big Christmas clean. There will be a final spruce up on Sunday 22 December after 10am Mass too. Any help greatly appreciated and all welcome. If anyone is available to do a tidy up outside the church too as there are a lot of pine needles!

Wintershall

The nativity story will be told at Wintershall on Sunday 15 December. A coach will leave Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale at 2.30pm for 5pm start of the play. Cost of Adults £45 Children £29 cheques on booking please payable to Sue Douet or contact Fr Phillip.

SVP Tabletop Sale

This continues in the Narthex, LOTS OF BARGAINS, take a look. Thank you for your donations, all proceeds raised help 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.

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).

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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