

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3 November 2024

### Thought for the Week

We start this great month with the Feast of All Saints on 1 November and then during the course of the month we are invited to remember all those great Holy Souls who have departed this life - who tried as best they could to live a life worthy of the calling so that they might inherit God's Kingdom and become Saints.

Saints all have in common a kind of wholeheartedness that the books of Deuteronomy and the Gospel of Mark speak of - that we hear of this Sunday. To love the Lord our God with all one's heart and one's neighbour as oneself.

The wisdom shared by all the Saints, was not about the particular talents they brought to the world, it was about the wholeheartedness of love, a willingness to give it away. They also seem to know that wholeheartedness was not a matter of 'Once and for all', or something that would happen overnight. It was, rather, a matter of opening up their entire lives to the transforming grace of God.

I would suggest the watchword for this Sunday's Liturgy could be **priority** – what do we consider as the importance in our Christian calling? Do we need possibly to slightly tweak our priorities so that we can ensure that our love of God is alongside and within our love of neighbour.

*Canon David Hopgood*

**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 02 – 10 Nov	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
<b>Sat 02 Nov</b> <i>Commemoration of All Souls</i>	<b>10:30</b> <b>18:00</b>	Holy Souls Maria Pawlik – RIP	<b>10:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	John Overton - RIP
<b>Sun 03 Nov</b> <i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b> Margaret Leavy	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	People of the Parish Eileen Berkeley - RIP
<b>Mon 04 Nov</b> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	<b>10:00</b>	Eucharistic Service		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues 05 Nov</b>	<b>18:30</b>	Gerald Fernandes – RIP	<b>18:30</b>	Constance & Arthur Harris - RIP
<b>Wed 06 Nov</b>	<b>10:00</b>	Nora Golec – RIP	<b>10:00</b>	KSC Deceased members CO984
<b>Thur 07 Nov</b> <i>St Willibrord</i>	<b>09:30</b>	Steve Barry - <b>St Mark's</b>	<b>18:30</b>	David Daly Castello RIP <i>(In Friars' Chapel)</i>
<b>Fri 08 Nov</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Sally Dunne – RIP	<b>10:00</b>	Elizabeth & William King - RIP
<b>Sat 09 Nov</b> <i>The dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	<b>18:00</b>	Damian Richardson – RIP	<b>10:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	Vera King - RIP Eugene O'Brien - RIP
<b>Sun 10 Nov</b> <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b> Sally O'Neil – RIP	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	People of the Parish Dec'd Berkeley Family Members

### 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](https://youtu.be/GTZNVxP_eRw)

The MP for Ascot and Windsor is Jack Rankin. Email:- [jack.rankin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto: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 02 Nov	11:00 -11:30 12:00 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Wedding – Nayan Metha & Maria Da Costa Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 03 Nov	10:30 12:00 12:15 15:00	Tea & Coffee - St Mark’s Hall Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism Preparation-St Brigid’s Room Remembrance Service – Light refreshments in P/C	10:00	<b>No Children’s Liturgy (Half-term)</b>
Mon 04 Nov				
Tues 05 Nov	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 06 Nov	09:30 18:30 19:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Pastoral Area Meeting - P/C Mother’s Prayers - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 07 Nov	09:30 - 11:30 11:30 18:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C Bereavement Group - P/C Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 08 Nov	10:00-16:00 12:00 12:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of the Sick during Mass Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 09 Nov	10:00 11:00 -11:30 17:30 -18:00	First Holy Communion Commitment Ceremony + Light Refreshments - P/C Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 10 Nov	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy - Resumes Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass

**Further dates and info on our websites:**

[CatholicWindsor.org](http://CatholicWindsor.org)

[StFrancisAscot.co.uk](http://StFrancisAscot.co.uk)

**Live Mass Link**

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

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<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](mailto: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 Addington Close and Broom Farm in Windsor, and Whynstones 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. **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](mailto:outreach@catholicwindsor.org). The Outreach Team.

**Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral – Thursday 7 November**

There will be a Mass for deceased Members of the Clergy at Portsmouth Cathedral at 12:15. This will be celebrated by the Bishop and many priests from the diocese. All welcome.

### **Sunday 3 November Bamenda Sunday – Golden Jubilee**

Please give as generously as possible to the Bamenda Sunday collection, every penny will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing this twinning. Online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=136990#amount>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Money for nothing on Black Friday**

**Black Friday** with all those Christmas offers is nearly upon us. So, 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](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-edwards-r-c-church)

### **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](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org). Flame link below for more information <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

## **St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor**

**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.

### **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, can I ask them to complete this very simple form

<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>

### **Alma Beacon - Invitation**

The trustees of Alma Beacon, registered as Windsor Christian Action (WCA), charity number 1154308, cordially invite you to attend its Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the Alma Beacon, 73a Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD, on **Thursday 7 November at 19:30**. Tea and coffee will be served from 19:00.

Alma Beacon is the umbrella charity which runs four projects - Windsor Homeless Project, Windsor Street Angels, Windsor Foodshare and More than a Shelter.

The meeting will include short presentations about each of the above projects, as well as information about how the four projects are now working together under one roof. It will provide an opportunity for you to see the new premises and learn about the exciting new developments that have taken place this year.

### **Little Eddies Toddler Group**

This group begin on **Thursday 7 November** each week in the Parish Centre from 09:30 -11:30. All parents, carer's, 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](mailto: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.

**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

### **St Francis First Holy Communion - (Ascot)**

Registration is open for children Year 3 and above to join our programme which runs from **January to May 2025**. 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 would like to volunteer.

### **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](mailto: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 11:00 – 12:45**

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday. This will resume again on 5 November after the half-term break. 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](mailto: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 Harvest Collection**

Thank you to all who donated either by using the QR code, direct debit, envelope or the "green buckets". We raised £430 in cash which has now been forwarded to Cafod. However, 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.

### **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 9/10 November. [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://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**  
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**HELPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THE WINDSOR COMMUNITY**

