

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 November 2024

Thought for the week

At the beginning of Advent we will be using a new Lectionary, with the readings from the English Standard Version Catholic Edition Bible ESV-CE for short. You may ask yourselves, why a new Lectionary? A new Lectionary is a fresh chance to hear Christ speaking to us with ears of faith, to take a fresh look at the Liturgy of the Word, to sense the “living and active” quality of God’s word, to let it bring us together with others, and to incorporate it more into our lives.

As we listen to God’s word this weekend we can listen with our own ears of faith, as we read in the First Reading of the Prophet Daniel concerning the end of time. It is remarkable because it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of everlasting life.

In the Gospel, Mark talks about the second coming of Christ. Mark’s account is coloured by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and Kings. He believed that the Second Coming was imminent, a belief common amongst early Christians.

The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness. The purpose of the Lord’s glorious coming will not be to execute judgement but to gather his elect.

While we cannot share Mark’s view that the end is near, we do share his faith in God’s victory in Christ. And, for each of us, the return of Jesus Christ will be our meeting with the Son of Man when we pass out of this life into eternal life.

Let us remember Jesus’s words ‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away’.

So let us embrace our new Lectionary as we take a fresh look at the Liturgy of the Word.

Deacon George

Date 16 – 24 Nov	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward’s & St Mark’s	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
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 Poulston - RIP
Mon 18 Nov <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Rome</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 19 Nov	18:30	Gwen Mockler - RIP	18:30	Jean Willows - Int
Wed 20 Nov	10:00	Georgina Blight - RIP	10:00	James & Johanna Moriarty - RIP
Thur 21 Nov <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00	Carmina Fernandes - RIP - St Mark’s	18:30	Private Intention <i>(In Friars’ Chapel)</i>
Fri 22 Nov <i>St Cecilia</i>	12:00	Don & Myra Alphonso- INT	10:00	Jonathan Harvey RIP
Sat 23 Nov <i>Christ The King</i>	18:00	Linda Advice - RIP	10:00 17:30	Allan Mackrory - RIP
Sun 24 Nov <i>Christ The King</i>	09:30 11:00	Jock Cooper - RIP - St Mark’s Samuel Hitchen - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Elizabeth Jack RIP

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 16 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion - Introductory Session - Candidates & Parents	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	12:00	Baptism - Roman Gammage	12:00	Blessing of the Graves
	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		
Mon 18 Nov				
Tues 19 Nov	10:30	UCM Meeting - Clive Dent Talk - P/C	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel		
	18:00 - 18:30	Reconciliation		
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid’s Room		
Wed 20 Nov	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
Thur 21 Nov	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 22 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 23 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation Session 1 - Church	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	12:00	Baptism - Nellie Marie Williams
Sun 24 Nov	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

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<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

New Lectionary

The Liturgy team is offering another online session 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 session is on Tuesday 19 November from 19:00 to 20:00. Sign up for [Online session 19 November](#) on 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 Willows in Windsor, and Greyfriars Drive and Ravenbury Domino House 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.

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/>

CAFOD annual report

Thank you for your continued support for CAFOD. If you would like to find out what happens to your donations to CAFOD, have a look at their annual report (for the year to March 2024): [CAFOD_Report_2023-24.pdf](#)

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).

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Recently deceased

Please remember Monica Mayhew and Richard Tattersfield who both died recently. May they rest in peace.

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.

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. 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

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

Please support our Parish HCPT group by donating something for the Tombola, Raffle, 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

Repository

St Edward's Repository now has Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards so please call in, look and buy.

UCM Meeting

Clive Dent will give a talk at the UCM meeting on Tuesday 19 November at 10:30 on scams. All welcome.

Remembrance Cards

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

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.

Bible Alive and Day by Day

These booklets are now available to purchase in the porch for Advent and Christmas.

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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