

Feast of Christ The King – 24 November 2024

Thought for the week

The church's year ends with the Solemnity of Christ The King; a reminder that at the end of time, Christ, the Universal king, will be recognised as ruler of all nations. The hymn - 'The day thou gavest Lord, has ended' speaks of Christ in the lines: 'Thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empire, pass away; thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever;' 'empires' in all their manifestations have come, gone and will go but we believe that Christ will conquer all.

It is fitting that the year which begins in Advent, when we look forward to the second coming of the Messiah and our celebration of His first coming as a vulnerable child in Bethlehem, ends with the proclamation of His universal sovereignty. In his dialogue with Pilate in this weekend's Gospel, a narrative which we also hear on Good Friday before he dies on the cross for our salvation, Jesus is asked by the Roman governor 'so you are a king' and Jesus replies 'For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world - to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.'

This Solemnity will now be the patronal feast of our new parish of 'Christ The King, Windsor- Ascot'. This year is the beginning of a new phase in the life of our local Catholic community with three churches whose patrons, each in their own way, recognised Christ as their Lord and King. With the help of their prayers, let us build on the strong foundations of St Edward's, St Francis and St Mark's, who have witnessed to the truth for generations and together find new ways to listen to Christ's voice and proclaim His truth in prayer, word and action.

Stephen Patterson
Deacon

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.

Date 23 – 1 Dec	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 23 Nov <i>St Clement I</i>	18:00	Linda Advice - RIP	10:00 17:30	Mary McCarthy - INT Alan 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
Mon 25 Nov <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	10:00	Holy Mass – Wojtek Czerniak and Family -INT		No Mass
Tues 26 Nov	18:30	People of the Parish	18:30	Annie & Stanley Broughton - RIP
Wed 27 Nov	09.30	Holy Souls	10:00	George McGinley - RIP
Thur 28 Nov	10:00	Gwen Mockler - RIP - St Mark's	18:30	
Fri 29 Nov	12:00	Michael Duffy - RIP	10:00	Josephine Bache - RIP
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>First Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30	Zdenka Lapichino - RIP - St Mark's	08:30 10.00	Eileen Berkeley - RIP

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 23 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion -	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation Session 1 - Church	12:00	Baptism Nellie Marie Williams
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 24 Nov	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
Mon 25 Nov	14.00	SVP - St Brigid’s Room		
Tues 26 Nov	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	18:00 - 18:30	Reconciliation		
	19:00	Choir Practice		
	19.15	RCIA - St Brigid’s Room		
Wed 27 Nov	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
Thur 28 Nov	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 29 Nov	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	17.30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass Minivinnies - PC		
Sat 30 Nov	10:00	First Holy Communion –	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation Session 2 - Church	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	12:00	Baptism – Max & Sophie McDonagh
Sun 1Dec	10.30	Coffee after Mass – St Marks	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C		

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

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<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in St Marys’ Hill and Norton Park 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/>

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 Kin. We already have over 60 parishioners joining in so download and get shopping!

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

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

Diocesan Awards

The Bishop has awarded two members of our Parish with the Diocesan Medal for Outstanding Commitment to Young People in the formation of the faith.

Maureen Smith who has been a children's liturgy catechist for over 30 years.

Penny Knight who has been involved in the first Holy Communion preparation for over 20 years.

These two being recognised speaks of the great importance of our catechists in the life of our Parish community Thank you to all those who are involved in any formation.

Completion of School Entry forms

Father David will be available to sign forms in the presbytery on Thursday 28th November between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm or on Friday 29th November 4.00pm until 5.00pm

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

Repository

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

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.

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)

Recently deceased

Please remember Monica Mayhew, Priscilla Mphanza, Rita Robinson and Richard Tattersfield who died recently. May they rest in peace. The funeral of Rita Robinson will take place at St Edwards on 11th December at 10.00 am and that of Priscilla Mphanza at St Marks on 12th December at 10.00 am.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

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.

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 (savory or dessert).

P A C T – Prison Advice & Care Trust



PACT supports prisoners, people with convictions, 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.. Collection bags are at the back of the church for donations of Cuddly toys or gift vouchers for families of prisoners. 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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