

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot



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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 22 Dec & 29 Dec Feast of Holy Family & 5 Jan 2025 - Two-week Newsletter

Thought for the Week

I would like to wish you all a very blessed, happy and Holy Christmastide. I shall be remembering you in my prayers and at Christmas Masses this year.

The Christmas story has touched the hearts of many people through the ages. It has brought light, warmth, faith and hope to many generations. At different times of our lives a particular part of the crib scene may touch us. It may be the way Mary is looking at the child Jesus, or the star giving light, possibly Joseph wondering, the shepherds bewildered or even the gifts of the Magi! All this speaks to me that the birth of Christ is born yet again in our hearts and lives. The Nativity brings Hope.

Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee, something that happens every 25 years. The theme he has chosen is Pilgrims of Hope. By happy coincidence, this Jubilee Year will be the first year of our new parish of Christ the King – Windsor & Ascot.

I hope that during the course of this coming year together in our own ways we will truly enter into this Jubilee Year and take every possible advantage of growing in faith and hope. There will be a variety of different activities in which we can participate. It may be a Holy Hour, a Pilgrimage or making a daily act of hope.

I have a particular hope and prayer that during the course of this year our communities of Windsor and Ascot will truly work together so that we can more forcefully be a beacon of hope in this part of our Diocese. I rejoice in the different characteristics of both the communities of Windsor and Ascot – long may this last. May our coming together as People of Hope strengthen our resolve to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate with joy and hope.

Canon David Hoggood



Christmas Eve Mass St Francis **16:00** (Children's Mass) & **22:00** (Carols at 21:30)
Christmas Eve Mass St Edward's **18:00** (Carols at 17:30) & **22:00** (Carols at 21:30)
Christmas Day St Francis **08:30** & **10:00**
Christmas Day St Mark's **09:30**
Christmas Day St Edward's **11:00**



Date 21 Dec – 30 Dec 2025	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 21 Dec	18:00	Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP	10:00 17:30	James & Johanna Moriarty - RIP Allan Mackrory - RIP
Sun 22 Dec <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 11:00	Carmel Hammond - St Mark's Christina O'Reilly – RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Elizabeth Jack - RIP
Mon 23 Dec	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 24 Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	18:00 22:00	People of the Parish Fr Michael Morrissey – RIP	16:00 22:00	Helen Reilly - INT <i>Children's Mass</i> Sr Josephine - INT
Wed 25 Dec <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	09:30 11:00	Wilma Hopkins - RIP St Mark's Rosanna Pediconi – RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Sr Catherine Hally - RIP
Thur 26 Dec <i>St Stephen</i>	10:00	Priyanthi Perera - RIP St Edward's	10:00	Margaret Dulieu - RIP
Fri 27 Dec <i>St John</i>	12:00	The Mullan Family – INT	10:00	Pat Naughton & Family - INT
Sat 28 Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	18:00	Glowa Family – RIP	10:00 17:30	Stewart & Celia Parker - INT Colin Snowden - RIP
Sun 29 Dec <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Thomas Reynolds – RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish
Mon 30 Dec	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass

Date 31 Dec – 5 Jan 2025	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Tues 31 Dec	18:00	Holy Souls	18:30	Denis Kingston - RIP
Wed 01 Jan 2025 <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	10:00	Maggie Martin - RIP	10:00	Nora Forster - RIP
Thur 02 Jan <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	10:00	Josephine Bamber - INT St Mark's	18:30	No Mass
Fri 03 Jan	12:00	Sr Patricia – INT	10:00	No Mass
Sat 04 Jan <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	18:00	Netta Ewing – INT	10:00 17:30	No Mass Maria Vonkomerova RIP
Sun 05 Jan <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Eileen Berkeley - RIP

DATE	TIME	DIARY - St Edward's & St Mark's	TIME	DIARY - St Francis of Assisi
Sat 21 Dec	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 22 Dec	12:00 15:00	NO - Tea & Coffee in P/C Holy Hour - St Edward's Church	10:00 11:00	NO Children's Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
Mon 23 Dec	11:00 18:00	Christmas flower arranging + P/C Peace Light Service - St Edward's		
Tues 24 Dec	11:00 16:30 19:15	SVP Lunch Prep - P/C Youth Choir Practice - St Edward's NO RCIA Meeting – St Brigid's Room	11:00 - 12:45 16:00	NO Little Franciscan Toddler Group – Making of the Crib
Wed 25 Dec	09:30 - 15:00	SVP Christmas Lunch - P/C		
Thur 26 Dec	09:30 - 11:30 13.30 - 15:00	NO Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C NO Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 27 Dec	10:00-16:00	NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 28 Dec	11:00 - 11:30 17:30 - 18:00	NO Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 16:00	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Baptism - Leo Ellison
Sun 29 Dec	12:00 15:00	NO - Tea & Coffee in P/C Holy Hour - St Edward's Church	10:00 11:00	NO Children's Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
Mon 30 Dec				
Tue 31 Dec	19:00 19:15	NO - Choir Practice NO - RCIA St Brigid's Room	10:00	NO - Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 01 Jan	19:30	NO - Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room		
Thur 02 Jan	13:30 - 15:00	TBC - Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 03 Jan	10:00 - 16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sat 04 Jan	11:00 - 11:30 12:00 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Conor Bradshaw Reconciliation	10:30	Rosary prayed NO Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Order of Secular Franciscans - after 10:00 Mass
Sun 05 Jan	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	11:00	Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

Live Mass

www.youtube.com/@christthekingwindsor



StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Stream Mass Ascot: -

www.youtube.com/@christthekingascot



Peace Light Service - 23 December at St Edward's

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ, 'Light of the World' and 'Prince of Peace,' join us at **18:00 on Monday 23 December** to pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and elsewhere in our troubled world. With music, carols, readings and silence we will pray around the Peace Light brought from Bethlehem. Please bring a lantern and candle to take the light home with you to share and spread among friends and neighbours.

Christmas Offertory

Traditionally our Christmas Offertory has always been a personal gift to our Priests in recognition of their hard work and commitment, as well as supplementing their stipend. This can be made in cash at the Christmas Masses, using an envelope or the contactless machines in St Edward's and St Francis. If anyone wishes to donate by cheque, please note they should now be payable to CDP Christ The King so they can go into the Parish bank account, and we can claim the Gift Aid if appropriate OR you may use Give as You Live our online giving platform using one of the two links below.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/ascot-st-francis-christmas-collection-2024>

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/windsor-st-edwards-r-c-church-christmas-collection-2024>

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year is almost upon us and will begin with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in St Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve. In the parish, we will start the Holy Year with a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 29 December at 15:00 at St Edward's. Please make a special effort to attend.

This will be a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to return to a right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. There are lots of resources and opportunities for people to enter into the Jubilee which can be found here on the diocesan [Jubilee webpage](#).

Old Missals reused

If you have recently replaced your Missal with an up-to-date version please do not throw your old one away.

Fr Kevin has a contact that is collecting them for use in parts of Africa. So please leave your old one in the box at the back of any of our churches and we will put them to good use. Thank you

Carols on the Hill

On the evening of 13 December, Churches Together in Windsor organised "Carols on the Hill". This year they celebrated 75 years of this community gathering in aid of charity with carol singing by a lighted Christmas tree near the statue of Queen Victoria, against the iconic backdrop of Windsor Castle. A team of dedicated volunteers collected £1,504.00 on behalf of Cruise Bereavement Support and Windsor Cycle Hub. This is a new record, as they collected £950.00 last year. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and were able to donate.

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 (RRP £19.00). Also Advent Calendars and Christmas cards so please call in.

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 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)

Young Readers

First Sunday of the month we have a family Mass at St Edward's and St Mark's, 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) or Cathy Kitson [07816 296090](tel:07816296090)

St Stephen's Vansittart Road

St Stephen's Anglican Church in Vansittart Road, is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this weekend. Deacon George is representing the Parish Community at the sung Eucharistic at 10:00 on Sunday 22 December. We send them our prayers and good wishes.

Last Push for Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals has been **Minni Vinnies** chosen Christmas charity this year. It costs **£19.15** to feed one child for a whole school year. Our goal was to feed 30 children, we are approximately £160 short of that goal!

Please consider helping a child attend school and receive a daily meal. For many children this is the only food they will have to opportunity to eat daily. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Roger La Victoire, Monsignor Canon Nicholas France, and George Price**. The Funeral Service for **Patricia Aherne** will take place at St Edward's on Friday 7 February at 12:00. May they rest in peace.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

The New Sunday Missal

The New Sunday Missal is now available in the Narthex for ONLY £15.00 (RRP £19:00), please use the Dona contactless card machine.

Guild of St Stephen

On 26 December, there will be a presentation to members of the Guild of St Stephen who will receive medals.

St Francis - Christmas Party

Thank you to all who supported and supplied all the wonderful food for our Parish party on 14 December, a good time was had by all!

The Big Christmas Clean!

There will be a final spruce up on Sunday 22 December after 10am Mass. Any help greatly appreciated and all welcome.

SVP - The Society of St Vincent de Paul

... wishes all our supporters a very happy Christmas and New Year. With your help, over £550.00 was raised in Nov/Dec from the Tabletop Sale in the Narthex, for very needy families locally. Thank you all very much. We look forward to your donations in 2025 to continue this work.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

Little Franciscan Toddler group breaks for Christmas. New families most welcome to join our friendly group when they return in January.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy takes a break for Christmas. They wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

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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Peace Light Service

*Monday 23rd December 2024 at 6:00pm
in St Edward's Church, Alma Road
Windsor SL4 3HJ*

*As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ - 'Light of the World' and 'Prince of Peace' - please
join us at **6:00pm on Monday 23rd December**
to pray for peace in the Holy Land,
Ukraine and elsewhere in our troubled world.*

*The service will also be live streamed via St Edward's Church website:
<https://www.catholicwindsor.org/>*

*With music, carols, readings and silence **we will pray around the Peace Light brought from the
Grotto of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.***

***Please bring a lantern and candle to take the Light home with you to share
among family, friends and neighbours.***

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ST FRANCIS
FATIMA DEVOTIONS
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Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 23rd December - FRI 27th December 2024
ZOOM ID : 846 8046 0896
PASSWORD : rosary



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