

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot

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Second Sunday of Advent – 8 December 2024

Thought for the Week

We celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent this weekend, whilst the media and the world around already seem to be throwing themselves into Christmas celebrations with carols, mince pies and turkeys. Advent, however, is a time of reflecting and preparing – not just for Christ's coming at Christmas but his second coming in glory at the end of time.

This week's Gospel reading reflects on John the Baptist, preparing the way for Jesus, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". And in our Second Reading, St Paul tells the Philippians that he is praying that their "love may abound more and more," so that they may "be pure and blameless for the day of Christ".

As those who are baptised, we are on the journey through life towards that final day of Christ. We are called to live our lives always looking towards that time, turning back when we go astray and growing more and more in love of God and of others. To help us especially in this, we have the sacrament of Reconciliation, and we have two Penitential Services in our Parish of Christ the King this Advent – Saturday 14 December at 11:00 at St Edward's, Windsor and Wednesday 18 December at 19:00 at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot. All are welcome.

This Advent, may we all journey forward in faith and love towards that glorious day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Phillip Harris

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 07 Dec - 15 Dec	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 07 Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	18:00	Joesph Keogh - RIP	10:00 17:30	Annie Furlong - INT Anastasia & George Puskar - RIP
Sun 08 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
Mon 09 Dec <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	18:30	Nuala Moran - RIP	10:00 18:30	For Peace – INT (with the school) Mgr Nicholas France - RIP
Tues 10 Dec <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	18:30	Michael Barrett - RIP	18:30	No Mass
Wed 11 Dec <i>St Damasus</i>	10:00	Funeral - Rita Robinson	10:00	Fr Kevin Hoiles - INT
Thur 12 Dec <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10:00	Funeral - Priscilla Mphanza - St Mark's	18:30	Anne Johns - INT
Fri 13 Dec <i>St Lucy</i>	12:00	Marion Doonan – RIP Sacrament of the Sick + Rosary Prayed	10:00	George & Minnie Harris - RIP
Sat 14 Dec <i>St John of the Cross</i>	18:00	Nora Golec - RIP	10:00 17:30	Gloria & Brian Sayce - INT Samuel Lee - INT
Sun 15 Dec <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's Jimmy Regan - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Constance & Arthur Harris - RIP

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 07 Dec	11:00 - 11:30 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 10:30 12:00 & 15:00	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Order of Secular Franciscans, meeting in Narthex Baptisms
Sun 08 Dec	12:00 15:00	Tea & Coffee and HCPT FAIR - P/C Holy Hour - St Edward’s Church	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
Mon 09 Dec			10:00	Mass with the School
Tues 10 Dec	18:00 18:00 - 18:30 19:15	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation RCIA - St Brigid’s Room	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 11 Dec	09:30 19:30	NO Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Men’s Group - St Brigid’s Room	14:00	School Nativity Play - in school
Thur 12 Dec	09:30 - 11:30 13.30 - 15:00	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 13 Dec	10:00-16:00 18.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Event	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 14 Dec	11:00 14:00 - 18:00 17:30 -18:00	Penitential Service - St Edward’s Youth Event - P/C - Christingle Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 16:45 18:30	Rosary prayed No Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Reconciliation before 17:30 Mass Christmas Party - Narthex
Sun 15 Dec	12:00 12:15 15:00	Tea & Coffee after Mass – P/C Baptisms – Emma & Ciaran Moloney Smith Holy Hour - St Edward’s Church	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass

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>

Christ The King - Parish Notices

The Immaculate Conception

Monday 9 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Mass will be said in both St Edward’s and St Francis.

Flowers for Christmas

There will be a collection after Masses at all the churches on 14/15 December for donations towards Christmas flowers. Thank you.

Carols on the Hill – 13 December

This will take place on Friday 13 December 18:15 at the statue of Queen Victoria, Windsor Castle. All welcome.

Peace Light Service - 23 December

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.

Pastoral Letter

Bishop Philip has produced a Pastoral Letter on the theme of Hope, this will be read in churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth on Sunday 8 December 2024, the Second Sunday of Advent. You will also find a video recording of the Bishop reading his letter if you click on this link: "You Tube": <https://youtu.be/JyhPOzuzhjw>

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in Frances Road in Windsor and Murray Court 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.

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

This was a great occasion which was held on Wednesday 4 December to celebrate 60 years since the foundation of the UCM in the parish. Previous priests were present as well as representatives from around the diocese. Congratulations and thank you to the President and members of the UCM.

HCPT Christmas Fair

Sunday 8 December 12:00 – 14:00 in the Parish centre. Please come along & help raise money to take children with additional needs from the Parish to Lourdes. Lots of stalls & mulled wine, raffle, cakes. (Please bring cash.) Hope you'll come along. 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)

Save the Date – Saturday 14 December 2024 – Parish Centre

Christingle, Family hour and a Festive fun night!

15:00 - Crafting and refreshments

16:30 - Christingle

18:00 - Mass

19:00 - Refreshments and collection of belongings

These are all free, however donations for Marys Meals would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to contribute:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Please also help our Mini Vinnies/Jr SVP group raise funds for Marys Meals this Christmas. It costs **£19.15** to feed a child for a whole year. You can find out more about this wonder charity at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

If you or your family sign up to feed a child/children we will add your name to our 'thank you' Christmas Tree.

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P50000KnQVrIAN>

Junior Choir Practice

There will be a **junior choir practice**, Parish Centre at **17:15 on 10 December** – another date will follow.

Please contact Sharon if you have any questions on the above: 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)

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Monsignor Canon Nicholas France**, who was an assistant priest here in 1968, and died peacefully at home on Monday 2 December.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Priscilla Mphanza, Rita Robinson, George Price, Maureen Powell, and Patricia Aherne** 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 Mark's 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.

School Play

The children of St Francis Primary School will be putting on their Nativity in the school at 14:00 on Wednesday 11 December.

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!

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 during 'Term Time', 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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