

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot

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Baptism of the Lord – 12 January 2025

Thought for the Week

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus presents himself to John for baptism, even though he was without sin. Why then was he baptised? By being baptised, although sinless, he allows himself to be numbered among sinners, with the rest of humanity, and it is a foreshadowing of the baptism of death that he will accept on the Cross in order to take away our sins. Jesus's deliberate identification with us does not in any way diminish the fact that he is the Son of God, and so the Holy Spirit "descended on him in bodily form, like a dove" and we hear the voice of the Father from heaven that affirms, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased."

St Paul in our Second Reading reflects on how we have been changed by our faith in God, receiving "the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Today is a good day for us to begin to reflect on the gifts and graces we have received from God through our own baptism and how we are living out our faith in our daily lives.

How do I live out my Christian vocation? Do I use my God-given talents in serving him? What is the Lord calling me to? Let us turn to the Lord, asking him to continue to guide and help us on our journey through this life, so that, rejoicing in our own baptism and with his guidance, we may indeed be "justified by his grace... [and] become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Fr Phillip

Date 11 – 19 Jan 2025	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS At St Francis of Assisi
Sat 11 Jan	18:00	Sr Betty - INT	10:00 17:30	Phyllis Druce - RIP James O'Connell
Sun 12 Jan <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	09:30 11:00	Tom Costello - St Mark's People of the Parish	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Dec'd Members of Berkeley Family
Mon 13 Jan <i>St Hilary</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 14 Jan	18:30	Kenefick Family - INT	18:30	Humphrey Doody - RIP
Wed 15 Jan	10:00	Eucharistic Service	10:00	Jill Oakey - RIP
Thur 16 Jan	10:00	Pat Brooke - St Mark's	18:30	John - RIP
Fri 17 Jan <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	12:00	Holy Souls	10:00	<i>(School attending Mass)</i>
Sat 18 Jan <i>Our Lady of Saturday</i>	18:00	People of the Parish - INT	10:00 17:30	David Forsythe - RIP
Sun 19 Jan <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prayer for Peace Day</i>	09:30 11:00	Anna Denny - RIP - St Mark's Linda Avice - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Rosa Santa Caterina - RIP

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



DATE	TIME	DIARY OF EVENTS St Edward's & St Mark's	TIME	DIARY OF EVENTS St Francis of Assisi
Sat 11 Jan	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation -Session 3	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	10:00	First Holy Communion Enrolments
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation
Sun 12 Jan	09:30	Baptism - Anthoney Rae Vera - St Mark's	10:00	Children's Liturgy
	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	11:00	Tea & Coffee in Narthex
Mon 13 Jan				
Tues 14 Jan	18:00	Evening Prayer	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	19:00	Extra Choir Practice - Church		
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room		
Weds 15 Jan	09:30	Morning Prayer		
	17:30	Finance Committee Meeting - St Brigid's Room		
Thur 16 Jan	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	13.30 - 15:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 17 Jan	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 18 Jan	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation Service + P/C	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after Mass
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	12:00	Baptism - Henry Curtis-Phillips
Sun 19 Jan	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	10:00 11:00	Children's Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex

Christ The King - Parish Notices

Fr David & Fr Phillip - Weekend of 11/12 January 2025

Fr David will be celebrating the Masses in Ascot on this weekend and Fr Phillip will be celebrating the Masses in Windsor.

Conference in Ireland

The Bishop has asked Canon David to attend a Conference on Leadership from Monday to Thursday this coming week.

The New Sunday Missal

The New Sunday Missal is now available in all our churches for **ONLY £15.00** (RRP £19:00), you can use the Dona contactless card machine to purchase one.

Engaged Couples Breakfast – Saturday 8 February 2025

There will be a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast for our engaged couples **on Saturday 8 February 2025**, at the Cathedral. Deacon Peter Silsbury is kindly making the arrangements: psilsbury@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a booking form.

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Young Readers

On the first Sunday of the month we have a Family Mass at St Edward's and St Mark's, and it is lovely to have 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)

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia Aherne, Monica Mayhew, Roger La Victoire, Vivienne Papke and David Walker.**

Monica's Funeral Mass takes place at St Edward's on Friday 31 January at 12:00. **Roger La Victoire** Funeral Mass will take place at St Edward's on Wednesday 5 February at 10:00 and **Patricia's** Funeral Mass take place at St Edward's on Friday 7 February at 12:00.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

First Holy Communion 2025

Please note the days and times of the meetings for the First Holy Communion programme.

Saturday 11 January - 10:00 Enrolment Mass followed by a short class on 'Prayer & Baptism' together with children and families.

Sunday 19 January - 08:45 - 09:45 'Love like Jesus', Children and Catechists.

Sunday 26 January - 08:45 - 09:45 'Forgiveness', Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) Children and Catechists

Further dates are on the First Holy Communion Programme timetable sheet already sent out to candidates.

Choir

St Francis's choir would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join them as a singer or instrumentalist. They are a friendly group who meet half an hour before the 10:00 Mass on Sunday to go through the music. They also have a few specific rehearsals before Advent and Easter. If you would like to join, please speak with Angela or Ron any time after Mass.

SVP Sale

The SVP table returns after the holidays. We would appreciate your unwanted items to sell for the benefit of those in need, i.e. toiletries, candles, jewellery, bags, ornaments, china, household items etc.

Thank you to those who dropped donations in this week to replenish the table after Christmas. TAKE A LOOK - some lovely stuff - lots of bargains. Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks. Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday from 11:00 – 12:45 in the Narthex during 'Term Time.' They start back after the Christmas break on 7 January. 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.

Jubilee Year of Hope

Dates for the Diary

We started the Holy Year with a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, this will continue on a monthly basis. The Holy Hour will alternate between Ascot and Windsor on the last Sunday of the month. The next Holy Hour will be on

Sunday 26 January 2025 in St Francis, Ascot. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date:

There will be a **Parish day Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Saturday 14 June.** Details will follow when we have more information.

Places of Pilgrimage

The following shrine churches have been chosen by Bishop Philip as particular places of pilgrimage, and for the granting of the indulgence in the Year of Jubilee 2025:

Bournemouth Oratory / St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth / St Edmund's Southampton & St James and St William of York, Reading.

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/>

Pilgrims of Hope

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.” Luke 4:18

The Jubilee Year is upon us, and we began with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in St Peter’s in Rome on Christmas Eve. 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](#).

This Jubilee Year is a great opportunity to bring together and foster a sense of unity among the diverse cultures and communities that make up our vibrant Church family.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD’s Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop’s Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD’s Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD’s Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. **Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30 - midday, online**. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

- **Our Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of hope reflection guide** is ideal for groups and individuals looking to deepen their faith and renew their hope in the special Jubilee Year. There are four reflection sessions to help us to explore the Jubilee which could be run at any point of the year or even as a single one-off session.
- **Praying with the Jubilee Icon**
We have also been working with the Bishops’ Conference to produce a Jubilee Icon for the Church in England and Wales. Created by an Ethiopian artist, the Icon is based on Luke 4:18-19. More information can be found on our Jubilee page. The icon will be visiting dioceses during the year, arranged by the Bishops’ Conference and the Diocesan Jubilee Coordinators.

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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FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 13th - FRI 17th January 2024
ZOOM ID : 883 2369 5529
PASSWORD : rosary



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