

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot



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Epiphany of the Lord – 5 January 2025

Thought for the Week

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord; the readings are rich in opulent imagery. There are camels, kings, gold, frankincense and myrrh, it is all very poetic and atmospheric. The imagery stresses that Jesus came not just for the shepherds of Bethlehem or the townsfolk of Nazareth; he came for all peoples. The psalm says: 'all places will serve him' and Isaiah wrote 'nations shall come to your light,' it is neatly summarised by St Paul who observes that '... the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus.'

We know nothing more about the Magi, we do not know how many wise men from the east there were who returned to their own country bypassing Jerusalem to avoid a second meeting with Herod. Like a caravan of camels passing through the desert they disappear from scripture. However, they do not disappear before they have fallen down and worshipped the child. Whether they truly understood the divine nature of Jesus is immaterial, it was travellers from an antique land who first recognised and honoured the infant king of the Jews: a phrase we will not hear again until the adult Jesus next meets a powerful Gentile; Pilate.

The Magi were guided by a star. As a New Year opens, can we be a star guiding others to the house where Christ and his family rest or, like the Magi, take a risk to seek him out. Or are we like Herod only saying that we will worship him when we have more information? The camels' footprints have long disappeared in the desert, but the impact of the curious, adventurous explorers who rode them opened the world to Christ and changed it for ever, who are we helping to lead to Jesus?

Deacon Stephen Patterson

Date 4 – 12 Jan 2025	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS At St Francis of Assisi
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
Mon 06 Jan	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 07 Jan	18:30	Pat Scully - RIP	18:30	Constance & Arthur Harris - RIP
Wed 08 Jan	10:00	Patrick Waldron - RIP	10:00	Ann Johns - INT
Thur 09 Jan	10:00	Sr Beatrice - INT - St Mark's	18:30	John Moisa Sekou Bull - RIP
Fri 10 Jan	12:00	Richard Poynter - RIP & Sacrament of the Sick	10:00	Jean Willows - RIP
Sat 11 Jan	18.00	Sr Betty - INT	10:00 17:30	Phyllis Druce - RIP James O'Connell
Sun 12 Jan <i>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

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 04 Jan	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation		Rosary prayed
	12:00	Baptism - Conor Bradshaw	10:30	NO Reconciliation
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Order of Secular Franciscans, meeting
Sun 05 Jan	10:30	Tea & Coffee - St Mark's	10:00	NO Children's Liturgy
	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	11:00	Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room		
Mon 06 Jan				
Tues 07 Jan	10:00	UCM Committee Meeting - P/C	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room		
Weds 08 Jan	19:00	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room		
Thur 09 Jan	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	11:30	Bereavement Group - P/C		
	13.30 - 15:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 10 Jan	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of the Sick	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
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 after Mass
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 after Mass

Christ The King - Parish Notices

Thank You

Fr David and Fr Phillip would like to thank you all for your kind wishes and gifts over the Christmas period.

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

Fr David will be celebrating the Masses in Ascot on the weekend of 11/12 January and Fr Phillip will be celebrating the Masses in Windsor.

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

Contactless Giving - DONA Machine

We have the facility for Parishioners or Visitors to donate by using a card instead of cash. This can be used for donations, (which can also be gift-aided), second collections, and purchases from the repository, including the New Sunday Missal. It is proving very convenient, so please do make use of it.

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/>

Jubilee 2025 - 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. In the parish, we started the Holy Year with a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 15:00, this will continue on **Sunday 26 January 2025 in Ascot.**

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.

- **Introducing Jubilee – online session – 18 January 2025**

All are welcome to join us for [A general introduction to the Jubilee Year](#) with special guests including **Fr Jan Nowotnik**, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director, and **Kayode Akintola**, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Also featuring a special song by Catholic Group Ooberfuse and more. Saturday 18 January 10:30 - midday.

- **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.

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Day Lunch party

Thank you for all the help and support with putting on the SVP's Christmas Day party, everyone had an enjoyable Christmas day and a lovely lunch.

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 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)

Little Eddies Toddler Group

This group resumes after Christmas on **Thursday 9 January**. It 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

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia Aherne, Monica Mayhew, Roger La Victoire 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. **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 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 sheet.

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.

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 – Resumes 12 January

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.

PACT

A big 'Thank You' from PACT for all the gifts that were donated. These were taken to the prison and distributed to the children.

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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**ST FRANCIS
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 6th January - FRI 10th January 2025
ZOOM ID : 830 0339 5501
PASSWORD : rosary**



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ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - www.stfrancisascot.co.uk
www.council984.co.uk