

# Christ The King Windsor & Ascot

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## Third Sunday of Advent – 15 December 2024

### Thought for the Week

The theme in this Sunday's liturgy is "Rejoice," as well as being the third Sunday of Advent it is also Gaudete Sunday, the word Gaudete means rejoice. The basis for this rejoicing is the nearness of the Lord.

In the first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, he bids Jerusalem to rejoice because salvation is near. God stands in her mist and will deliver her from her enemies. God is portrayed, not only as a king and warrior, but also as a loving God.

The theme of joy is even more emphatic in the Second reading. Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near. Paul was thinking about the Second coming, which he believed was near, so there is no need to worry. If they need anything, they are to pray for it, and the peace of God will be with them.

The theme of the nearness of the Lord is also at the heart of the Gospel. John the Baptist tells the people what they must do in order to prepare for the Lords coming and to escape his searching judgement. At the same time he makes it clear that he is subordinate to Jesus.

Advent urges us to prepare a way for the Lord. There is no better way to prepare than to be welcoming towards those in need. The way to find peace and happiness and goodness is to forget oneself and love others.

Deacon George

### 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 Wednesday 18 December 19:00 - St Francis  
 Penitential Service Saturday 21 December 11:00 St Joseph's - Maidenhead



Date 14 Dec - 26 Dec	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 14 Dec <i>St John of the Cross</i>	11:00 18:00	Penitential Service - St Edward's Nora Golec - RIP	10:00 17:30	Samuel Lee - INT
Sun 15 Dec <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 11:00	Mary Powell - St Mark's Jimmy Regan - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish
Mon 16 Dec	10:00	José Cala Farinha - RIP		No Mass
Tues 17 Dec	18:30	Violet Mary Riley - FM -	12:30 18:30	Fr Eric Spencer - RIP <b>No Mass</b>
Wed 18 Dec	10:00	Evie Sharky - INT	10:00 19:00	Vera King - RIP Penitential Service
Thur 19 Dec	10:00	People of the Parish - St Mark's	18:30	Ed Underwood RIP
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Joyce Cruickshank - RIP	10:00	Sr Bernadette – INT
Sat 21 Dec	18:00	Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP	10:00 17:30	James & Johanna Moriarty RIP Allan Mackrory - RIP
Sun 22 Dec <i>4<sup>th</sup> 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
Tue 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 (Children's Mass) Sr Josephine - INT
Wed 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	09:30 11:00	Wilma Hopkins - RIP Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Sr Catherine Hally - RIP
Thur 26 <i>St Stephen</i>	10:00	Priyanthi Perera - RIP - St Edward's	10:00	Margaret Dulieu- RIP

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
<b>Sat 14 Dec</b>	11:00 14:00 - 18:00 17:30 - 18:00	Penitential Service - St Edward’s Youth Event - P/C - Christingle Reconciliation	10:30 16:45 18:30	Rosary prayed <b>No</b> Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Reconciliation before 17:30 Mass St Francis - Christmas Party
<b>Sun 15 Dec</b>	12:00 15:00	Tea & Coffee Holy Hour - St Edward’s Church	10:00 11:00	Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	14:00	SVP Meeting - St Brigid’s Room		
<b>Tues 17 Dec</b>	18:00 18:00 - 18:30 19:15	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation RCIA - St Brigid’s Room	11:00 - 12:45 18:00	Little Franciscan Toddler Group – Christmas Party. School Carol Concert in Church
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	09:15 18:00	School Rehearsal Carol Concert + P/C First School Carol Concert Year 4	19:00	Penitential Service
<b>Thur 19 Dec</b>	09:30 - 11:30 13.30 - 15:00	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C Mass Readings Explained - P/C	10:00	Cleaning of the Church
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	10:00-16:00 18.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Event	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
<b>Sat 21 Dec</b>	11:00 17:30 -18:00	Penitential Service - St Edward’s Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b>	12:00 15:00	<b>No</b> - Tea & Coffee after Mass - P/C Holy Hour - St Edward’s Church	10:00 11:00	<b>No</b> Children’s Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex after Mass
<b>Mon 23 Dec</b>	11:00 18:00	Christmas flower arranging Peace Light Service - St Edward’s		
<b>Tue 24 Dec</b>	11:00	SVP Lunch Prep - P/C	10:00	<b>No</b> - Little Franciscan Toddler Group
<b>Wed 25 Dec</b>	09:30 - 15:00	SVP Christmas Lunch - P/C		
<b>Thur 26 Dec</b>	13:30 - 15:00	<b>No</b> Mass Readings Explained - P/C		

**Further dates and info on our websites:**

[CatholicWindsor.org](http://CatholicWindsor.org)

**Live Mass Link**

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

[StFrancisAscot.co.uk](http://StFrancisAscot.co.uk)

**Live Mass Link**

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

**Christ The King - Parish Notices**

**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.

**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 the envelope system or using the contactless machines in St Edwards and St Francis. If anyone should wish to use a 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.

Alternatively 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>

## The Year of Jubilee

'Pilgrims of Hope', is almost upon us. It is 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. They have lots of resources and opportunities for people to enter into the Jubilee which can be found on their [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

CAFOD have sent thanks to everyone at St Edward's, St Mark's & St Francis for their prayers and donation of £2,635.00 during the last Family Fast Day.

## 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 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](mailto:jetbar@live.co.uk) or mobile [07547 514467](tel:07547514467)

## Save the Date – Saturday 14 December 2024 – Parish Centre from 15:00

### **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 Mary's 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 Mary's 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/701P500000KnQVrIAN>

## 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](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)

## 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)

## HCPT Fair – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped or attended the fair last Sunday. We raised just over £1,000 which will go towards the children's fares for the next pilgrimage. Pat. Group 128 Leader.

## Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Monsignor Canon Nicholas France, George Price**. The Funeral Service for **Maureen Powell** take place at Slough Crematorium on Thursday 19 December at 10:30. 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.

### 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. Thank you to everyone who can support this event.

### 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 there are a lot of pine needles, that would be appreciated!

### 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

Little Franciscan Toddler group breaks for Christmas after our party on Tuesday 17 December. New families most welcome to join our friendly group when we return in January.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy takes a break after Sunday 15 December until 12 January. We 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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**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 16th - FRI 20th December 2024**

**ZOOM ID 810 0833 0347**

**PASSWORD : rosary**



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ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - [www.stfranciscat.co.uk](http://www.stfranciscat.co.uk)  
[www.council984.co.uk](http://www.council984.co.uk)



St Edward & St Mark  
Catholic Windsor



*God bless you this Christmas*

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR 2024**

**Sunday 22 December**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

- St Marks 09:30

- St Edwards 11:00

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**24 December**

- St Edward's 18:00 (*carols from 17:30*)

- St Edward's 22:00 (*carols from 21:30*)

**Christmas Day**

**25 December**

- St Mark's 09:30

- St Edward's 11:00

[www.catholicwindsor.org](http://www.catholicwindsor.org)

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St Edward's, Alma Road SL4 3HJ



## **CHRISTMAS AT ST FRANCIS, ASCOT**

### **Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm: Children's Christmas Mass (*with blessing of the crib*)

10pm: First Mass of Christmas

### **Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am: Dawn Mass

10.00am: Christmas Mass

### **Christmas Week Masses**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December: 10am (*St Stephen*)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December: 10am (*St John*)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: 10am (*Holy Innocents*)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm (*Holy Family*)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 8:30pm & 10am  
(*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*)