

Christ The King Windsor & Ascot

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 January 2025 – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thought for the Week

If we take the miracle of Cana literally, we reduce it to a one-off wonder and greatly limit its meaning. It is not really about the power to change water into wine. We already know how to do that; it happens every year in our vineyards and wineries. The miracle has a deeper and broader meaning, and one that is valid for all time. It's about something far more wonderful. In attempting to describe the relationship between God and his people the Bible uses the image of a bridegroom and his bride. In describing the joy God finds among his people, it uses the image of a wedding feast.

What Jesus did at Cana was not a one-off thing. It pointed to what would happen all through his ministry. The changing of water into wine is a symbol for what he was about. Everywhere he went, the old was made new: for the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy, for Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love, for the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope; on Easter morning he changed death into life.

Water is a good thing and essential for bodily survival. However, though it gives satisfaction it doesn't give joy. Wine, on the other hand raises the spirit.

Blessed are those who thirst for the new wine that Jesus provides. The old is the promise, and the new is the fulfilment. Material things are not enough. Jesus brings another dimension to life. He brings a joy which the world cannot give.

Deacon George

Date 18 - 26 Jan 2025	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	MASSES & INTENTIONS At St Francis of Assisi
Sat 18 Jan <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	18:00	People of the Parish	10:00 17:30	David Forsythe - RIP
Sun 19 Jan <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</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
Mon 20 Jan <i>St Fabian</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 21 Jan <i>St Agnes</i>	18:30	Mgr Canon Nicholas France - RIP	18:30	Monica Mayhew - RIP
Wed 22 Jan <i>St Vincent</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service	10:00	Vivienne Papke - RIP
Thur 23 Jan	10:00	Peggy Flanagan - RIP - St Mark's	18:30	Sid - RIP
Fri 24 Jan <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	12:00	Nora Golec - RIP	10:00	Luca Callaghan - RIP
Sat 25 Jan <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	18.00	People of the Parish	10:00 17:30	Frits van Kersen - RIP
Sun 26 Jan <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -</i>	09:30 11:00	Zdenka lapichino - RIP - St Mark's Isagani Protacio - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Aiden McDowell & Family - INT

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18 January

Almighty God, accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites us. Hasten the hour when we will recognise each other in the one communion you willed and for which your Son prayed.

Blessed be God, now and forever. Amen.

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 18 Jan	10:00	First Holy Communion - Reconciliation Service + P/C	09:30	Rosary prayed
	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	12:00	Baptism - Henry Curtis-Phillips
Sun 19 Jan	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	08:45	First Holy Communion Session
			10:00	Children's Liturgy
			11:00	Tea & Coffee in Narthex
Mon 20 Jan				
Tues 21 Jan	18:00	Evening Prayer	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	16:45	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room		
Weds 22 Jan	09:30	Morning Prayer		
	19:00	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room		
Thur 23 Jan	09:30 - 11:30	Little Eddies Toddler Group - P/C		
	13.30 - 15:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 24 Jan	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 25 Jan	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after Mass
			12:00	Baptism - Aurora McKenzie
Sun 26 Jan	12:00	Tea & Coffee in P/C	08:45	First Holy Communion Session
			10:00	Children's Liturgy
			11:00	Tea & Coffee in Narthex
			15:00	Holy Hour - Year of Hope

Christ The King - Parish Notices

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married in the parish, or elsewhere. Would you like to attend the Marriage Preparation Course that runs at St Edward's? The dates are **Tuesday evenings February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18**, which are held in the Parish Centre. The course covers the topics of communication, commitment, resolving conflict, your goals and values, the Sacrament of Marriage and looking toward the future together. Please contact Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

The Outreach team will restart delivering cards in the week of 27 January. If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) [07769 249568](tel:07769249568) or Lucy (Ascot) outreach@catholicwindsor.org. The Outreach Team.

CAFOD School Volunteers

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone [07710 094447](tel:07710094447).

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Jack Rankin – MP

The MP for Windsor and Maidenhead will be joining our congregation at Mass on Sunday 2 February at 11:00.

Recently deceased

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

David's Funeral Service will take place at St Edward's on Tuesday 28 January at 11.00, followed by committal at Slough Crematorium. **Monica Mayhew's** Funeral Mass takes place at St Edward's on Friday 31 January at 12:00. **Roger La Victoire's** Funeral Mass will take place at St Edward's on Wednesday 5 February at 10:00 and **Patricia Aherne'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 next meetings for the First Holy Communion programme.

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.

Thank You

Jaycie Warren is stepping down from her role as the Safeguarding Representative in Ascot. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jaycie and appreciate all the hard work she has done as the Safeguarding Representative.

We will be looking for a new Safeguarding Representative for Ascot to take over, more information will be available next week, if interested you can email: stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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 is up and running. 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.

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.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eileen Laney**. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Francis at 14:00 on Friday 7 February, followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

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 at St Francis, Ascot**. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date:

There will be a **Parish 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 - Limited Spaces Available - Book up Now!

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/>

Please Note:

All potential **Confirmation Candidates** for 2026, would be advised to register for Flame but must be over 13 years old.

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.

- **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. [Jubilee webpage](#).

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.



Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569228339849



Instagram: www.instagram.com/christthekingwindsorascot/



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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 20th January - FRI 24th January 2024

ZOOM ID : 879 6351 0491

PASSWORD : rosary



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