

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6 October 2024

Thought for the Week

The new Parish of Ascot and Windsor

As you know, following the Bishop's 10-year plan for the Diocese – the parishes of Ascot and Windsor have been working together, and have formed a joint Pastoral Council. I have now formally written to the Bishop and asked him to create canonically this new Parish. The Bishop will need to consult the Council of Priests and College of Consultors. The new Parish will need a Canonical title - The Pastoral Council has suggested that new Parish be called 'The Parish of Christ the King'. I think this is a fitting title - and of course has its own Feast Day - the Sunday before Advent begins.

We will of course retain the individual patronage of St Edward's Church in Alma Road, St Mark's Church in Dedworth Road, and St Francis Church in Ascot.

Our Parish Finance Committee will have to be dissolved, and I will shortly create a new Finance Committee with good representation from Ascot and Windsor. Baptism and Marriage records will be centralised.

But the most important part of this coming together of our two Parishes, is that we should work together to build up Christ's Church in our new Parish of Christ the King. Deacons George and Stephen are ministering on alternate Sundays at Ascot which helps build us together. I firmly believe that in time our two communities will energise each other and make us stronger. Please pray for our new Parish.

On the 18 October, Bishop Philip is coming to meet our joint Pastoral Council - to hear what we have been doing and I'm sure, challenge us to look at new ways of proclaiming the Gospel.

Canon David Hopgood

Date 5 – 13 October	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 5 Oct <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	18:00	Paola Bernardi - RIP	10:00 17:30	Eileen Berkeley - RIP Maria & William Vonkomer - RIP
Sun 6 Oct <i>27th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Patricia Keane - RIP - St Mark's Jimmy Regan - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Carter & Harper Scott - INT
Mon 7 Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 8 Oct	18:30	People of the Parish	18:30	
Wed 9 Oct <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10:00	Manuela Birch	10:00	Josephine - INT
Thur 10 Oct <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	10:00	Levi Fernandes - St Mark's	18:30	
Fri 11 Oct <i>St John XXIII</i>	12:00	Mary Mellotte - INT	10:00	
Sat 12 Oct <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	18:00	Patricia Heaslip – RIP	10:00 17:30	Sheila Kearney - RIP People of the Parish
Sun 13 Oct <i>Solemnity of St Edward the Confessor</i> <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Eithne O'Toole - INT - St Mark's Tommy Sharkey – RIP	08:30 10:00	Berkeley Family Deceased Gerry Portuguese - RIP

Pastoral Area Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of faith and hope as we pray for the successful joining of our two Parishes in this Pastoral area.

Lord, we seek your guidance and blessings for this journey as we strengthen our faith community and fulfil your mission to evangelise and bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

May your wisdom enlighten our journey as we join together in faith, love, and unity.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer this prayer.

Amen

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 5 Oct	11:00 -11:30 17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 12:00	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Baptism - Casey Wickham
Sun 6 Oct	12:00 12:15	Tea & Coffee - P/C UCM - Cake Sale for Thames Hospice Baptism Preparation-St Brigid’s Room	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 7 Oct				
Tues 8 Oct	10:30 18:00 18:00-18:30	UCM Meeting - P/C Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 9 Oct	09:30 10:30 19:00	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Refreshments after memorial - P/C Men’s Group - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 10 Oct	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 11 Oct	09:00 10:00-16:00 12:00 12:30	STERF School attending Mass for the Feast of St Edward the Confessor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of the sick - during Mass Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 12 Oct	09:00 11:00 -11:30 14:00 16:00 17:30 -18:00	Readers Reflection Day P/C & Church Reconciliation Wedding - Andrew Smith & Charlotte Dare Altar Servers Practice - St Edward’s Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 13 Oct	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

The new Catholic Parish of Ascot and Windsor

Fr David recently wrote to the Bishop to request that we move forward to create one Canonical Parish out of the existing two parishes of Windsor and Ascot. There will be an Open Meeting to explain the Canonical procedure and answer any questions. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October at 18:30 in St Edward’s Parish Centre, Windsor (a similar Open Meeting was held in Ascot in June), all are welcome.

Feast Days of St Francis and St Edward

To prepare us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Friday 4 October and the Feast of St Edward on Sunday 13 October, all are invited to pray a Novena between the two days. Copies of the Novena will be available after each Mass this weekend.

Readers’ Reflection Day – 12 October 09:30 - 14:00

Dr Judith Thomas, Theologian and Scripture Scholar, will lead the reflection on the importance of the Scriptures in the celebration of Liturgy in our parish community. We will also be introducing the new Lectionary. This important session is for all current Readers in Ascot and Windsor and those who may be interested in this Ministry. This is an opportunity to reflect on the scriptures and explore the new Lectionary, which will be used from the first Sunday in Advent. Please contact Sr Patricia Mulhall by email mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk or Text: 07766 710 000.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal

There will be a special collection for Cafod this weekend at all Masses. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

RCIA

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church, do you want to know more, or start your journey? The RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] programme which leads up to Easter 2025 will start on 15 October at 19:15 in St Brigid's Room in the Windsor Parish Centre. It's an opportunity to explore the faith and discover more about the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more and join the sessions please speak to Fr David, Fr Phillip, or Deacon Stephen.

Baptism Preparation

Windsor - Preparation is usually held once a month in the Parish Centre, Dorset Road, Windsor at 12.15 on Sunday. Classes run for around 45 minutes. Parents are invited to begin this process even before the birth of any child to be baptised. Please contact Deacon George for more details: dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Ascot - Preparation sessions will be held, as required on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15 from 3 November. Please contact Deacon Stephen for more details: spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in **Gallys Road, Hanley Close, Withey Close, Lockets Close, Marbeck Close, Knights Close and Black Horse Close**, in Windsor and **Hurstwood Road** 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. If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) [07769 249568](tel:07769249568) or Lucy (Ascot) from the Outreach Team: outreach@catholicwindsor.org.

The Rescue Project – From 1 October at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

The Rescue Project is an 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel every Tuesday evening at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead. Mass will be offered first, and the 'Rescue' sessions start at 19:00. The intention is to include parishioners from Ascot, Maidenhead, Sunningdale and Windsor, bringing our local Catholic-Christian community closer together. Secure your place today via this link: [Register Now](#). You can learn more by watching this [short informational video](#). If you have already tried Alpha (or have considered it, but never joined), perhaps 'The Rescue Project' is for you? It is aimed at all levels of faith from priest to no faith at all, so all are welcome!

The Marriage Evening

All couples are invited to The Marriage Evening on Friday, 25 October from 19:30 until 21:00 in St Edward's Parish Centre. As a couple you will learn how to make plans for 2025, five years from now and ten years from now. Also learn the importance of communication between the two of you and how to make each other feel loved. Pizza, wine, cake and other snacks will be provided. There is no charge for the evening, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com to find out more or to register for this evening.

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

Night Shelter – Volunteers Needed!

Before the Pandemic, during the cold winter nights, a Night Shelter was offered to the homeless people of Windsor under the name 'More Than a Shelter' in the Parish Centre. The guests were offered a warm meal, a warm bed for the night, and breakfast.

The charity has merged with WCA and is now part of the Windsor Homeless Project. Last week, planning permission was granted to run a Night Shelter at the Homeless Project home, Alma Beacon.

To run the shelter, we need volunteers to cover 84 shifts per week:

- Evening Meal 07:00pm - 10:00pm
- Overnight 10:00pm - 07:00am
- Breakfast 07:00am - 08.30am

If we are going to run the night shelter this winter, we need lots of new volunteers to staff all the shifts each week. If anybody is interested in becoming a volunteer, can I ask them to complete this very simple form

<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>

Cake Sale Sunday 6 October

The Union of Catholic Mothers are having a Cake Sale on Sunday 6 October in aid of Thames Hospice. Cakes will be sold after the 09:30 Mass at St Mark's and the 11:00 Mass at St Edward's. Please bake/donate a cake to help make this event a success. Tea and Coffee will be available so why not come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with a cake and good company. All money raised will be given to Thames Hospice.

Altar Servers

There will be a practice for new and existing Altar Servers on Saturday 12 October at 16:00 in St Edward's Church. For further information, please email Andrew. andrewmullan@yahoo.com

Hosanna House Childrens Pilgrimage Trust

We are beginning our fundraising for our next trip to Lourdes with our annual Christmas Fair on 8 December, to be held in the Parish Centre. We are hoping that the parish community will help us by donating items for the fair and by supporting us on the day. Please put the date in your diaries. More details to follow. Thank you, Pat Burke.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Carroll**, her funeral service will take place at Slough Crematorium on 21 October. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Price**, her funeral in on Tuesday 22 October outside of the parish and her burial is in Stoke Road Cemetery, Slough on Wednesday 23 October at 13.15.

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

Fatima Devotions

On Sunday 13 October the Parish celebrates the last visit of Our Lady at Fatima. **After the 10:00 Mass next Sunday** the Parish will pray the Rosary, and (*weather permitting*) will take Our Lady in procession, from the front of the church to the car park, then onto the Friary garden and then back into the church for the last decade and Benediction. Please do stay behind to pray the rosary as Our Lady asked us to do at Fatima.

St Francis First Holy Communion - (Ascot)

Registration is open for children Year 3 and above to join our programme which runs January to May 2025. **Closing date for applications is 27 October 2024.** Forms are available from the church, by emailing the Parish Office and from the website. In order to run this we need volunteers willing to be DBS checked. Please contact the Parish Office if you are volunteering.

The New Lectionary Books

If you would you like to donate towards the new Lectionary Books, there is a button named 'Lectionary Books' on the **DONA Terminal** in the back of the church for those donating by card. You can also donate by cash using the designated envelopes available at the Church porch. *Thank you for your donations.*

SVP Tabletop Sales:

The tabletop sale continues in the Narthex after all Masses. Lots of bargains. TAKE A LOOK. Thank you for your wonderful donations, the proceeds going to needy families locally.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday during term-time, from 11:00 – 12:45. 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.

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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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are planning to open a Night Shelter at Alma Beacon, Alma Road, Windsor over the winter months.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? We'd love to hear from you. Various shifts available.

If interested use this link
<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>

HELPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THE WINDSOR COMMUNITY



FATIMA DEVOTIONS - St Francis Ascot
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 7th - FRI 11th OCTOBER 2024
ZOOM ID : 871 3147 2796
PASSWORD : rosary



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St Albans - Uxbridge - Willesden Green - High Wycombe - Cockfosters -
Hemel Hempstead - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square - Yeading - Whitton -
Wembley - Thames Valley

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