



St Francis of Assisi Church

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Fr Phillip writes...

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity: a feast that calls us to reflect on the mystery of God himself and how he has revealed himself to us, one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the First Reading from Deuteronomy, Moses refers in passing to God as creator, and as the God who has spoken, but at the forefront for Moses and his generation is what God has just done for them: he has called them as a people, from slavery in Egypt, into a land of their own... and now he is giving them the Law to live by. God is Father: the Father who created everything, the Father who calls a people to be his own people, the Father who guides and teaches his children.

The great mystery of why God involves himself with us comes into clear view in Jesus. In Jesus, God's love for us is revealed: God takes human flesh and lives among us – truly God and truly man. He teaches us and gives himself for us, feeding us with his Body and Blood, dying on the Cross, rising to new life. He does this for us to bring us all back to him, so that we can be his children, in fact more than children as St Paul tells us in our Second Reading, heirs: "heirs of God and coheirs with Christ".

On the day of Pentecost, God chose to pour out his Holy Spirit not just on a small select group or on prophets but on all his Church. The presence of the Holy Spirit gives his Church life, and he continues to reveal more to us about himself and his will through time.

The revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three persons, yet One God, takes place in human history. It happens like that, surely for one reason only: because he is the God who loves, and because he loves, he acts, and because he acts, he reaches out and transforms our lives. We are caught up in all this, for today – in our lives and our world – God is still present and active, making us his children and heirs, calling us as his Church to go out to others with his Good News. And because he is Love, we know we are never on our own but have his loving presence guiding us in all that we do, enabling us to tell others of the God who loves so much that he has revealed himself as the Most Holy Trinity, One God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✠ Saturday 25th May, 5.30 pm: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
- ✠ Sunday 26th May, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8.30 am (People of the Parish)
10 am* (Pat Ambrose R.I.P)
- ✠ Monday 27th May: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✠ Tuesday 28th May, 6.30 pm: 8th Week in Ordinary Time
- ✠ Wednesday 29th May, 11 am: Funeral Mass for Gerald Griffiths R.I.P
- ✠ Thursday 30th May, 6.30 pm: 8th Week in Ordinary Time (Holy Souls R.I.P)
- ✠ Friday 31st May, 11.30 am: Funeral Mass for Trevor Kilner R.I.P
- ✠ Saturday 1st June, 10 am: 8th Week in Ordinary Time (James & Johanna Moriarty R.I.P)
- ✠ Saturday 1st June, 5.30 pm: CORPUS CHRISTI (People of the Parish)
- ✠ Sunday 2nd June, CORPUS CHRISTI
8.30 am (Frances Wilde 1st Anniversary R.I.P)
10 am* (Cathie Bithrey R.I.P)

✠ Confession after the 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment

Letter from the Bishop - copies available in the Church porch.



'Prayer Before Exams' sheets available to students to grab one in the Church porch.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, MALGORZATA CORDOBA & ANNE WEATHERALL.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"

- Dom Helder Camara
Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

We wish you all a good half-term and we will resume activities on **4th June**. During term time, every **Tuesday** from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy will resume on 9th June

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex. For further queries, email **Sue Roche** on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

AFTER 10AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

WILL RESUME ON 7TH JUNE

Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to help serve tea/coffee after Sat, 5.30 pm Mass? Please, contact Parish Office via email. Many thanks!



SVP TABLE SALES!

SVP - Table Top Sale - Lots of Bargains.

Wednesday to Sunday in the Narthex. Thank you for your support. Donations gratefully received.

The New Lectionary Books

From **Advent 2024**, the new Lectionary (the book we take the readings from at all Masses) is being introduced in every Catholic parish in England and Wales. We will need to purchase the new copies in time for this in St Francis. The existing books will no longer be able to be used. The new Lectionary books come in several volumes: Vol.1 Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord; Vol.2 Weekdays – Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Proper of Saints (I); Vol.3 Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Proper of Saints (II); Vol.4 Ritual Masses, Various, Votive, Masses for the dead; the Book of the Gospels also will need replacing.

Please would you consider making a donation towards these? The cost of the **Ambo edition** (the books the readers read from at Masses) is **£695** for all 4 volumes and the cost of the **Book of the Gospels** (which the priest proclaims the Gospel from at Sunday Masses) is **£275**.

There's a button named "**Lectionary Books**" at 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.

There will also be People's editions coming out, so if you usually like to have your personal **Daily or Sunday Missal**, you can order the new version and, if you know someone who might appreciate one, buy one for them too as a gift. Details of these can be found at: www.newlectionary.org/#peoplesmissals



Confirmation Congratulations to Nicolas and Joseph Conte, who were confirmed at Portsmouth Cathedral last Saturday, 18 May - having completed their preparations at Corpus Christi in Wokingham. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in the Catholic Faith!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

✠ **Gerald Griffiths R.I.P.**, whose Funeral Mass is on **Wednesday 29th May at 11 am.**

✠ **Trevor Kilner R.I.P.**, whose Funeral Mass is on **Friday 31st May at 11.30 am.**

✠ **Kathleen Berry R.I.P.**, whose Funeral Mass is on **Tuesday 11th June at 11.30 am.**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Dates to save in your Diary!

Wednesday, 5th June at 7 pm - Narthex of St Francis, Ascot

Fr David and Fr Phillip with members of the joint pastoral council will have an open meeting to discuss the way forward for the joining together of Windsor and Ascot as one parish. Please make a real effort to come to this meeting.

Saturday 15th June, Day of Catechists, St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor

All involved in sharing the faith in St Francis are invited to attend the Day for Catechists for the parish. Sister Hyacinth, a Dominican Sister from the **New Forest**, will lead us in reflecting on the importance of what it is to be a teacher of the faith in the parish and in prayer. Saturday June 15th, 9:30am ending by 12 noon (lunch will be available for those who wish). Just so we can cater for numbers, please confirm via email to Sharon Cole, youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Parish Outreach Group

We are hoping to form a small group of people between the communities of Ascot and Windsor to reach out to every household in our parishes. To achieve this We will focus on three or four roads every week and will deliver a card to every home.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes then please either come to the information evening on the **25th June** at St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor. (The follow-up meeting will be in Ascot) It would be a short meeting beginning at 7 pm. (There is the option coming to mass at 6:30 pm before). If you cannot make this date, but would like to be a part of the group, please contact either parish office or just turn up at the meeting.



Presential Safeguarding Training Event

Date: 22 June 2024 - **Time:** 10 am to 3.30 pm.

Location: Parish of Corpus Christi, in Wokingham.

To book, email: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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 27th May - FRI 31st May 2024

ZOOM ID : 835 8545 4164

PASSWORD : rosary



Sponsored by the KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER

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ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - www.stfrancisascot.co.uk/NEWSLETTER