

24 Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 September 2023

Thought for the Week

In Sunday's gospel we learn of our need to forgive before we ourselves can be forgiven. Peter asks Jesus how many times a brother must forgive if he has been wronged. In Hebrew tradition, three times was enough to show a forgiving spirit, Peter by suggesting seven times forgiveness, appears to show great generosity; however, for Jesus it should be seventy-seven times, or in other words without keeping count. The term 'brother' has several meanings and does not always refer to a sibling. But what if Peter is not just asking a theoretic question; what if Andrew had hurt Peter or Peter had hurt Andrew? We know that Peter could be impetuous and in Jerusalem will deny Christ, so it is possible that he asked about a real situation requiring forgiveness to or from a brother. The parable that Jesus then teaches ends with a warning of pain for not forgiving.

I vividly saw the pain of a lack of forgiveness last Sunday when at Mass in college. The celebrant, preaching on the need to correct a brother if they err, gently spoke in his homily of a quarrel with a cousin the year before. At the end of Mass, he finished the story telling us that in July he flew home to Italy, worried how he and his cousin would be together, could they move on: had they forgiven each other? Upon landing, texts and WhatsApp messages poured into his phone with the shocking news that the cousin had died suddenly that morning. Rather than being reconciled, the priest's next task was to conduct his relative's funeral service. As he spoke, he welled up with grief; the congregation stood transfixed and silent, eyes moistened, moved by the sadness and poignancy of a real example where forgiveness could neither be given nor reconciliation received, not once, much less seventy-seven times. It was a situation none of us wish to experience in our own lives.

Stephen Patterson

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 - 16:00. All welcome.

The Rosary

The Rosary is prayed after the 12:00 Mass each Friday, please join.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward's: Saturdays: 11:00 - 11:30 and 17:30 - 18:00
Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Holy Hour

Holy Hour is held on the Second Sunday of the month at 15:00.

Mass Times & Intentions 16 – 24 September

Sat 16	18:00	Philomena Decoutho - RIP
Sun 17	09:30	Michael Ferris RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 18	10:00	Tommy Sharkey - RIP
Tue 19	18.30	Rosario Carvalho - RIP
Wed 20	10:00	Carol Shepherd - INT
Thur 21	10:30	Funeral - Siobhan Palluel RIP - St Edward's
Fri 22	12:00	Eucharistic Service
Sat 23	18:00	Isobel Young - RIP
Sun 24	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP

Parish Diary 16 -24 - September

Sat 16	12:30	Wedding - Ryan Powell and Jessica Boase
Sun 17	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Hope Hayman
Mon 18	19:30	Alpha - Online
Tue 19	10:30	UCM Business Meeting - P/C
	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
Wed 20	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
	19:30	UCM - Evening Meeting - P/C
Thur 21	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
	18:30	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - P/C
Fri 22	19:00	Love Languages - P/C
Sat 23	10:00	First Holy Communion - Commitment Service St Edward's Church + P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Honor French - O'Keeffe
	15:00	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 24	12:00	Parish Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 12	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 13	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O - DD £ 1,848.08 Envelopes £109.50 Loose £ 564.17
Education Sunday £430.87

Sacrament of the Sick

The next anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick will take place on **Friday 13 October**, and will then continue on the second Friday of each month.

Fr David's Diary

Tue 19	09:30	Department of Clergy
	14:30	Closer to Christ Committee, Winchester
Wed 20	11:30	Clergy Meeting, Windsor
	19:00	Windsor and Ascot, Council Meeting
Fri 22	10:30	Representing the Bishop at the funeral of Sister Mary Joseph, Reading

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Macmillan Coffee, Cake & Raffle

Macmillan Cancer Support help those living with cancer and their families in many ways. Colette Molloy one of our parishioners has just finished 18 months of treatment for breast cancer, and in this time became aware that Macmillan are not just an add on support but a vital frontline service.

On Sunday 1 October there will be coffee and cake at both St Mark's, after the 09:30 Mass, and St Edward's after the 11:00 Mass to help raise funds for this important charity, supported by the UCM. Please help support by baking or buying a cake (*please bring any donations to relevant church that morning*).

Colette is also hosting a raffle on the day, with prizes donated from many local businesses including several restaurant meals. Suggested donations for the raffle are £1 a strip or £5 for 6 strips. These are available from Colette Molloy, 07881 626097 or colette_molloy@hotmail.com. Colette's official Macmillan page is justgiving.com/cm23031684.

First Holy Communion Programme – 2023-2024

Applications are now closed.

There will be an introduction to the programme on Thursday **21 September at 18:30** in the Parish Centre for those who have already registered. **This is a meeting for parents**, who will receive a 'Record Card' that will need to be stamped when they attend Mass with their child. Further dates for the sessions will be given out on the evening.

The Love Languages Course

The Love Languages were discovered by Dr Gary Chapman so that couples could learn how to make each other feel most loved. This course to enable all couples to learn each other's Love Language! The couples who attended this course last year really learned about each other and enjoyed the course! We would love for you to attend too. It will be held **Friday 22 September from 19:00 until 20:30** in St Edward's Parish Centre!

Please contact Kathy on kathyarundale@hotmail.com to register!

Pastoral Area update; Come and Join us

As we continue our journey to build the new Pastoral Area for Windsor and Ascot a number of celebrations are planned for the coming months. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible join these celebrations so that we come together in prayer, community and faith.

Weekend of 23/24 September

Pulpit Swap: Fr Kevin Bidgood will say the weekend Masses and preach in Windsor and Fr David will say Mass and preach at the weekend Masses in Ascot.

Wednesday 4 October - Solemnity of St Francis, Ascot; evening Mass followed by refreshments

Friday 13 October - Solemnity of St Edward, Windsor; Mass at 18:30 followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Please put these dates in your diaries. We hope to see as many parishioners attending the celebrations as we build our new Pastoral community - they are celebrations for us all, not just for one community or the other.

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

If you would like to start receiving Ascot's Parish Newsletter, please subscribe using this link:

<https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/328304/80177558794011978/share> It is usually sent on Thursday or Friday, every week.

HCPT

The Parish HCPT group are beginning to plan for a pilgrimage to Lourdes next Easter. Could you be one of our new helpers? Information re the HCPT pilgrimage is displayed at the back of both churches. If you think you may be interested please contact Pat Burke via the Parish Office.

Alpha is back!

For the very first time, parishes in Ascot, Maidenhead, Sunningdale, and Windsor are partnering to offer the Alpha Course **online** beginning **Monday, 18 September** (19:30-21:00) and **in person** on **Tuesday, 19 September** (19:00 - 21:00).

Alpha explores life's big questions in an open, non-judgmental, safe place. We'll be discussing questions like, 'Is there more to life than this?' 'Who is Jesus, and why did he have to die?' and 'How can I resist evil?' to name a few.

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world, so why not you? Perhaps you have a friend or family member who lost faith during the pandemic, doesn't feel as connected to the church as they once did, or maybe has never truly answered life's big questions for themselves. Please invite them; we'd love to host them too!

Please RSVP so we can prepare for your arrival. Simply follow this link: <https://forms.gle/onQKmiwHSAyuzYcNA> or [scan the QR code below to access the registration form:](#)



If you have questions about joining or inviting others, please email:

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UCM New and Existing Members

Are you interested in joining the UCM but find it difficult to attend meetings during the day? If so, this is for you!!!!

The UCM will now hold an evening meeting once a month as well as the usual morning meetings on a Tuesday. The first evening meeting will be on **Wednesday 20 September at 19:00** in the Parish Centre. ALL ARE WELCOME.

For more information please contact Lisa 07769249568
lisajk28@gmail.com.

Quiz Night

The Friends of St Edward's First School are raring to go this year and already have big plans for fundraising. Please join them to celebrate the start of the year with a Quiz Night! They promise that you will have a fun evening. **Friday 29 September 19:00-22:00** (Adults only) Please buy your tickets on: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstedwardsfirst/index.cfm?event=event&ventId=66679>

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they are due to start school in Reception in 2024. You are invited to contact St Edward's First School to book onto one of their open mornings. The admissions process will be explained!

Email office@secfs.org.uk or visit the admissions section on the school website www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk

VERY URGENT - Gift Aid Form returns

The next Gift Aid claim to HMRC is due as of 30 September. If you have a form which you have yet to return, please do so as soon as possible. Failure to do so will mean we cannot reclaim the relevant tax. If you have any questions please do get in touch.

Rich Flisher, Finance Manager, finance@catholicwindsor.org

Special Collection - Home Mission

The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Siobhan Palluel**, whose funeral will be at **10:30 on Thursday 21 September** at St Edward's, and the late **Mary Walsh** who died recently.