

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-1 October 2023

Thought for the Week

As part of the gradual unification of the parishes of Ascot and Windsor, Fr Kevin and I did a swap of altars and communities last week. We all get used to familiar people, celebrants and liturgies - so a change can be a good thing, for the priests and the people! Both our parishes have different strengths and traditions, I believe that by unifying this, we will be a stronger Catholic presence in this part of the diocese. St Paul in his letter at Mass this weekend says: 'there must be no competition among you, no conceit; everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interest instead.' I think these words that we hear this weekend are worth pondering and praying over.

This coming Wednesday, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis - patron of the Catholic community in Ascot. St Francis has a Mass at 19:30 on Wednesday 4th October, I intend to go, and I hope that many of you will be able to join me in supporting them. The following week we will be celebrating our patronal Feast of St Edward the Confessor on Friday 13 October at 18:30, Ascot will be joining us, so please make sure you come along.

Canon David Hopgood

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. The next Holy Hour will be on 8 October.

Mass Times & Intentions 30 Sept – 8 Oct

Sat 30	18:00	Philip Thornton - RIP
Sun 01	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Armando Mennone, Filomena & Antonio Esposito - RIP
Mon 02	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 03	18.30	Linda Burton - RIP
Wed 04	10:00	Rita Davis – RIP
	19:30	Mass at St Francis, Ascot - Feast Day
Thur 05	09:30	Joan Holland —RIP St Mark's
Fri 06	12:00	Fr Michael Morrissey - RIP
Sat 07	18:00	Glady Kemp Murr - RIP
Sun 08	09:30	Patricia Kean - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Jimmy Regan - RIP

Parish Diary 30 Sept - 8 Oct

Sat 30	12:00	Baptism - James Lowe
	13:30	Wedding Tinaye -Tarirai Sango & Mikolaj Pawlikowski
Sun 01	11:00	Baptism - Elijah Delaney-Pacey
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
		Macmillan Fundraising Event
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Tue 03	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:00	Alpha (in person) - P/C
Wed 04	18:30	Accompanied Prayer Meeting
		St Brigid's Room
	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 05	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sun 08	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Holy Hour - St Edward's

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

Fr David's Diary

Tue 03	11:00	Department For Clergy, Sandhurst .
Wed 04	14:00	Committee for retired priests meeting - Winchester
Thur 05	10:30	Recently ordained priests, gathering in Windsor

Offertory

S/O - D/D 1,848.08 Envelopes £200.00 Loose £687.69

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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.

Against Breast Cancer Bra Bank

During this fundraising event there will be a 'Against Breast Cancer Bra Bank' to collect unwanted bra donations. Please bring unwanted bras, any condition to donate.

HCPT Group 128

Your parish HCPT group are hoping to travel to Lourdes next Easter taking children with additional needs on pilgrimage. We still need some more helpers who can give up a week of their time for this very special charity. There is a meeting next Thursday 5 Oct at 19:00 at 6 Rowland Close Windsor to discuss next year's trip. Pat Burke Group Leader.

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

PA to Vicar for Clergy & Administrator for Clergy Support Team

A vacancy has arisen for a PA to work for 18 hours per week for the Vicar for Clergy and Clergy Support Team (Fr David). The role will be based at Windsor (2 days per week) and Sandhurst (1 day per week). In this role you will provide a full confidential administrative and secretarial service to the Vicar for Clergy and a sympathetic and efficient focal point for enquiries and assistance to the Clergy Support Team.

If you would like to join our busy team and for job description details of how to apply please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 29 September 2023

UCM Meeting

Former parishioner, Angela Lansley will demonstrate a tabletop arrangement, in the Parish Centre, at 10:30 on Tuesday 3 October. All welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 6 October



Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk: <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

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.

Wednesday 4 October - Solemnity of St Francis, Ascot; 19:30 evening Mass followed by refreshments.

Saturday 7 October - Walk in the Park, Ascot and Windsor

Tom Cornish of St Francis, Ascot will guide a meditative walk in Windsor Great Park as part of the celebration of unity between our two parishes. The pace will be moderate, but a good level of fitness is required as it will include inclines and narrow tracks. It will proceed whatever the weather, and walking boots, raincoats and water bottles are recommended. There is a car park at Savill Garden, and we will meet at the Obelisk at 10:00 for a prompt 10:15 start. Tom will wear a colourful rosary to identify himself and we will conclude by around noon. The walk with our fellow parishioners will be a good time for us all to reflect on the successful joining of the two parishes and Tom will be joined by Rev George Young, Deacon of St Edwards.

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.

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.

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

Vacancy - Organist and Director of Music

St Edward's seeks an organist and director of music to play at the Parish Church, and build and support music in the churches of the Parish.

The parish has a long standing and enthusiastic group of singers with a wide range of talent and is keen to expand their skills and musical range as well as encourage the differing congregations at the three weekend masses and celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist and capable singer with experience of playing in a church setting. This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months. Application forms and full details are available from office@catholicwindsor.org

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Deceased

Please pray for the response of the soul of **Josephine Bolger** and **Rudolph Pereria** who died recently.