

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 February 2024

### Thought for the Week

It is sometimes quite surprising how appropriate a piece of scripture can be - this weekend's second reading is just such an example. Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that whatever they do, they are to do it for the glory of God. The Apostle goes on to say that he tries to be always helpful to everyone and is anxious for the benefit of everyone. He urges his readers and listeners to take him for their model as he takes Christ.

Supporting each other, seeking another's advantage, taking Christ as our model and being Christ to another goes to the heart of the Christian message and is as relevant to our own community as it was to the Colossians. There are so many ways in which we already help and seek to engage with each other, at different stages of our lives. At some points we need support ourselves and at others we can offer it, be it through our parish or wider community, to our youth, to our elders, to strangers. We assist through our prayer, liturgy, sacraments and programmes, our welcome, hospitality, outreach, and inclusion. Yet we often do not always know the breadth and depth of what happens across a parish or see where we can help or where, if we need it, we can seek help.

As Lent begins, from next weekend, 17/18 February, a campaign will start in our parish to help us explore and become aware of the richness and diversity of what goes on in the parish. It will ask each of us the question how we can use our Time, and what are our Talents and Treasures which we can use and offer to the advantage of everyone else, what are our gifts and skills which we can share, what are the gaps that we can fill, how can we work together to all become closer to Christ - Paul's model and our model. Stay tuned, there's more to come - in church, on-line and in the newsletter. . .

*Stephen Patterson*

### Adoration of the 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 us.

### 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

### Mass Times & Intentions 10 - 18 Feb

Sat 10	18:00	Christina O'Reilly - RIP
Sun 11	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Catherine Heaslip - INT
Mon 12	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 13	18:30	Adrian Franke - RIP

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed 14	12:00	Pat Naughton - INT
	18:30	Mike McEvoy - RIP

Thur 15	10:00	Tom Costello - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
Fri 16	12:00	Elvirs Kohert - RIP
Sat 17	18:00	Thomas Coyle & Amelia Stachurski - RIP
Sun 18	09:30	Lawrence Dyke - RIP - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Mary & Jack O'Toole - RIP

### Parish Diary 10 - 18 Feb

Sat 10	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 11	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
Mon 12	18:30	Catenians P/C
	19:00	HCPT Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 13	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Thur 15	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 16	12:30	Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - St Edward's
Sat 17	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 18	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross & Benediction - St Edwards

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 13	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 14	11:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

### Fr David's Diary

Tue 13	11:00	Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
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### Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08   Envelopes £256.04   Loose £667.65  
SVP Special Collection   £755.49

### Contactless Giving

We now have the facility for Parishioners or Visitors to donate by using a card instead of cash. This can be used for donations, (which can also be gift-aided), second collections, and purchases from the repository. We hope it will prove useful.

**Catholic Windsor - website** [www.catholicwindsor.org](http://www.catholicwindsor.org)

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## LENT

### Ash Wednesday

Mass and Blessing of the Ashes at 12:00 and 18:30 at St Edward's, 14 February. This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

### Friday Lenten Lunch

Our parish Lenten Lunches commence **Friday 16 February** and finish on the **23 March**. Please come and join us for a 'hearty' bowl of homemade soup and fellowship. The soup will be served from 12:30. Donations this year will go to CAFOD and our St Edward's & St Mark's Union of Catholic Mothers 60-year Anniversary.

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday from **16 February**, at **18:30** at St Edward's

### Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Each Sunday during Lent from **18 February** at St Edward's at **15:00**

### Penitential Service

This will take place at St Edward's on **Saturday 16 March** at **11:00**.

**Lenten Alms** - A collection for Cafod will be taken each week using the purple buckets.

### Talk on Easter by Fr Kevin Hughes

Saturday **23 March** at St Mark's Church. All welcome.

### CAFOD - Big Lent Walk

As the Parish's CAFOD representative, Jacoby has signed up to this year's Big Lent Walk. Starting on Ash Wednesday, she is aiming to walk 200km during Lent to raise funds for CAFOD. The money raised from the Big Lent Walk will enable us to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas, particularly in disaster relief, development and education. Jacoby would be most grateful for any sponsorship please! You can donate to CAFOD via her JustGiving page:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/jacobys-big-lent-walk-for-cafod> or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or use this QR code which takes you straight to CAFOD's website where you can make your donation.



Jacoby will be saying more about Cafod's Lent appeal at Masses on the weekend of 17/18 February and will give updates on the walk throughout Lent. Many thanks for your support.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal is on 23 February, please give today using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and join us in praying that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

### The 'Saturday Social'

The 'Saturday Social's' next date is **17 February** immediately after 18:00 Mass (approx. 19:00 - 20:30); we are inviting you to join us in the Parish Centre for snacks, fellowship and spiritual growth by watching [The Chosen](#) together as a community. Fully crowdsourced, The Chosen is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Individuals, couples and families with children are all very welcome to join (we'll have some games and other things set up for little ones not so interested in watching the series). We are planning on meeting: **17 Feb, 2 March, 16 March, 6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June**.

## Pastoral Area - Come and Join us

Prayer is essential in our relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in the power of prayer will help us to listen to God's will as our parishes join together. Let us all take this Pastoral Area Prayer into our ministries, our schools and our private prayer over the coming months.

### *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.*

Please take a copy of the Pastoral Prayer from the back of the Church and pray it as often as you can.

### St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

You can log on to their website for a copy of the newsletter:

[www.stfrancisascot.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisascot.co.uk)

### Forward into the Future with Trust & Christian Hope

The Bishop has appointed **Fr Philip Harris** as Priest-in-Charge of St Francis Ascot. Fr Philip will be responsible for the day-to-day pastoral care of the church. **Canon David Hopgood** will become Canonical Parish Priest of Ascot & Windsor as part of the Diocesan programme for the integration of parishes.

**Fr Kevin** is retiring from parish ministry and the bishop has appointed him as chaplain to the heads and principles of the Catholic Schools and Colleges in the Diocese.

### Pancake Social for Christian Aid

Pancake Brunch at St Edward's Parish Centre on the morning of **Saturday 24 February 10:30 - 12:30**.

Donations for pancakes to Christian Aid Lent Appeal. Details from [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com), Windsor Christian Aid.

### World Day of Prayer

Please come along to **St Mark's Church** at **19:00 on Friday 1 March** for this year's World Day of Prayer service, followed by refreshments. **All welcome!**

### Thank you

Beryl and the O'Riordan family would like to thank everyone for their love and kindness, cards, Mass cards, and prayers. It was such a comfort to us at the loss of Tim. Thank you.

### UCM - Day of Recollection

The Union of Catholic Mothers, Corpus Christi, Wokingham have organised their annual Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 2 March 2024**. The day will be led this year by Father Liam Cummins MHM. The UCM would like to invite any members of the parish who are interested.

### Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following who have recently died:

**Peggy Flanagan:** Her funeral will take place on **Wednesday 21 February** at St Mark's Church at 10:00.

**Hermintrud Simons:** Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 22 February** at St Edward's Church at 10:00.