

First Sunday in Lent - 18 February 2024

Thought for the Week

Time, Talents and Treasures

In the Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent we read that Jesus journeyed into the desert, after which he proclaimed the Good News: 'the time has come' he announced, 'the Kingdom of God is close at hand'. Let us this Lent start our journey by sharing that Good News with each other.

Lent touches something in all of us. The image of Jesus fasting and praying in the desert moves us. However, it also forces us to look at our lives and it challenges us to improve ourselves. There is such a thing as moments of grace, Lent is a great window of opportunity; if we wish to change, we must substitute new habits for old ones. Lent is the Church's holy spring, it is a time of prayer and effort, but it can be a time of great joy; as we progress towards Easter the sun gets brighter and warmer.

This weekend we continue our journey to become Closer to Christ by becoming more connected and involved through our service to others. A 'Time, Talents and Treasures' leaflet will be distributed to all parishioners at Masses this weekend (it is also available on the website). We are asked to read, reflect upon, complete and return the leaflet; it's a step to exploring how we each can benefit from the other's service.

As we prepare our Parish for the future, let us pray for success in our mission and challenge ourselves to see what Time, Talents and Treasures we can share with one another as we build our parish with living stones for the future.

Deacon George

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

Works to be carried out at St Mark's & St Edward's

The diocese has now given formal permission for us to carry out repair work on the stonework of St Edward's Church. We have also received permission for the internal works of St Mark's Church - replacing of some of the ceiling tiles, redecoration, smartening up the entrance porch and decoration of the Sacristy corridor and rooms. Hopefully this work will commence over the next few months.

Mass Times & Intentions 17 - 25 Feb

Sat 17	18:00	Thomas Coyle & Amelia Stachurski - RIP
Sun 18	09:30	Lawrence Dyke - St Mark's
	11:00	Mary & Jack O'Toole - RIP
Mon 19	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 20	18:30	People of the Parish
Wed 21	10:00	Peggy Flanagan - RIP Funeral - St Mark's
Thur 22	10:00	Hermintrude Simons - RIP Funeral - St Edward's
Fri 23	12:00	Joaquim Medes - RIP
Sat 24	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 25	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Sandra Andrews - RIP

Parish Diary 17 - 25 Feb

Sat 17	19:00	Saturday Social P/C
Sun 18	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction - St Edward's
Tue 20	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 21	18:30	Accompanied Prayer Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	18:30	Men's Group - P/C
Thur 22	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 23	12:30	Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - St Edward's
Sat 24	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic Session 2
	10:30	Pancake Social - P/C
Sun 25	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations of the Cross & Benediction - St Edwards

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 20 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 20 11:00 Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
Wed 21 11:00 Clergy Lent day of prayer - Douai Abbey

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £192.00 Loose £596.25

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.

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LENT

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 **10:00** 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. 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 or use the QR code below 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 23 February



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

Please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk or use this QR code which takes you straight to CAFOD's website where you can make your donation – thank you!

The 'Saturday Social'

You are very welcome to join us after the 18:00 Mass this **Saturday, 17 February** at St Edwards Parish Centre for our second "**Saturday Social**." It's open to everyone, singles, couples, and families and we are planning to serve drinks and "loaded fries" this week. We will view [The Chosen Series](#) Season 1, Episode 2 entitled "Shabbat". For those interested, we'll have time for small group discussions after. It's a great opportunity to continue to grow our community and do something more Christ-focused during Lent too. We are planning to meet on **2 March, 16 March, 6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June**.

Family Mass

The first Sunday each month is a Family Mass. If any of our **young people** would like to read at the 09:30 or 11:00 Mass on the first Sunday of the month, or help in any way with the Liturgy, such as the offertory, collection and welcomers, then please do please contact:

For 09:30 Mass: Mandy McGovern: 07864 547709

For 11:30 Mass: Cathy Kitson: cathy.kitson@hotmail.com

Time, Talents and Treasures

We are all here for each other as we continue to build the future of our Parish community and become closer to Christ. Over the next few months we are asking everyone to consider how they can contribute their **TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES**. Come, stay for a cuppa after Mass and find out more over the next few weekends. Please read, reflect, and complete leaflet. We are all called by Christ to consider how we can support each other through service, prayer and sharing our time, talents, and treasures.

Find out more and explore the life of the Parish with its many ministries.

[PARISH-HAND-BOOK-23-11-20.pdf \(catholicwindsor.org\)](https://www.catholicwindsor.org/PARISH-HAND-BOOK-23-11-20.pdf)

Pastoral Area - Come and Join us

St Francis of Assisi - Ascot

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

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's leaving farewell will take place at 18:30 after Mass on Saturday 24 February.

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, Windsor Christian Aid.

UCM Meeting

Stephen Patterson will share his thoughts on the Lenten journey we have just started, on 20 February, in the Parish Centre, at 10:30. Ladies, don't forget goods for ADS.

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!**

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.