

## Second Sunday in Lent - 25 February 2024

### Thought for the Week

You will be familiar with a particular theme in the Gospel of Mark. Often, after someone has experienced a healing, or as in today's Gospel, after the Transfiguration, Jesus tells them, 'see that you tell no one about what you have seen and heard'. This can seem very strange. If Jesus's mission was to come into the world to preach the Kingdom of God, and to draw all people to himself, certainly being known as a healer or miracle worker, and one who is proclaimed by God as 'my beloved son', would surely help the mission of Christ? But Jesus is concerned with people receiving the full revelation of who he is, not just as a healer, miracle worker, or even the beloved Son of God, but also as the fully human person of the divine who will undergo suffering and death.

Coming to know the full person of Jesus takes time. Sometimes it means that we need to change our type of prayer or how we approach our prayer time. Reading more of Jesus in the Gospels - or using our gifts and talents for the good of the community can enable us to encounter an aspect of Christ that we see present in other people with whom we would not otherwise come into contact.

Let us not be content with just having one view of who Christ is - do something radical this Lent so that you might encounter the full person of Jesus Christ.

*Canon David Hopgood*

### 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 24 Feb - 3 March

Sat 24	18:00	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP
Sun 25	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Sandra Andrews - RIP
Mon 26	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 27	18:30	Mandy Rogers - RIP
Wed 28	10:00	Mary Connolly - RIP
Thur 29	10:00	Holy Souls - <b>St Mark's</b>
Fri 01	12:00	Noel Magic - INT
Sat 02	18:00	Lawrence Kiely - RIP
Sun 03	09:30	Paul Wateridge - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

### Parish Diary 24 Feb - 3 March

Sat 24	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic Session 2
	10:30	Pancake Social - P/C
	19:00	<b>Time, Talents &amp; Treasures Event - P/C</b>
Sun 25	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations and Benediction - St Edward's
Mon 26	18:30	SVP Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 27	19:00	Choir Practice - Church
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Thur 29	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
	19:00	Pastoral Council Meeting - Ascot
Fri 01	12:30	Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - St Edward's
	19:00	World Day of Prayer - <b>St Mark's</b>
Sat 02	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 03	10:30	Tea and Coffee - <b>St Mark's</b>
	10:30	<b>Time, Talents &amp; Treasures Event - P/C</b>
	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations & Benediction - St Edwards

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 27	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 28	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

### Fr David's Diary

Mon 26	19:00	Farewell Mass for Fr Kevin, Ascot
Tues 27	11:00	Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
Wed 28	18:00	Trustee Meeting, Kiln Green
Fri 01	10:00	Team meeting

### Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £197.31 Loose £642.77  
Cafod (*Purple Buckets*) £398.92

### First School - Mass

Children from the First School will be attending the 10:00 Mass at St Mark's on Thursday 29 February.

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

#### Parish Office

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## LENT

### Friday Lenten Lunch

Our parish Lenten Lunches commence **Friday 16 February** and finish on the **22 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](http://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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at St Edwards Parish Centre for our second "Saturday Social." It's open to everyone, singles, couples, and families and will serve drinks and snacks. We will view [The Chosen Series](#). 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 **16 March, 6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June**.

### 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.

## 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 **starting this Saturday 24 February after the 18:00** Mass. 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 \(catholicwindsor.org\)](#)

## 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](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's** Farewell celebrations will take place on 24 Feb (after 18:30 Mass), 25 Feb (after 10:00 Mass) and there will be a Farewell Mass on 26 February at 19:00. Please join our brothers and sisters at one of these important gatherings.

## 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!**

## 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.

## Vacancy – Clerk to the Governors (First School)

If you are interested in this position please download an application form from [www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk). Term time only, approximately four hours per week.

## 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](mailto:cathy.kitson@hotmail.com)

## Urgent - HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A place has unexpectedly become available for a helper to join the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. If you are interested please contact Pat (Group leader) **by Monday evening (26 February)**. Email [group128@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group128@hcpt.org.uk)