

Third Sunday in Lent – 3 March 2024

Thought for the Week

There are some stirring words and challenges in this week's readings. First, we hear the Ten Commandments, directives given to Moses, which challenged the Israelites in the wilderness as to how to live. In the Gospel we hear the drama of Christ driving the moneychangers from the temple, challenging them to respect his Father's house. Between them, St Paul verbalises the conundrum of faith which was a challenge to the Corinthians and remains with us today. For Paul's audience, a crucified Christ was an obstacle to their Hebrew neighbours and madness to their pagan ones; has anything changed? Is not Christ's Passion, which we commemorate at Stations during Lent, and the Cross which we will venerate on Good Friday, still an obstacle to some and madness to others - others with whom we wish to share our faith?

Our challenge is, how, through our lives, do we live our faith in 'a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God'; how do we show, both to ourselves and others, that the Cross is not an obstacle or madness but rather the opposite of each - sanity and a blessing? In other words, how do we share, how do we evangelise? A starting point is 'faith in action' - by living those ancient commandments for, as God said, 'I show kindness to ... those who love me and keep my commandments.' We may feel we are not doing enough, that we lack wisdom, knowledge, time or the capacity to evangelise, but we are reassured through the gospel that Jesus never needed evidence about anyone, He could tell what someone had in them. He can see who and what we are by our lives and witness, by us sharing our gifts, our talents and treasures - however small we may feel they are - and so can our neighbour.

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: **12:00 - 12:30** and 17:30 - 18:00. (*Note time change this Saturday*).

Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Sacrament of the Sick

This will take place on **Friday 8 March** during the 12:00 Mass.

Mass Times & Intentions 02 - 10 March

Sat 02	18:00	Lawrence Kiely - RIP
Sun 03	09:30	Paul Wateridge - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish - RIP
Mon 04	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 05	18:30	Judith Harrison - RIP
Wed 06	10:00	Doreen Russell - RIP
Thur 07	10:00	Tom Hinds - St Mark's
Fri 08	12:00	Joaquim Medes - RIP
Sat 09	18:00	John Grilli - RIP
Sun 10	09:30	Marcella Dyke - St Mark's
	11:00	Maud Hughs - INT

Parish Diary 02 – 10 March

Sat 02	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 03	10:30	Tea & Coffee +
		Time, Talents & Treasures Event - St Mark's
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations and Benediction - St Edward's
Mon 04	18:30	HCPT Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 05	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 06	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 07	10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C
	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 08	12:30	Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - St Edward's
Sat 09	10:00	First Holy Communion - Session 3 - Church
	10:00	HCPT - P/C
	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 10	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations & Benediction - St Edwards

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 05	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 06	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 05	10:00	Cathedral Chapter Meeting and Mass
Wed 06	11:30	Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
Thur 07	10:30	Council of Priests, Portsmouth

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £268.90 Loose £735.78
Cafod Family Fast Day and (*Purple Buckets*) £772.34

Call to the Diaconate

The Bishop has given the call to the Diaconate to Stephen Patterson, who has been training for the last four years for this important ministry. He will be ordained in the Cathedral on 27 July. Congratulations; please keep Stephen in your prayers.

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LENT

Friday Lenten Lunch

Our parish Lenten Lunches continue until Friday **22 March**. Please come and join us for a 'hearty' bowl of homemade soup and fellowship; 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.

Walk of Witness - Good Friday 10:45 starting from St Andrew's, Clewer. More information to follow.

CAFOD - Big Lent Walk

As our 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/jacobs-big-lent-walk-for-cafod> or online at cafod.org.uk

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.

Saturday Social – Rescheduled

On **9 March**, we will view [The Chosen](#) Season 1, Episode 3 entitled 'Jesus Loves the Little Children.' 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. Snacks and beverages are provided; donations are accepted. We are planning to meet; 16 March, 6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June.

UCM Meeting

We welcome Bel Flynn, Diocesan President, to the UCM meeting in the Parish Centre, on **Tuesday 5 March** at 10:30. All welcome.

Vacancy - Clerk to the Governors (First School)

If you are interested in this position please download an application form from 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 11:00 Mass: Cathy Kitson: cathy.kitson@hotmail.com

Special Collection

There will be special collection at all Masses next weekend for the **Clergy Assistance Fund**.

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. **We will be at St Mark's after the 09:30 Mass on Sunday 3 March. Please read, reflect, and complete a leaflet; thank you to everyone who has filled one in, please keep them coming!** We are all called by Christ to consider how we can support each other through service, prayer and sharing our time, talents, and treasures. Please explore the life of our Parish here: [PARISH-HAND-BOOK-23-11-20.pdf \(catholicwindsor.org\)](#), and view the interesting variety of new videos.

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, please join our brothers and sisters in Ascot wherever possible.

Forward into the Future with Trust & Christian Hope

Fr Philip Harris has now taken up his post in Ascot, responsible for the day-to-day pastoral care of St Francis, with Fr David as Canonical Parish Priest of Ascot and Windsor.

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024

This is being held at St Michael & St George, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11:00 to 16:00 led by the Marian Fathers. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Caritas

If you are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, go along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5 March from 12:30-13:00** where they will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell you more about the **LiveSimply Award**. A great opportunity to ask any questions about how this might work and the impact it can have on life. Everyone welcome, please [register here](#) or [Caritas Networking Lunch](#) (Copy and paste link to access).

THANK YOU - from Windsor Christian Aid

A Big Thank You to all who came, ate, donated and supported us at our Pancake Social last Saturday; an amazing £1,020.55, was raised (with Gift-Aid, Christian Aid received £1,125). All the donations have gone to Christian Aid's Lent Appeal 'Act on Poverty'. God bless, Sarah Gardner, Windsor Christian Aid Group

Postcards at back of Church

Right to Life have left postcards at the back of both Churches for you to fill out and send to your MP. www.righttolife.org.uk

Thank you

The family of the late Peggy Flanagan would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and kind wishes they received, also much love to the many people who attended her funeral.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Balentine** who died recently.