

Palm Sunday – 24 March 2024

Thought for the Week

Passion Sunday begins the most solemn week in the Church's year. As the final hours of Jesus' earthly life ebb slowly away, we set out in his company to share this fateful journey to Calvary. We go from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the joy of Holy Thursday, through the darkness of Gethsemane, into the mock trial of Pilates' courtyard and to Golgotha, where all seems lost. The drama of this first Palm Sunday unfolds as the crowd, wild with excitement, spread cloaks and palm branches in Christ's pathway as he enters the gates of Jerusalem on a humble donkey. The unfolding events change triumph into tragedy as the people's cheers turn into jeers and he exchanges a donkey for a wooden cross.

We could say that what is revealed in St Mark's Gospel today is the essence of Christian discipleship. As Christian disciples we are called to share in the sufferings of Christ and humbly submit ourselves to God's will. The passion of Christ helps us realise that there are no outsiders where suffering is concerned. It makes us realise that we cannot side-step the pain and sufferings that come our way. To all who willingly take up their cross and follow him, the road leads from darkness to light, from despair to hope and from death to everlasting light.

Sr Teresina

Benediction & Stations of the Cross

Benediction followed by stations of the cross will take place this Palm Sunday at 3.00pm at St Edwards

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Edward's:
Saturdays: 11:00 - 11:30
Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Candidates for reception into the Church at Easter

A group of seven, from Windsor and St Francis in Ascot, have been attending RCIA sessions over the past months. Caine, George and Kim will be baptised and Amara and Ola will be received at the Easter Vigil at St Edward's while Tami and Augustine will be received and confirmed at St Francis. Please pray for them and welcome them as they take this major step in their faith journeys.

Easter Offertory

The Easter Day Collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Canon David in his mission and ministry this Easter, please do so in the normal way, cheques should be payable to CDP Windsor St Edwards.

Mass Times & Intentions - HOLY WEEK

Sat 23 18:00 Pat Brook - RIP - St Edward's

Palm Sunday

Sun 24 09:30 Zdenka Iapichino - RIP - **St Mark's**
11:00 Rosanna Pediconi - St Edward's
15:00 Benediction and Stations of the cross
Mon 25 10:00 Dorothy Murphy - RIP
Tue 26 18:30 People of the Parish
Wed 27 18:30 Holy souls

Maundy Thursday - 28 March

Thur 28 19:00 Jack Regan - RIP - St Edward's

Watching at Altar of Repose

Thur 29 20:00 - 22:30 St Edward's

Good Friday - 29 March

Fri 29 09:15 Office of Readings
10:30 Children's Good Friday
Stations of the Cross - St Edward's

Solemn Passion Celebration - 29 March

Fri 29 15:00 St Edward's
15:00 St Mark's

Holy Saturday Vigil - 30 March

Sat 30 09:15 Office of Readings
16:00 Blessing of Easter Food
19:30 Easter Vigil - Isobel Young - RIP

Easter Sunday - 31 March

Sun 31 09:30 Bill & Catherine Leavy - RIP - **St Mark's**
11:00 Marcella & Lawrence Dyke - RIP - St Edward's

Parish Diary 23 – 31 March

Sat 23 10:00 First Holy Communion - Session 4
Sun 24 10:00 Talk by Fr Kevin Hughes - Easter - **St Mark's**
15:30 Confirmation Preparation - P/C
12:00 Tea & Coffee - P/C
Mon 25 18:30 SVP Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 26 19:00 Choir Practice
19:15 RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
19:00 Young Adult Confirmation Group
Wed 27 09:15 STE First School - St Edward's
18:30 Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
19:00 HCPT Meeting - P/C
Fri 29 11:30 Good Friday Children's activities - P/C
Sun 31 05:30 HCPT Trip to Lourdes
12:00 Tea and Coffee - P/C

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Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 26 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 27 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £273.50 Loose £646.11
Cafod Lenten Alms (Purple Buckets) £253.82

Easter Flowers

There will be a collection for donation for the flowers we have in the Churches for Easter this weekend.

HCPT Trip to Lourdes

The Parish HCPT group will be travelling to Lourdes on Easter Sunday on pilgrimage for a week. Please remember them in your prayers. Pat Burke.

Volunteers for cleaning - St Mark's

While the internal works are being carried out at St Mark's Church, we will not be having Mass on a Thursday morning. We are looking for volunteers to clean the Church on a Saturday afternoon, in time for Mass on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for anyone who can volunteer.

Talk - Eastertide Overview - by Fr Kevin Hughes

Saturday 23 March at St Mark's Church at 10:00. All welcome.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/he-is-not-here-an-eastertide-overview-tickets-856040378817>

Walk of Witness -

Please join representatives from Christian churches in Windsor for an ecumenical walk of witness on Good Friday (29 March), starting from St Andrew's Church, Clewer at 10.30am. We will walk via the following churches: St Stephen's, the Methodist Church, St Edward's, the Garrison church, Windsor Baptist Church, the United Reformed Church and to the top of Peascod St. We will pause at the statue of Queen Victoria facing towards St George's chapel before finishing at the Parish church at about 11.50. There will be some prayers around the cross, finishing by noon. All are welcome to join the walk at any point."

Watching at the altar of repose

Please add your name in one of the time slots on the sheets at the back of the church if you are able to watch and pray for a time.

Children's Good Friday Service

St Edward's 10:30 plus activities in Parish Centre.

GOOD FRIDAY FOR CHILDREN 10:30am

Stations of the Cross for children will take place on Friday 29th March at St Edwards at 10.30am..

A small group of children will move around the church, following the stations as they are being read out by a group of young readers.

There will be activities after the event in the parish centre, including themed crafts, a treasure hunt, and a few races on the patio (weather permitting)

Refreshments, hot cross buns and biscuits will be provided and as always treats and a keepsake from the parish for the families attending.

If you child would like to sing or read on the day, or take part in the enactment's or if you have any questions, please contact Sharon Cole our Youth co-ordinator at.

youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org or text 07842 459946.

Save the Date - Youth Event – Sat 27 April

There will be an event for young people aged 13 - 30! Led by the [One Hope Project](#). It will be a day of worship/workshops and fun finding your faith. Starting 11:30 until 5pm at St Edward's. Check out the One Hope Project here: <https://lorettouk.charitysuite.com/events/tzdtabr>
More information and bookings will follow shortly

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

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.

Collection for Christians in the Holy Places

The Second Collection on Good Friday is the Pontifical Collection for Christians in the Holy Places. Please give as normal or use <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>

Saturday Social

On, 6 April immediately following the 18:00 Mass in St Edwards Parish Centre, we will view [The Chosen](#) Season One. 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. Snacks and beverages are provided. Donations are accepted. All are welcome! We are planning to meet on, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June to complete all of Season One.

Monthly Talk - Sat 6 April at 10:00, Parish Centre

Speaker - Dr Judith Thomas

'Women - their dignity and their worth? 'From the pages of Scripture, from Pilate's wife who spoke up, from the women who stayed at the Cross, whether ancient or modern history - women have played a pivotal role in world events. Yet has their dignity and worth been acknowledged? Christ restored dignity to those who had been excluded, he empowered them, he reminded them that they were beloved children of God. Empowering women is key for ending power abuse, poverty and conflict, women and children are after all main victims of war. In our talk we will examine such issues and its cultural challenges.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Grey who died recently. Her funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Mark's on 4 April.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Rogers. More details to follow.