

Fifth Sunday in Lent – 17 March 2024

Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel, there were some Greeks, who approached Philip, and said they wanted to see Jesus. Notice that Philip didn't take them straight to Jesus – instead he went to consult Andrew, and then together, they went to see Jesus to explain the request.

I mentioned this because, as Christians, we should not be in isolation from one another. We all have different gifts and working together we can truly bring more people to meet Jesus. You will have noticed over the last few weeks we have been emphasising the importance of ministries in the life of the parish community. Our parish handbook offers us a variety of different things that we might participate and get involved in - or indeed, we might think of other things we might like to do in the life of the parish.

Christian faith is quite clear when it emphasises the importance of every individual - we all have a unique gift and talent. This, I invite you to use within the community so that we might be stronger and more effective witnesses of the Gospel.

If you haven't already done so I would invite you to consider looking at the ministries leaflet we handed out and prayerfully think about what area of parish life I could become involved in. I hope many of you will be able to return your leaflet filled in - then we can respond to your generosity.

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

Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service for the whole parish at St Edward's on Saturday 16 March at 11:00.

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.

Mass Times & Intentions 16 - 24 March

Sat 16	18:00	Duncan McGready - RIP
Sun 17	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Henry Golec - RIP
Mon 18	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 19	18:30	James Davidson - RIP
Wed 20	10:00	Frances Costello - INT
Thur 21	10:00	Cormac Gallagher - RIP - St Mark's
Fri 22	12:00	Siobhan Palluel - RIP
Sat 23	18:00	Pat Brooke - RIP
Sun 24	09:30	Zdenika Iapichino - St Mark's
	11:00	Roseanna Pediconi - RIP

Parish Diary 16 – 24 March

Sat 16	11:00	Penitential Service - St Edward's
	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 17	11:00	Engaged couples, Blessing of Rings-St Edward's
	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	15:00	Stations and Benediction - St Edward's
Tue 19	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:15	RCIA Meeting - St Brigid's Room
	19:30	Marriage Preparation - P/C
Wed 20	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 22	12:30	Lenten Lunches - P/C
	18:30	Stations of the Cross - St Edward's
Sat 23	10:00	First Holy Communion - Session 4
	10:00	Talk by Fr Kevin Hughes - Easter - St Mark's
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 24	12:00	Tea and Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 19	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 20	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

Fr David's Diary

Tue 21	10:00	Department of Clergy, Sandhurst
Thur 23	11:00	Meeting Coordinators and Deans - Basingstoke

Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £242.00 Loose £730.91
Clergy Assist £661.54

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>

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LENT

Friday Lenten Lunch

Our parish Lenten Lunches continue until **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 the 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 - 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 - Good Friday 10:45 starting from St Andrew's, Clewer. More information to follow.

Children's Good Friday Service

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

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/jacobys-big-lent-walk-for-cafod> or online at cafod.org.uk

Saturday Social

On **16 March**, immediately following the 18:00 Mass in St Edwards Parish Centre, we will view [The Chosen](#) Season One, Episode 4 entitled 'The Rock On Which it is Built.' 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 **6 April, 20 April, 18 May and 1 June** to complete all of Season One.

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 welcome, then please do please contact: For 09:30 Mass: Mandy McGovern: 07864 547709
For 11:00 Mass: Cathy Kitson: cathy.kitson@hotmail.com

UCM Meeting

Geoff and Irene will talk about pilgrimages they have organised in the past. This will take place in the Parish Centre at 10:30 on the 19 March. All welcome.

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**.

If you have not yet filled in the leaflet that was handed out over the last few weeks, please do take another look at it.

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

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.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Those of you who use weekly or special collection envelopes, these will be available at the back of both churches over the next couple of weekends.

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.

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.