

## Third Sunday of Easter - 14 April 2024

### Thought for the Week

In the First Reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this the dying prayer of Jesus may have inspired him. 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He urges them to repent, assuring them that if they do their sins will be forgiven. In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus bodily resurrection but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life, Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

One theme that occurs in all three readings is forgiveness, which is available to all those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Saviour. This has great relevance for us. A lot of ugly crimes are committed today, not all of which can be put down to ignorance. If there is forgiveness for those who killed Jesus, then surely there is forgiveness for those who do these things. Our task is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.

Easter doesn't take away our pain or remove our fears, but it does introduce a new element into our lives. It gives meaning to our pain, and lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us, as he spoke to them to the apostles. When we fail under trial and temptation we can draw encouragement from the story of Jesus own disciples, all of whom failed during The Passion.

Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death.

*Deacon George*

### Sacrament of Anointing

The next Sacrament of Anointing will take on the **10 May**.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 - 16:00. All welcome.

### Adoration - Postponed on Friday 19 May

Please note that there will not be Adoration on **Friday 19 May**, due to a funeral taking place in the morning and a wedding in the afternoon.

### 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

## Mass Times & Intentions 13 – 21 April

Sat 13	18:00	Sascha & Erika Cazin - RIP
Sun 14	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	Johnny Heaslip - RIP
Mon 15	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 16	18:30	David Murray-Bruce - RIP
Wed 17	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 18	10:00	Thomas Reynolds - RIP - St Edward's
Fri 19	10:00	Alistar Kieran - RIP - <b>Funeral</b>
	12:00	Doreen Russell - RIP
Sat 20	18:00	Judie Bryan - RIP
Sun 21	09:30	Des & Angela Leavy - RIP- <b>St Mark's</b>
	11:00	People of the Parish

### Parish Diary 13 – 21 April

Sat 13	10:00	Baptism - Isabella and Sienna Woolley
Sun 14	12:00	Tea & Coffee
Tue 16	10:30	UCM Meeting - P/C
	19:00	Young Adult Confirmation Group - P/C
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Thur 18	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Fri 19	13:00	Wedding - Luke Beazley-Long & Georgina Barrett
Sat 20	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic Session 5
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 21	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Louie Walsh

### Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 09	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 10	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

### Offertory

S/O - D/D £2,057.96 Envelopes £287.52 Loose £548.88

### Missio Red Box Appeal – 13/14 April

There will be an appeal by Fr Kevin Hughes mhm the weekend of 13/14 April. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

### Save the Date - Youth Event - Sat 14 September

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 17:00 at St Edward's**.

Check out the One Hope Project here:

<https://lorettouk.charitysuite.com/events/tzdtabrv>

More information and bookings will follow shortly.

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

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## HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The children and helpers of the Parish HCPT group had a wonderful week in Lourdes. Thank you to everyone who supported, donated or prayed for the group. We remembered you all in our prayers and lit candles at the Blessed Shrine.  
*Pat Burke*

## UCM Meeting

Pat Bowley and Pat Burke will tell members about their recent trip to Lourdes, over Easter with HCPT. All welcome at the Parish Centre at 10:30 on Tuesday 16 April.

## Refurbishment of St Marks Church

Work on St Mark's Church will begin on **Monday 15 April** for about five weeks. During this time, there will be Sunday Mass in St Mark's at 09:30. However, the Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's.

## 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.

## Clergy Training - Special Collection

There will be a special collection on **20/21 April**. It is also the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Happy Easter! He is Risen! During this month as we journey through Eastertide, we have the biggest day of Prayer focusing on vocations to the priesthood. *"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."* Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II.

## Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot - Sunday 19 May - Friday 24 May 2024

A **Week of Accompanied Prayer** may be the special retreat time just for you! Do you find yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying? Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?

### **Who is this week for?**

For YOU. It is a like a "mini retreat in daily life" just 5 days, led by professionally trained Retreat Guides.

### **The week at a glance:**

- Sunday 19 May at 17:00 a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting.
- Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you.
- Friday 24 May at 18:30 a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.

## 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)

*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.*

## Parish Handbook

Please see the link for our updated Parish Handbook.

[PARISH-HAND-BOOK-2024-24-02-14.pdf](http://PARISH-HAND-BOOK-2024-24-02-14.pdf) ([catholicwindsor.org](http://catholicwindsor.org))

## Holy Communion Dresses

Three lovely Holy Communion dresses available - free to a good home. Please contact Mandy McGovern 07864547709 for more details.

## Visiting Group

We're going to re-establish, the visiting group we had before Covid came! The purpose of this group is to reach out to those resting Catholics within our community, and just remind them that we are thinking of them and invite them to be a full part of our community. If you would like to know more about the purpose of this visiting group and what would be required timewise by yourself. Then please speak to Fr David or Lisa King on [lisafranklin730@gmail.com](mailto:lisafranklin730@gmail.com)

## Windsor & Maidenhead InterFaith Group

. . . .invite you to join the in the Dialogue on " **How can we best support someone through dying, loss and grieving?**"

The Thames Hospices, Windsor Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2DN from 19:00 to 20:30 followed by refreshments.

## Save the Date - Parish Party!

The annual Parish Party will take place on **Saturday 9 June** from 12:00 – 15:00.

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Alistair Kieran** - His funeral service will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Friday 19 April.

**Johanna Rogers** - Her funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Edward's on Thursday 2 May.

**Nora Golec** - Her funeral will take place at 12:00 at St Edward's on Friday 3 May.

**Hazel Wearing** - Her funeral will take place at 12:00 at St Edward's on Friday 10 May.