

Easter Sunday – 31 March 2024

Thought for the Week

In St John's Gospel, the first words out of mouth of Jesus is an invitation that the entire Gospel tries to answer : 'What are you looking for'? Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus tells us we're looking for many things; living water that quenches our deepest thirst, a truth that sets us free, a rebirth to something above, a light that shines eternally. All these images seem a little abstract. Near the end of the Gospel, we have that poignant, post resurrection meeting between Jesus and Mary Magdala. It takes place in a garden, a place where love takes place.

Mary, carrying spices to embalm Jesus's body, goes searching for him on Easter morning. She meets him but doesn't recognise him. Supposing him to be the gardener, she asked where she might find the body of the dead Jesus. Jesus replies by repeating the question that he answered at the beginning of the Gospel of John. 'Who are you looking for'? Before she can answer it, he gives the deepest answer. To that question he pronounces her name in love; 'Mary'. This was what she was looking for - many people also are looking for that personal relationship with Jesus who calls us by name and invites us to follow him.

I invite you to volunteer to join our visiting group in the parish so that we can reach out and bring this message into the lives of those who are perhaps unknowingly waiting to be called by name.

Canon David Hopgood

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

Maundy Thursday - 28 March

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

Watching at Altar of Repose

Thur 28 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

April 1 - 7

Mon 01 10:00 Victims of earthquake
Tue 02 18:00 People of the Parish
Wed 03 10:00 Margaret Campbell - RIP
Thur 04 10:00 Marie Grey - RIP - **Funeral - St Mark's**
Fri 05 12:00 Bertie & Anne Johns - RIP
Sat 06 18:00 Private Intention
Sun 07 09:30 People of the Parish
11:00 Lucette & Joe Faraj - RIP

Parish Diary 28 March – 7 April

Fri 29 11:30 Good Friday Children's activities - P/C
Sun 31 09:00 HCPT Trip to Lourdes - gathering in P/C
12:00 **NO** Tea and Coffee - P/C
Wed 03 19:30 Mothers Prayers - St Brigid's Room
Thur 04 18:30 Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 06 10:00 Talk by Dr Judith Thomas - P/C
13:00 Wedding - Rosie & Mike Taylor
19:00 Parish Social - P/C
Sun 07 12:00 Tea & Coffee - P/C
12:15 Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 02 18:00 Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
Wed 03 18:00 Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's

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Offertory

S/O - D/D £1,848.08 Envelopes £216.50 Loose £1,722.86
Cafod Lenten Alms (Purple Buckets) £605.70

Second Collection

Good Friday Second Collection is for Holy Places (Christians in the Holy Land). Link to Donation page

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>

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.

Good Friday for Children 10:30

Stations of the Cross for children will take place on **Friday 29th March at St Edwards at 10:30.**

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.

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.

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.

Caritas: Spring Newsletter

The Spring edition of the Caritas Newsletter can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/3bb303fb8b15/caritas-portsmouth-news>.

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 David or Lisa King on lisafranklin730@gmail.com

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.

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.

Parish Handbook

Please see the link for our updated Parish Handbook.

[PARISH-HAND-BOOK-2024-24-02-14.pdf \(catholicwindsor.org\)](#)

Holy Communion Dresses

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

Thank you

Wendy Wood would like to thank everyone who sent her cards and flowers after her recent stay in hospital.

The Liturgy Project: Formation Days

The Diocese of Portsmouth is arranging a day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 4 May 2024 9:30 - 14:30.

A Day for Readers: Saturday 19 October 2024 9:30 - 14:30

More information can be found on - [FormationDays.pdf](#) .

Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Diocese's Liturgical Formation Team will be hosting the following Formation Days at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Marie Grey - Her funeral will take place at 10:00 at St Mark's on 4 April.

Joan Rogers - details to follow.

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