

Second Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2024

From your Lourdes correspondent:

156 years ago, a young girl went searching in the rubbish dump of a small French town for twigs, sticks, kindling; fuel to give her destitute family fire, light and warmth. That search changed her life, and the lives of countless others, for ever.

This week, thousands of HCPT pilgrims and another visitors to Lourdes gathered near that same spot in gentle, soft rain to pray the Rosary. The majority held candles, some old fashioned with real flames, others walked with health and safety approved battery-powered 'illumination sticks'. At key points, every participant, singing with enthusiasm, would lift their lights heavenwards. As they were raised, the pinpricks of light represented the uniqueness of the holder; each with their own combination of hopes, joys, sorrows and anxieties.

There were pilgrims with a wide range of tests in life - some visible, some within, some of the body, some of the heart, some of the mind, some all three. As we stood in the darkness, those challenges were absorbed and lost in the darkness. What was seen were not the differences but a raised flame of light and love cutting through the darkness, just as the Paschal Candle, representing the risen Christ cut through the night at the Easter Vigil. The candle, burning through Eastertide, reminds us of the hope and promise of the Resurrection, the peace that Jesus offered his disciples in the locked upper room, and his gift of the Holy Spirit for them and for us.

The HCPT pilgrims gathered under the banner of 'Let your light shine!'. The challenge was that by our actions we let the light of Christ shine through each one of us, whatever the complexities of our lives, that we be living pinpricks of light in a world of darkness. It was a message for all ages, all abilities, not just those standing in the crowd.

Stephen Patterson

Sacrament of Anointing

There will be NO anointing during the Friday Mass on 12 April the next one 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.

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: There will NO reconciliation on Saturday 13 April.
Tuesdays: 18:00 - 18:30

Mass Times & Intentions 6 - 14 April

Sat 06	18:00	Private Intention
Sun 07	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Lucette & Joe Faraj - RIP
Mon 08	10:00	Mary O'Grady - RIP
Tue 09	18:30	Keith Burgoine - RIP
Wed 10	10:00	Frankie Collins - RIP
Thur 11	10:00	Carmel Hammond - RIP - St Mark's
Fri 12	12:00	Kathleen Williams - RIP
Sat 13	18:00	Sascha & Erika Cazin - RIP
Sun 14	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Johnny Heaslip - RIP

Parish Diary 6 - 14 April

Sat 06	10:00	Talk by Dr Judith Thomas - P/C
	13:00	Wedding - Rosie Horler & Mike Taylor
	19:00	Saturday Social - P/C
Sun 07	12:00	Tea & Coffee
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Mon 08	18:30	Catenians - P/C
Tue 09	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Wed 10	18:30	Men's Group - St Brigid's Room
	18:30	Ascot & Windsor Pastoral Area Meeting - P/C
Thur 11	09:00	Windsor Leadership Trust - P/C
	18:30	MASS Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 13	12:00	Baptism - Isabella and Sienna Woolley
Sun 14	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C

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
CAFOD Lenten Alms (Purple Buckets) £622.95
Holy Land £712.94

Fr David's Diary

Tue 09	11:00	Sandhurst
Wed 10	11:30	Clergy Pastoral Area Meeting
	18:30	Windsor & Ascot Pastoral Council Meeting - P/C

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.

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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.

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 Edward's 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.

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

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 17:00 at St Edward's**. Check out the One Hope Project here:

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

More information and bookings will follow shortly.

Clergy Training - Special Collection

There will be a special collection on **20/21 April**. It is also the 61st 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.

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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the CAFOD Lent Walk, which raised £2,430, and via the purple buckets, which raised around £2,467 during Lent.

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

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations at St Andrew's Shared Church, Washington Drive, SL2 5RE on **Sunday 7 April at 14:00**. Please call Millie on 07957 59646 for more information.

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 - Funeral details to follow.