

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 21 April 2024

Thought for the Week

On the chancel arch in St Edwards's are paintings of prophets and saints. On the left are four 'Doctors of the Church' including Saint Gregory the Great, the pope who instructed Augustine to bring the gospel of Christ back to these isles and bring the peoples of England into Christ's fold.

In a homily on our gospel text, Gregory posed questions which resonate today: 'Ask yourselves whether you belong to Christ's flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds.' He went on 'it is not by faith that you will come to know Christ, but by love'; not by mere conviction, but by action.' Gregory wrote that if a person enters into a life of faith; from faith they will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will ultimately graze in the good pastures of everlasting life; they will come within the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who died for his sheep.

Gregory spoke of an objective for every Christian, the green pastures of heaven. He urged that we must not allow the obstacles we encounter to turn us aside from that goal. Anyone who is set on a destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road, but the journey is easier if we are helped; flocks help each other, protecting their fellows from predators and danger. Our lives can be rough and for some, the journey is tougher than for most, but as any visitor to mountains or hills knows, sheep can tenaciously remain upright on even the steepest of terrains and still their shepherd will bring them safely into the fold. Let us, by love and by action, show that we are of Christ's flock and help each other to the safety of Christ's sheep fold.

Stephen Patterson

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.

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 20 - 28 April

Sat 20	18:00	Judie Bryan - RIP
Sun 21	09:30	Des & Angela Leavy - RIP- St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish
Mon 22	10:00	Eucharistic Service

Feast of St George - Patron of England

Tue 23	18:30	Armo Collini – RIP
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Wed 24	10:00	Isobel Young – RIP
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Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Thur 25	10:00	Holy Souls - St Edward's
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Fri 26	12:00	José Coutinho - RIP
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Sat 27	18:00	Roseanna Pediconi - RIP
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Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
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	11:00	Karl Perkins & Gabriela Zemberova - INT
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Parish Diary 20 - 28 April

Sat 20	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic Session 5
	15:30	Confirmation Preparation - P/C
Sun 21	12:00	Tea & Coffee
	12:15	Baptism - Louie Walsh
Mon 22	18:30	SVP Meeting - St Brigid's Room
Tue 23	19:00	Young Adult Confirmation Group - P/C
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Thur 25	18:30	Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room
Sat 27	10:00	First Holy Communion - Eucharistic Session 6
Sun 28	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C

Morning & Evening Prayer

Tue 23	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
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Wed 24	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
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Save the Date - Parish Party!

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

Save the Date - Youth Event - Sat 14 September

This 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.

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UCM Lenten Lunches

A big thank you to all who supported our Friday Lenten Lunches. To those who made soup, without you it would not have been a success. The amount raised £835.80.

Refurbishment of St Marks Church

Work on St Mark's Church began on **Monday 15 April** for approximately five to eight 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

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 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.

Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor & 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 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 meetings at a convenient time to you with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only
- 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.

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

Holy Communion Dresses

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

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.

Parish Handbook

Please see the link for our updated Parish Handbook.

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

HCPT Group 128

There is a display of photographs from the HCPT's group Pilgrimage to Lourdes on a board at the back of the Church. Please take a look.

Save the date: Sunday 8 December HCPT Christmas Fair.

Pat Burke

Caritas

The latest issue of our Caritas Portsmouth newsletter is [here](#) and there are articles on the Let's End Poverty Movement, our new parish biodiversity review tool and the Church Beyond Walls Workshop. We are also introducing our Caritas Ambassador and Caritas Community Rep volunteering roles. <https://mailchi.mp/3bb303fb8b15/caritas-portsmouth-news>

 Last call for sunflower seeds. Please let them know if you want some - there is still time to plant! Competitions and information on how to grow can be found on our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/caritas-sunflowers/>. We look forward to seeing lots of pictures!

Safeguarding Training

Following new guidance from the diocese, anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister is required to complete online Safeguarding training (level 2). This training is done online. Please register for the training at <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk> and choose level 2. Please email the Parish Safeguarding Rep Pat Burke at: safeguarding@catholicwindsor.org to confirm completion of training. *Thank You*

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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.