

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 July 2024

Thought for the Week

I rejoice that this weekend the Bishop will ordain Stephen Patterson as a Deacon for the communities of Windsor and Ascot. He will join the ranks of many fellow Deacons in the diocese among whom of course is Deacon George who was ordained Deacon for the parish of Windsor Twenty-Two years ago. Both Deacon George and Stephen will minister to the combined parishes of Ascot and Windsor. They will become familiar faces in both communities. But the ministry of Deacon, is far more than just being seen vested at Mass on a Sunday. Deacons are ministers of the Word, the Altar, and of Charity. As we know from the Acts of the Apostles – the early apostles were overwhelmed at the amount of work and were neglecting some of their duties - so they selected others to assist, these they called Deacons, and they would have a particular care for the needs of others.

So what can deacons do? They are to bring God's Word to believer and unbeliever alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptise, to assist marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying to lead the rights of burial.

In the pontifical for the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon it says: 'once he is consecrated by the laying on his hands that comes to us from the apostles and is bound more closely to the altar, he will perform works of charity in the name of the Bishop or Pastor. From the way he goes about these duties, may you recognise him as a disciple of Jesus who came to serve, not to be served.

Stephen, I know that you have the respect and support of the community, and you will receive a warm welcome from Deacon George to work alongside him, as well as assisting with Fr Phillip and I the Altar of Sacrifice and Charity.

Canon David Hopgood

Date 27 Jul - 4 Aug	Time	Mass Intentions St Edwards & St Marks	Time	Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi
Sat 27 <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <i>17th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	18:00	Raymond King - RIP	10:00 17:30	No Mass People of the Parish
Sun 28 <i>17th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish - St Marks Stanley Hughes - RIP	08:30 10:00 13:00	Clare Sherlock - INT Chris Browne - RIP Wedding - Frances & Ross
Mon 29 <i>Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, memorial</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 30 <i>St Peter Chrysologus,</i>	18:30	Kathleen Pavid - RIP	18:30	Simon & Ann-Marie - Wedding Anniversary
Wed 31 <i>St Ignatious of Loyola</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service	10:00	Francesco & Anna Trapani - RIP
Thur 01 <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	09:30	Irene & Geoff Dorrett - INT St Marks	18:30	Camelia Adela - INT
Fri 02 <i>St Eusebius of Vercelli</i>	12:00	Raimundo Coutindo - RIP	10:00	Holy Souls - RIP
Sat 03 <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	18:30	In Thanksgiving	10:00 12:00 17:30	Baptism - Gabriel Poulsen
Sun 04 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish Rudi Darmanin - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Eileen Berkeley - RIP

Pastoral Area Prayer

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.

DATE	TIME	Diary – St Edward’s & St Mark’s	TIME	Diary – St Francis of Assisi
Sat 27 July	07:45 17:30	Coach leaves for Portsmouth for Stephen Patterson’s Ordination Reconciliation	07:45	Coach leaves St Edward’s for Portsmouth
Sun 28 July	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy*
Mon 29 July		No event		No event
Tues 30 July	18:00 18:00 - 18:30	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group <i>(term-time only)</i>
Wed 31 July	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
Thur 1 Aug	13:00 -15:00 18:00	Organ in use - St Edward’s Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 2 Aug	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass	10:30 - 11:30	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Sat 3 Aug	11:00 - 11:30	Reconciliation	10:30	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 4 Aug	17:30 - 18:00 12:00 12:15	Reconciliation Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism Preparation - St Brigid’s Room		

Further dates and info on our websites;

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Pastoral Area Notices

Parish Secretary

Friday the 26 July was Samia’s last day as parish secretary in Ascot - we thank her for her work and commitment. We wish her well in her new employment. For a trial period the Parish Secretary at Windsor (Patricia) will take on a joint role of secretary in both Windsor and Ascot. This will require an adjustment for both Parishes with the times the Parish secretary is available.

So from the 30 July she will be present as follows:

Ascot: Thursday 09:00 - 10:30 & Friday 14:30 - 16:00

Windsor: Tuesday 09:00 - 14:00

Thursday 11:00 - 16:00

Friday 09:00 - 13:30

With the joy of modern technology Patricia will be able to access the emails from both St Francis and St Edward’s Parishes from both offices. Emails will be dealt with on three days a week.

This is a trial, and we will make adjustments as necessary.

We want to ensure both offices remain open and accessible. This was not a planned move in the light of the coming together of our Parishes - but it may prove helpful as we become one Parish. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Items for Newsletter

If you have any items for the newsletter, they need to be in by midnight on a Wednesday.

Ordination – Stephen Patterson

Stephen’s Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in **Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 27 July at 11:00**. As the choir will need time to practice before the Mass the coach will leave St Edward’s Church at **07:45** sharp.

For those unable to travel to Portsmouth but who would like to join the service with others, it will be live streamed in St Edward’s Parish Centre which will be open from 10:30; teas and coffees will be available. Stephen will perform his first Liturgical role as a Deacon at the 11:00 Mass on the 28 July in St Edwards. Following this Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Centre to which everyone is invited.

Many parishioners have been asking how to contribute to Stephens’s Ordination to the Diaconate – we have therefore set up a ‘giveasyoulive’ page for those who wish to contribute in this way.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/collection-for-stephen-patterson>

Knight of St Gregory

Philip Reynolds, a member of our parish has been awarded the Papal honour of a knight of Saint Gregory for his outstanding services to the National church during the course of his life. This Papal award will be presented to Philip on a Sunday in October this year. We offer Philip many congratulations.

The Marriage Course

If you are married or in a long-term relationship, you are invited to attend the Marriage Course to be held at St. Edward's Church. It is designed to strengthen your relationship with each other and keep your love alive! The dates are Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11 and 18 from 7:30PM until 9:45PM. There are catch-up links if you cannot attend all sessions. Please contact Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com if you would like to register or find out more!

Fr Tom Hiney

Fr Tom was ordained a Priest last week in the Cathedral - he was with us in Windsor last year for a few months as a deacon. Fr Tom will come to Windsor on the 30 July to celebrate the 18:30 Mass. Please come to this Mass if you can.

Mini Vinnies/ Youth SVP - Summer Camp - 15 / 16 August

There will be a **2-day Summer Camp for young people in years 3 – 8, at St Edward's Parish Centre**. The day will run from 10:00 – 15:00. The camp will consist of games, crafts, activities including some around our faith. We will also prepare a short play for the final day which families will be invited to watch. There is no charge, but any donations are welcome. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and any snacks or treats to share with the group at break times. Booking is essential. Please talk to or email Sharon – youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org Also, Triona will be available at 11:00 Mass to answer any questions.

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. It will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7 September at 14:00. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope "Significant Wedding Mass."

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seek out and help those in need in the community. **It would like to recruit an MSO for the Portsmouth diocese, which specifically includes the Bournemouth district**, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office.

This is a part-time, home-based role (15 hours per week – 2 days equivalent, with a salary of £11,333 pa), working as part of the SVP membership team. It requires the ability to travel around the area to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Sunday 1 September 2024.

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased - **Manuela Birch** and **Richard Poynter**.

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

First Holy Communion Programme 2024 - 2025

Our FHC team are now accepting registrations for the 2024-25 First Holy Communion programme. Further details plus application forms can be found on the Parish website. Kindly send completed application forms and a copy, not original, of your child's Baptismal Certificate to fhc@catholicwindsor.org. **A meeting for parents will be held on 26 September at 18:30**. At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Commitment Card' that needs to be stamped when your child attends Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting. **Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 16 September 2024**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FHC team at fhc@catholicwindsor.org.

Standing Orders

After Canon David 's talk on 16 June I am pleased to say over 30 standing order forms and gift aid forms were given out. They are slowly coming in, so if you took one please return it as soon as possible. A big thank you also to those who have as a result increased their standing order or envelope giving. The bad news is that Lloyds, who are no longer in Windsor, have reduced their opening weekdays to only 4 in Slough and Maidenhead so paying in has become more of a chore. If you can change from cash to standing order or online payments it would be most welcome. Please do contact me if you have any questions. Rich Fisher, Finance Manager - finance@catholicwindsor.org

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

Volunteers Needed : We are in need of more welcomers at Mass and Offertory Counters. If you can help, kindly contact the Parish Office.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group: Every Tuesday, term-time only, from 11:00 – 12:45. Will begin again after the summer break.

Children's Liturgy*: Will start again after the summer break.

SVP Table Sales: Raised £505 for very needy families from April to date. Thank you all very much.

The Knights of St Columba - are recruiting new members in Ascot and Windsor Parish - anyone interested can pick a form from the foyer - or please contact Tony Berkeley 07377 168 356 or council984@hotmail.com for more information.

The Knight of St Columba would also like to thank parishioners who have already returned the WaterAid jars. The fundraising is ongoing until October. Anyone who wishes to donate to this worthwhile cause can collect a jar from the foyer and return it at your leisure in the coming months.

The New Lectionary Books

Thanks to your donations, we already have raised £469.50! We would appreciate any further donations so we can achieve the remaining amount of £500.50. From Advent 2024, the new Lectionary (the book we take the readings from at all Masses) is being introduced in every Catholic parish in England and Wales. We will need to purchase the new copies in time for this in St Francis. Please would you consider making a donation towards these?

The cost of the Ambo edition (the books the readers read from at Masses) is £695 for all 4 volumes and the cost of the Book of the Gospels (which the priest proclaims the Gospel from at Sunday Masses) is £275.

There is a button named "Lectionary Books" at the **DONA Terminal** in the back of the church for those donating by card. You can also donate by cash using the designated envelopes available at the Church porch. There will also be People's editions coming out, so if you usually like to have your personal Daily or Sunday Missal, you can order the new version and, if you know someone who might appreciate one, buy one for them too as a gift. Details of these can be found at: www.newlectionary.org/#peoplesmissals

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email or join the Catholic Windsor and Ascot News WhatsApp Group?

Sign up on <https://catholicwindsorandascot.org/subscribe> to receive this weekly into your inbox.

We have set up a new WhatsApp group called **Catholic Windsor and Ascot News**. This will be dedicated to the weekly newsletter and important news such as Easter and Christmas services. Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera app, to access this group via WhatsApp.



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