

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 July 2024

Thought for the Week

I feel a little sorry for the prophet Amos in this Sunday's reading, He really didn't want to be a prophet and seemed to be rather lonely all by himself. This is rather contrasted by today's Gospel when Jesus insisted that the disciples should go out in twos to proclaim the Good News. There's something about doing things with other people to give us encouragement and hope. I really believe that our two parish communities of Ascot and Windsor will gain great strength and encouragement by working together and becoming one united Parish. We are stronger together - and our two communities, like the disciples in pairs, can gain confidence in going out and bringing other people to Jesus Christ.

Symbolically this weekend our two newsletters have become one. Yes, it is different and I'm sure they will be teething problems as we get it just right for our communities - bear with us and let us celebrate and share all the good practice that both our communities presently have in different areas.

The mission given to the disciples is given to us. I'm pleased that we have within both of our communities a small group of people who in September will organise a way that each week we can pray for those living on a couple of roads in our parish. The week before, an attractive card will be delivered to homes in that road, informing them that we will be praying for them at the weekend and a candle will burn for them in the Lady Chapels. The card delivered will also say that if they would like to have their house blessed or have a visit then to contact us. This is a way in which we can really reach out to our community and let them know that we are an active presence of the church here in Windsor and Ascot.

Canon David Hopgood

Mass Intentions 13 – 19 July

<u>St Edwards & St Marks</u>	<u>St Francis</u>
Sat 13 18:00 Andrew Densouse & Harry Leamon - RIP	10:30 Eileen Berkeley RIP 17:30 John Kirwin RIP
Sun 14 09:00 People of the Parish 11:00 Jimmy Regan - RIP	08:30 People of the Parish 10:30 Deceased members of the Berkeley Family R.I.P
Mon 15 10:00 Noel Conroy - INT	
Tue 16 18:30 Paul & Philip Boddy & Katie Colborn - INT	18:30
Wed 17 10:00	10:00 Anna & Victor INT
Thur 18 10:00 Mary & Dom Rooney & Family - INT	18:30 Mary & John Looney, RIP
Fri 19 12:00 Finlay - INT	10:00 Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Date	St Edwards & St Marks	St Francis
Saturday 13 th July	Reconciliation 17:30 - 18:00 18:00 Mass	Rosary said at 09:30 10:00 Mass Followed by Reconciliation or by appointment 17:30 Mass
Sunday 14 th July	09:30 St Marks 11:00 Mass Baptisms – Alexander & Luca Cortes Ramirez 12:00 Tea & Coffe in P/C	08:30 Mass 10:00 Mass
Monday 15 th July	10:00 Mass	No Mass
Tuesday 16 th July	Evening Prayer 18:00 - 18:30 Reconciliation 18:00 18:30 18:30 Mass	18:30 Mass
Wednesday 17 th July	Morning Prayer 09:30 Eucharistic Service 10:00	10:00 Mass
Thursday 18 th July	10:00 Mass St Marks	18:30 Mass
Friday 19 th July	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 16:00 12 noon Mass Rosary prayed after Mass	10:00 Mass Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after Mass to 10:30

Please pray for the Deceased

Christopher Barry Sillett - Funeral to be held at St Francis at 12:00 on 26 July.

Parish Priest: Canon David Hopgood canondavid@catholicwindsor.org
Priest in charge Ascot: Fr Phillip Harris stfrancisascot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Deacon: Rev. George Young Revgeorgeyoung@icloud.com
Parish Sister: Teresina Fingleton CSB.

Further dates and info on our websites;

Catholicwindsor.org
Stfrancisascot.co.uk

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.

St Edwards & St Marks, 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.

Talk - Faith in Adversity

One of the most powerful witnesses to the greatness of God is the faith that believers are able to demonstrate in the midst of adversity. A talk will be given on Faith in adversity by Dr Judith Thomas on **Saturday 20 July at 10:00** in the Parish Centre.

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 Mark's Cleaning

If you can lend a hand for about an hour a week (regularly or every now and then) please contact the Parish Office or Maggie Waddington - maggiewaddington@yahoo.co.uk

St Francis, Ascot

Volunteers Needed - We are in need of more welcomers at Mass and offertory counters. If you can help, kindly contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Summer Garden Party - We are looking for volunteers to help us with the organisation of a possible summer garden party in August. Please, contact the Parish Office if you can help.

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

St Francis, Ascot

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Dates announced: The dates for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have been confirmed as 22 – 26 July 2024. See the poster on notice board at the Church for more information. Also, find some copies of the form to complete for the trip in the Church porch.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group: Every Tuesday, term-time only, from 11 – 12:45.

SVP Table Sales: in the Narthex, from Wed to Sun. Thanks for your support. All donations gratefully received.

Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday, during the 10 am Mass (term-time only). For further inquiries, email the parish Office.

Ordination – Stephen Patterson

Stephen's Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in **Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 27 July at 11:00.**

A larger coach has been booked, so if you would like to go to the Mass and reception afterwards, some seats are still available. Please contact the Parish Office. 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>

Montligeon Prayer Group – via Zoom

This is a recently established a connection with the Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon. The prayer group meets on Zoom every Friday evening for just 30 minutes, praying the Rosary, and the *Our Lady of Deliverance* prayer for the intentions of the Holy Souls. For more information on joining them or if you would like them to remember a deceased loved one in their prayers each week, please contact the Parish Office Ascot.

Vocations

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Canon John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. 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".

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Children's focus

Can you spot these items in church?

