

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 July 2024

Thought for the Week

In our First Reading this Sunday, Jeremiah reflects firstly on God's scattered flock and then tells us that the Lord "will raise a virtuous Branch for David." Who is this virtuous branch? Jesus: he, as Son of God, gathers the remnant of the flock and brings them back to their own pasture, he is the Good Shepherd. Why does he do this? Out of love for us, his sheep.

At the beginning of today's Gospel passage we see small snapshots of Jesus' great love: firstly, for the apostles when he wants them to rest following their mission of preaching and healing that they have just returned from; and then, when stepping ashore and finding a large crowd, being moved with pity for the people because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

This love would find its fulfilment on the Cross on Calvary as Jesus gives himself for each one of us – a saving love that he continues to pour out on each one of us and that we celebrate at every Mass. As the sheep of his flock, we are called to respond and follow him wherever he guides us. Let us pray especially for Stephen Patterson who, in response to the Lord's call in his life, will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Philip in Portsmouth this Saturday. Let us reflect on how the Lord is calling each one of us today and as his people together here in Ascot and Windsor. May the Lord strengthen us in our calling and give us all the grace to respond ever more fully to his great love for us.

Fr Phillip Harris

Date 20-28 July	Time	Mass Intentions St Edwards & St Marks	Time	Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi
Sat 20	18:00	Wolfgang Cazin - RIP	10:00 17:30	Peter Bernard Dawson R.I.P.
Sun 21	09:30 11:00	Zdenka Iapichino - RIP - St Marks Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish
Mon 22	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 23	18:30	People of the Parish	18:30	Madge McHugh - INT
Wed 24	10:00	Kathleen Bennett - RIP - FM	10:00	Camelia Adela's - INT
Thur 25	09:30	Kathleen Wall - RIP - St Marks	18:30	Stephen Patterson's - INT
Fri 26	12:00	Brian McLoughlin - INT	11:30	Funeral Mass - Christopher Barry Sillett - RIP
Sat 27	18:00	Raymond King - RIP	10:00 17:30	No Mass - (Ordination of Stephen Patterson 11:00 Portsmouth Cathedral) People of the Parish
Sun 28	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish Stanley Hughes - RIP	08:30 10:00	Clare Sherlock - INT Chris Browne - 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	St Edwards & St Marks		St Francis of Assisi	
Sat 20 July	10:00 11:00 -11:30 13:00 Wedding - Veronica Rofail & Luke Allen 17:30 -18:00 18:00 Mass	Talk - Faith in Adversity by Dr Judith P/C Reconciliation	09:30 10:00 Mass 17:30 Mass	Rosary prayed Followed by Reconciliation or by appointment
Sun 21 July	09:30 Mass 11:00 Mass 12:15 12:00	St Marks St Edwards Baptisms - Mario Mateo Gonzalez & Jenaisha Ramos Gonzalez Tea & Coffee in P/C	08:30 Mass 10:00 Mass	Children's Liturgy*
Mon 22 July	10:00 Eucharistic Service		No Mass	
Tues 23 July	10:30 18:00 - 18:30 18:00 - 18:30 18:30 Mass	UCM members - Final meeting before summer break at Dorney Garden Centre Dorney Court Evening Prayer Reconciliation	18:30 Mass 11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group (<i>term-time only</i>) Last group 23 July
Wed 24 July	09:30 10:00 Eucharistic Service 19:00	Morning Prayer Men's Group - St Brigid's Room	10:00 Mass	
Thur 25 July	09:30 Mass 18:30	St Marks Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid's Room	18:30 Mass	
Fri 26 July	10:00 -16:00 12:00 Mass	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament – last Adoration 26 July until 6 Sept Rosary prayed after Mass	10:30 - 11:00 11:30 Funeral Mass	No Adoration of Blessed Sacrament – due to funeral
Sat 27 July	07:45 17:30 -18:00 18:00 Mass	Coach leaves for Portsmouth for Ordination Reconciliation	No Mass 17:30 Mass	
Sun 28 July	09:30 Mass 11:00 Mass 12:00	St Marks St Edwards Reception for Stephen Patterson - P/C	08:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 13:00 Wedding - Frances & Ross	

Further dates and info on our websites;

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Pastoral Area Notices

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>

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.

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 Alicia by mobile: [07521 520 606](tel:07521520606) or email: alicia1coker@gmail.com.

Vocations

“He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Will you respond to the needs of Christ’s sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Canon John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call [01329 318 869](tel:01329318869)

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? 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 request a form for you to complete and return. 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.”

Fundraising: Diocesan Free Wills service

The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will **for free**. Whether your parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the ‘phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so.

Caritas: “To Hope and Act with Creation” Save the date!

On 14 September Caritas and St Peters and the Winchester Martyrs are hosting a conference for the Season of Creation. John Paul de Quay is coming to speak on "How Faith should motivate us in caring for our Common Home", there will be updates in preparation for COP 29 and looking at practical actions we can take in our parishes to help reduce the impact of climate change. Everyone is welcome and more details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please hold the date in your diary.

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.

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

Manuela Birch and **Richard Poynter** Funeral details to follow.

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.

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 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.

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.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group: Every Tuesday, term-time only, from 11:00 – 12:45. The last group before the summer break will be Tuesday 23 July.

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

Children's Liturgy*: Takes a summer break after 21 July. We wish our families a lovely summer.

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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