

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 September 2024

### Thought for the Week

This weekend sees the start of the annual Season of Creation which runs from 1 September to 4 October; the Solemnity in Ascot of the church's patron, St Francis of Assisi. The theme for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September is 'Hope and Act with Creation'. In the second reading, from St James, the writer speaks of us as 'a sort of first fruits' of all God had created. This gives us a great responsibility, for as the first fruits of God's creation we must respect all aspects of the creation from which we came and without which we cannot live.

Our first reading, and particularly our Gospel, stress the overwhelming importance of God's laws and the need to respect them, and not replace them with - for example - man-made rules about what is eaten or drunk. It is for this reason that Jesus upbraids the scribes who are more concerned about what goes into a person rather than what comes out. By doing so, they, and we, ignore the dangers for ourselves, for others and, by extension, to God's creation, by our words and actions.

Because we believe that God's Spirit is dwelling in us, whatever comes out of us which originates or is inspired by the Word of God, living in our hearts, is a service of God. St James gives the example that true unspoilt religion is coming to the help of widows and orphans when they need it – i.e. having compassion and love, looking after the most vulnerable in society; this must surely include the fragile planet on which we depend. By acting with creation we give hope to all.

*Deacon Stephen Patterson*

Date 31 Aug - 8 Sep	Time	Mass Intentions St Edwards & St Marks	Time	Mass Intentions St Francis of Assisi
<b>Sat 31 Aug</b> <i>St Aiden, All Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	<b>18:00</b>	Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	<b>10:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sun 1 Sep</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	People of the Parish - <b>St Marks</b> Josephine Thomas - RIP	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	Mary & Kathryn Sherlock RIP Eileen Berkeley - RIP
<b>Mon 2 Sep</b>	<b>10:00</b>	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
<b>Tues 3 Sep</b> <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope - feast</i>	<b>10:00</b> <b>18:30</b>	Sinead O'Carroll Bishop RIP - <b>Funeral</b> Isobel Young - RIP	<b>18:30</b>	Zoe Seymour – RIP
<b>Wed 4 Sep</b> <i>St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	<b>10:00</b>	Joe O'Toole – RIP	<b>10:00</b>	Barbara Forbes-Jones – RIP
<b>Thur 5 Sep</b>	<b>10:00</b>	Holy Souls – <b>St Mark's</b>	<b>18:30</b>	James & Johanna Moriarty – RIP
<b>Fri 6 Sep</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Fiona Sykes – RIP	<b>10:00</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sat 7 Sep</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>18:00</b>	Margaret Bogue – INT	<b>10:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 8 Sep</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	<b>09:30</b> <b>11:00</b>	Tom Costello – RIP – <b>St Mark's</b> People of the Parish	<b>08:30</b> <b>10:00</b>	Margaret Anne Moore - RIP Deceased Berkeley Family - 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 31 Aug	11:00 -11:30 17:30 -18:00	<b>NO Reconciliation</b> Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed <b>NO Reconciliation</b>
Sun 1 Sep	10:30 12:00 12:15	Tea & Coffee - St Mark’s Hall Tea & Coffee - P/C Baptism Preparation - St Brigid’s Room	10:00	Children’s Liturgy Resumes September 8
Mon 2 Sep		No event		No event
Tues 3 Sep	11:00 18:00 18:00-18:30 19:00	Tea & Coffee following Funeral - P/C Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel Reconciliation Choir Practice - St Edward’s	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group ( <i>term-time only</i> ) Resumes September 10
Wed 4 Sep	09:30 19:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel Mothers Prayers - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 5 Sep	11:00 18:30	Bereavement Group Meeting - P/C Mass Readings Explained - St Brigid’s Room		
Fri 6 Sep	10:00-16:00 12:30 19:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass The Marriage Course - P/C	10:30 - 11:30	<b>NO Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>
Sat 7 Sep	11:00 -11:30 13:00 17:30 -18:00	<b>NO Reconciliation</b> Wedding: Marie Von Prittwitz & Oliver Karg Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
Sun 8 Sep	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy 8 September ( <i>term-time only</i> )

**Further dates and info on our websites:**

[CatholicWindsor.org](http://CatholicWindsor.org)

[StFrancisAscot.co.uk](http://StFrancisAscot.co.uk)

**Live Mass Link**

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

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**Pastoral Area Notices**

**RCIA**

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about joining the Catholic Church, do you want to know more, or start your journey? The RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] programme which leads up to Easter 2025 will start on 15 October at 19:15 in St Brigid's Room in the Windsor Parish Centre. It's an opportunity to explore the faith and discover more about the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more and join the sessions please speak to Fr David, Fr Phillip, or Deacon Stephen.

**The Marriage Course**

The Marriage Course will be held at St Edward's Church, in the Parish Centre. 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 19:30 until 21:45. There are catch-up links if you cannot attend all sessions. Please contact Kathy at [kathyarundale@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyarundale@hotmail.com) if you would like to register or find out more!

**The Rescue Project - Save the Date**

We invite you to *Save the Date* for **The Rescue Project**, an 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel. Sessions will commence every Tuesday evening from 1 October at 19:00 at St Joseph’s Maidenhead. The weekly format will include an optional evening Mass, followed by prayer, a simple meal, music, a video and reflection. Further details will be available from early September. You can learn more by watching this short promotion video: <https://vimeo.com/712654272/8566ac01eb?share=copy>

**Special Collection**

There will be a special collection next weekend 7/8 September for the Catholic Education Service, which supports our schools in the diocese.

## Thank you

Deacon Stephen would like to thank all those who generously contributed towards a gift from the parish for his ordination in July. The collection paid for an Alb and Cotta (Surplice), which were purchased in Rome, and which he will wear at Mass and other liturgies - he is most grateful.

## SVP Tea Party

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP - Windsor) is arranging an afternoon tea party in the Parish Centre on Sunday 15 September at 15:00. It's for those who are home alone, lonely, suffer anxiety or have dementia issues, and need to feel loved and included, in a similar way to the Christmas day lunch. Contact Barry Thompson on [07547 514467](tel:07547514467), or email [jetbar@live.co.uk](mailto:jetbar@live.co.uk), in order that an invitation might be arranged.

## Baptism Preparation

### Windsor

Preparation is usually held once a month in the Parish Centre, Dorset Road, Windsor at 12.15 on Sunday. Classes run for around 45 minutes. Parents are invited to begin this process even before the birth of any child to be baptised. Please contact Deacon George for more details: [dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Ascot

Preparation sessions are held on certain Sundays of the year at 11:15. Please contact Deacon Stephen for more details: [spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Vacancy for a Secretary to Alma Beacon Trustee Board

More information about the charity please go to [www.almabeacon.org](http://www.almabeacon.org) For a copy of the Job Description and to submit an application, please contact [Jane@windsorhomelessproject.org](mailto:Jane@windsorhomelessproject.org) by Friday 6 September.

## Season of Creation

Sunday 1 September marks the start of this ecumenical season which, this year, takes the Theme 'To Hope and Act with Creation'. Using the words of Job (12: 7-10), who invited us to 'ask the animals', the Bernardine Sisters invite you to reflect on this year's theme during a ***Weekend Retreat 'Learning from the Animals' at the Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard, 27-29 September 2024***. Details at [www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme](http://www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme) or contact [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com) – please head your email 'Brownhill Retreat'.

## Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

Can you spare an hour or two to post a leaflet through doors in your Street/Road. If you can help please contact Lisa and Lucy on the parish email [outreach@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:outreach@catholicwindsor.org)

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of – **Sinead O'Carroll Bishop** – her funeral will take place on Tuesday 3 September at 10:30 in St Edward's. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Bartlett**.

## St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

## A new version of the Lectionary

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops of England and Wales have given us a new version of the scriptures to be used in the Lectionary. (This book that contains the readings that are proclaimed at Mass).

There are four volumes, and we need to purchase two sets which cost just over £1,600. So if there is anyone who might like to contribute to have one or more in memory of somebody please speak to Fr David.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fhc@catholicwindsor.org)

## **Give As You Live**

Many thanks to the fifty-nine parishioners who have already signed up to 'Give As You Live.' Four of you purchase monthly, which is fantastic, and another seven have spent so far, this last resulting in hundreds of pounds a year for the Parish. It is so easy, all you do is download the link to your laptop, pc or phone and it does the rest for you. It is literally free money so why not join us now before you buy online again. Just click on [Donate to Windsor St Edward's R C Church | Give as you Live Donate](#). Any queries please contact [finance@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:finance@catholicwindsor.org) Thank you.

## **Children of the World Montessori School**

Children of the World Montessori School is based in St Marks Hall, Dedworth Rd, Windsor. Children from 17 months to 5 years attend, term time only. Email for more information at [mail@cotwmontessori.co.uk](mailto:mail@cotwmontessori.co.uk) or view website at [cotw.montessori.co.uk](http://cotw.montessori.co.uk)

## **St Francis of Assisi, Ascot**

### **Little Franciscan Toddler Group**

This resumes on Tuesday 10 September (term-time only), from 11:00 – 12:45. All welcome!

### **Children's Liturgy**

Every Sunday during the 10:00 Mass (term time only). This resumes on 8 September. We accept children from 3 years to Year 3. Enrolment forms are available in the Narthex. Further enquiries: email Sue Roche [sue.roche1@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.roche1@btinternet.com)

### **SVP Tabletop Sales:**

The tabletop sale continues in the Narthex after all Masses. Lots of bargains. TAKE A LOOK. Thank you for your wonderful donations, the proceeds going to needy families locally.

**The Knights of St Columba** are recruiting new members from Ascot and Windsor Parishes - anyone interested can pick a form from the foyer - or please contact Tony Berkeley [07377 168 356](tel:07377168356) or [council984@hotmail.com](mailto:council984@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Fatima Rosary on Zoom**

If you would like to join others in praying the Rosary via Zoom, please contact Tony Berkeley. The Rosary is prayed from Monday to Friday at 13:30. Tony will then add you to the group and send you all the information you will need to join. This is being sponsored by the Knights of St Columba Prayer Group. For further information please contact [07377 168 356](tel:07377168356) or [furtunato101@gmail.com](mailto:furtunato101@gmail.com) or [KNIGHTS OF ST Columba, Knights, Columba, Ascot, Bracknell, Council, 590 \(council984.co.uk\)](http://KNIGHTS OF ST Columba, Knights, Columba, Ascot, Bracknell, Council, 590 (council984.co.uk))

### **The New Lectionary Books**

If you would you like to donate towards the new Lectionary Books, 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. *Thank you for your donations.*

### **Narthex Door**

If the Narthex area is being used, please can you make sure that the door and any other door used is closed and securely locked before you leave. Thank you.

### **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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