

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 September 2024

Thought for the Week

There is symmetry between our Old Testament and Gospel readings this week; the Old Testament references a pair of men; Eldad and Medad who cause distress to Joshua and others because, although chosen and recipients of the spirit, they prophesy in an unexpected way and place. In the Gospel, the disciple John raises his concern that someone was casting out devils in Jesus' name without being one of Christ's immediate followers. Moses, in response to the news, warns Joshua against jealousy for he wishes that all the people of Israel had received the spirit and could serve the people of God. In a similar vein, Jesus cautions John from being judgemental and reminds John (and the other disciples) that they should focus on their own work, not to criticise others who follow Christ but who do not belong to 'the clique' and leave the rest to God. There is always a risk of criticising or finding fault with someone who appears not to conform or be part of the expected group but acts in a Christian way; like Joshua, it is not our role to judge how the Holy Spirit is working in others. Equally we cannot be judgmental about the size of a good action, jealous or competitive. As Jesus reminds John, God sees and takes note of all worthy deeds; even the smallest, simplest kind gesture of the offer of a glass of water.

We all have different gifts and talents given to us by the Spirit which we are charged and expected to use to the best of our abilities in order to support others and together build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We must make sure that we do not let anything stop us from using them and avoid – and manage – circumstances which may cause us to fall short.

Deacon Stephen

Date 28 Sept – 6 Oct	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Edward's & St Mark's	Mass Times	Mass Intentions at St Francis of Assisi
Sat 28 Sept <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	18:00	Kyra Smith - RIP	10:00 17:30	Agnes Toner - RIP
Sun 29 Sept <i>26th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Holy Souls - St Mark's Rosanna Pediconi - RIP	08:30 10:00	Derrick James Gallagher (FM) People of the Parish
Mon 30 Sept <i>St Jerome</i>	10:00	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues 1 Oct <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	18:30	Marie & Peter Gray - RIP	18:30	Sheila Kearney - RIP
Wed 2 Oct <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10:00	No Mass	10:00	No Mass
Thur 3 Oct	10:00	Marciano Da Costa - RIP - St Mark's	18:30	18:30 Susan Proctor – INT Mass will be said in the Friars' Chapel
Fri 4 Oct <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	12:00	People of the Parish	10:00 18:30	No Mass People of the Parish - Feast Day
Sat 5 Oct <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	18:00	Paola Bernardi - RIP	10:00 17:30	Eileen Berkeley - RIP Maria & William Vonkomer - RIP
Sun 6 Oct <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 11:00	Patricia Keane - RIP Jimmy Regan - RIP	08:30 10:00	People of the Parish Carter & Harper Scott - INT

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 28 Sept	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	09:30	Rosary prayed
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation	10:30 12:00	Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass Baptism - Ada Grace Seldon
Sun 29 Sept	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
Mon 30 Sept				
Tues 1 Oct	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel	11:00 - 12:45	Little Franciscan Toddler Group
	18:00-18:30	Reconciliation		
Wed 2 Oct	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel		
	19:30	Mothers Prayers - St Brigid’s Room		
Thur 3 Oct	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C		
Fri 4 Oct	10:00-16:00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30 - 11:30 19:30	No - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Refreshments in Narthex
	12:30	Rosary prayed after 12:00 Mass		
	19:30	The Marriage Course - via Zoom		
Sat 5 Oct	11:00 -11:30	Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary prayed Reconciliation after 10:00 Mass
	17:30 -18:00	Reconciliation		
Sun 6 Oct	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C	10:00	Children’s Liturgy
		UCM - Cake Sale for Thames Hospice		
	12:15	Baptism Preparation-St Brigid’s Room		

Further dates and info on our websites:

CatholicWindsor.org

StFrancisAscot.co.uk

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stedwardsmass>

Live Mass Link

<http://catholicwindsorandascot.org/stfrancismass>

Pastoral Area Notices

The new Catholic Parish of Ascot and Windsor

Fr David recently wrote to the Bishop to request that we move forward to create one Canonical Parish out of the existing two parishes of Windsor and Ascot. There will be an Open Meeting to explain the Canonical procedure and answer any questions. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October at 18:30 in St Edward’s Parish Centre, Windsor (a similar Open Meeting was held in Ascot in June), all are welcome.

Feast Days of St Francis and St Edward

To prepare us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Friday 4 October and the Feast of St Edward on Sunday 13 October, all are invited to pray a Novena between the two days. Copies of the Novena will be available after each Mass this weekend.

Readers’ Reflection Day – 12 October 09:30 - 14:00

Dr Judith Thomas, Theologian and Scripture Scholar, will lead the reflection on the importance of the Scriptures in the celebration of Liturgy in our parish community. We will also be introducing the new Lectionary. This important session is for all current Readers in Ascot and Windsor and those who may be interested in this Ministry. This is an opportunity to reflect on the scriptures and explore the new Lectionary, which will be used from the first Sunday in Advent. Please contact Sr Patricia Mulhall by email mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk or Text: [07766 710 000](tel:07766710000).

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.

Walk for Nekemte

We warmly invite your parishioners to join our Marist School community to support an inaugural “Walk for Nekemte” charity event on **Sunday 20 October - 9.30-12.00**. <https://buytickets.at/themaristschoolascot/1381539>

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

Ascot - Preparation sessions will be held, as required on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15 from 3 November. Please contact Deacon Stephen for more details: spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Outreach Team - Please Can You Help

This coming week the Windsor/Ascot Parish Outreach Team will post a card through the doors in **The Limes** in Windsor and in **Monks Road**, in Ascot. The Parish will be praying for the people who live in these roads at Mass, and a candle will be lit for them in the Lady Chapels. If you can help distribute cards, please contact Lisa (Windsor) [07769 249568](tel:07769249568) or Lucy (Ascot) from the Outreach Team: outreach@catholicwindsor.org.

The Rescue Project - 1 October at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

The Rescue Project', is an 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel every Tuesday evening at St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead. Mass will be offered first, and the 'Rescue' sessions start at 19:00. The intention is to include parishioners from



Ascot, Maidenhead, Sunningdale and Windsor, bringing our local Catholic-Christian community closer together. Secure your place today via this link: [Register Now](#). You can learn more by watching this [short informational video](#)

If you have already tried Alpha (or have considered it, but never joined), perhaps 'The Rescue Project' is for you? It is aimed at all levels of faith from priest to no faith at all, so all are welcome! You can also scan our QR code and complete the registration form.

Save The Date



CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on 4 October 2024.

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

The Marriage Evening

All couples are invited to The Marriage Evening on Friday, 25 October from 19:30 until 21:00 in St Edward's Parish Centre. As a couple you will learn how to make plans for 2025, five years from now and ten years from now. Also learn the importance of communication between the two of you and how to make each other feel loved. Pizza, wine, cake and other snacks will be provided. There is no charge for the evening, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com to find out more or to register for this evening.

The Loss and Bereavement Support Group – St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

This group meet on the second Sunday each month between 14:30 and 17:00 in their Parish Centre, with tea and cake. If you are bereaved and would find it helpful to talk with someone, or share with other grieving members, you would be most welcome. The next meetings will be on: Sunday 10 November and 8 December.

www.stedmundcampion.org.uk/events

Open Evening St Joseph's College Reading

St Joseph's is an independent school for boy and girls aged 3 -18. There will be an open evening from 18:00 – 21:00 with refreshments provided throughout the course of the evening. Two different timeslots will be available for the Head's talk. Options to select one slot will be sent to those who book the event. If you have any questions in the interim, please don't hesitate to contact the Admissions Team at admissions@sjcr.org.uk

St Edward's & St Mark's, Windsor

This Weekend 28/29 October

Father David will be away this weekend celebrating his nephew's wedding in the Lake District. Mgr James Cronin will be covering the weekend Masses at Windsor.

Cake Sale Sunday 6 October

The Union of Catholic Mothers are having a Cake Sale on Sunday 6 October in aid of Thames Hospice. Cakes will be sold after the 09:30 Mass at St Mark's and the 11:00 Mass at St Edward's. Please bake/donate a cake to help make this event a

success. Tea and Coffee will be available so why not come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with a cake and good company. All money raised will be given to Thames Hospice.

Hosanna House Childrens Pilgrimage Trust

We are beginning our fundraising for our next trip to Lourdes with our annual Christmas Fair on 8 December, to be held in the Parish Centre. We are hoping that the parish community will help us by donating items for the fair and by supporting us on the day. Please put the date in your diaries. More details to follow. Thank you, Pat Burke

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot

St Francis First Holy Communion - (Ascot)

Registration is open for children Year 3 and above to join our programme which runs January to May 2025. **Closing date for applications is 27 October 2024.** Forms are available from the church, by emailing the Parish Office and from the website. In order to run this we need volunteers willing to be DBS checked. Please contact the Parish Office if you are volunteering.

Feast of St Francis - 4 October

To celebrate the Feast of St Francis, there will be Mass at 18:30 followed by light refreshments in the Narthex. We are looking for volunteers to make refreshments and help after the Mass. Please contact Sue: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

The New Lectionary Books

If you would you like to donate towards the new Lectionary Books, there is a button named 'Lectionary Books' on 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.*

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.

Little Franciscan Toddler Group

The Toddler Group runs every Tuesday during term-time, from 11:00 – 12:45. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy

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

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 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))

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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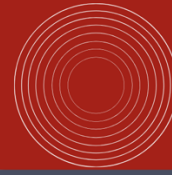


LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**We are planning to
open a Night Shelter
at Alma Beacon,
Alma Road, Windsor
over the winter
months.**

**Interested in
becoming a
volunteer? We'd love
to hear from you.
Various shifts
available.**

If interested use this link
<https://bit.ly/WHPNightShelter>



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