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Christ the King
CATHOLIC WINDSOR & ASCOT

25 October 2026 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thought for the week

Our readings this weekend speak of love and faithfulness - we hear in Exodus that God is compassionate, our psalmist calls out 'I love you Lord my strength' and Jesus is tested again; this week it is a question over the commandments; which is the greatest? Jesus responds confirming that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind; the essence of the first of the Ten Commandments - but follows it up with a distillation of the other nine commandments presented by God to Moses on Mount Sinai: to love your neighbour as yourself. In this simple, but powerful, response, Jesus answers the lawyer who is trying to trick him but, by extension, poses a question to each one of us - why would we do something to a neighbour that we would not do to ourselves or want done to us? It is a litmus test for our behaviour towards others.

One of the greatest things we can do is to attend Mass. There we meet Jesus in God's word, in the Eucharist and our community, this can be on a Sunday, but is the same at every Mass. We are being invited to: 'Remember, Remember the Mass in November.' This is a chance to share the Mass by inviting a neighbour - whoever that might be - in an open and neutral way, to share the joys of the liturgy which we treasure so much which is at the heart of our faith. Whether they are resting Catholics, from a different denomination or faith tradition or do not know God, all are welcome. They need us to invite them along to share that treasure, that love, compassion, and faithfulness, even if only once - what's stopping us?

Deacon Stephen

24 Oct - 1 Nov 2026	Mass Times	Masses & Intentions ST EDWARD'S & ST MARK'S	Mass Times	Masses & Intentions ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Sat 24 Oct *St Anthony Claret* *30th Sunday in OT, Vigil*	 **18:00**	 Bernadette Nolan - RIP	 **10:00** **17:30**	 John and Ivy Dean - RIP Honoria Mary Tomlinson - RIP
Sun 25 Oct *30th Sunday in OT*	**09:30** **11:00**	People of the Parish - **St Mark's** Isobel Young - RIP	**08:30** **10:00**	People of the Parish Bianca & Joanna - Thanksgiving
Mon 26 Oct *St Chad & St Cedd*	 **10:00**	 Eucharistic Service		 No Mass
Tues 27 Oct	**18:30**	Karen Salter RIP	**18:30**	Sir Michael Hobbs - RIP
Wed 28 Oct *Ss Simon & Jude Apostles*	**10:00**	Naseem Abbasi - INT	**10:00**	Dec'd Members of the Berkeley Family
Thur 29 Oct	**10:00**	Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Fri 30 Oct	**12:00**	Piper Coker - INT	**10:00**	James & Johanna Moriarty - RIP
Sat 31 Oct All Saints, Vigil	 **18:00**	 Maria Pawlik -RIP	**10:00** **17:30**	People of the Parish Eileen Hoare - RIP
Sun 1 Nov All Saints	**09:30** **11:00**	People of the Parish- **St Marks** Samuel Hitchin - RIP	**08:30** **10:00**	Tom Higgins - RIP Dean Heppolette - RIP

Weekend Masses

This weekend, Father David will be celebrating the Masses in Ascot and Father Philip will be celebrating the Masses in Windsor.

British Summer Time - A reminder to put your clocks back 1 hour this weekend.

24 Oct - 1 Nov 2026	TIME	DIARY OF EVENTS St Edward's & St Mark's	TIME	DIARY OF EVENTS St Francis of Assisi
Sat 24 Oct	11:00 12:00 17:30 - 18:00	Reconciliation Baptism - Rhiannon Gibson Reconciliation	09:30 10:30	Rosary Prayed Reconciliation
Sun 25 Oct	12:00	Tea & Coffee - P/C Including a Plant Sale	10:00 11:00	NO Children's Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex
Mon 26 Oct	14.30 20:00 - 21:00	SVP Meeting Prayer Group – Each Monday https://meet.google.com/fsy-drfp-mhs	13:30	Rosary on Zoom Mon- Fri Knights of St Columba
Tues 27 Oct	 18:00 18:00 19:00 19:15	 Evening Prayer Reconciliation Choir Practice RCIA Group - P/C	11:00	NO Little Franciscan Toddler Group
Wed 28 Oct	09.30	Morning Prayer	 19:00	 Pastoral Area Meeting - Ascot
Thur 29 Oct				
Fri 30 Oct	10:00 - 15:00 12.30 12:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary prayed after Mass Friday Lunch Club - PC	10:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Sat 31Oct	 11:00 17:30 - 18:00	 Reconciliation Reconciliation	09:30 10:30 12:00	Rosary Prayed Reconciliation Baptism - River Rowles
Sun 1 Nov	12:15 14:00	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room Blessing of Graves, Windsor	10:00 11:00	Children's Liturgy Tea & Coffee in Narthex

Remember, Remember the Mass in November

We remember many things in November – this November we are asked to reach out to another person, either a resting Catholic or perhaps someone who doesn't know God – and invite them to come to Mass with us on a Sunday during November. We are called to evangelise - November is a month to remember!

Prayer Groups

As part of the Six Holy Habits that were shared in the Bishop's Pastoral Letter to the congregation last Sunday, we are excited to introduce a new Prayer Group and would love for you to join us. Whether you are looking for a space for prayer, reflection, or community, everyone is welcome. The team looks forward to sharing this journey with you. Weekly Prayer Group to be held on Mondays from 20:00 - 21:00. The Video call link is: https://meet.google.com/fsy-drfp-mhs

Parish Magazine

After the success of last year's Parish magazine, we are keen to publish a second issue in time for the feast of Christ the King - 22 November. Do please contribute an item, maybe news from this year, a favourite poem, memories of a significant event, or even a seasonal recipe. Please submit your ideas to mjpc.macdonald@gmail.com by the end of October.

Save the Date

Songs of the Season will be a concert given by Signature a Capella choir alongside St Edward's and St Mark's choir on Thursday **3 December in St Edward's Church**. Come and hear some of your favourite Christmas songs, join in, enjoy a drink and some nibbles whilst supporting the Parish and the Alexander Divine Childresn Hospice.
Tickets available from https://buytickets.at/signatureacappellasingers

Raise Money for our Parish for FREE

'Give as You Live' allows you to spend online and have a percentage of your spend come to the Parish. We already have some 40-50 people signed up and they raise many hundreds of pounds for the Parish each year. All your favourite retailers are on the list (see posters in the porch). Now is a great time to start with Black Friday round the corner. Simply download by clicking on the following link and the rest will happen for you. Keep spending! www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-edwards-r-c-church

Sacraments for the Youth

If you have not made your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed and are between the ages of 10-21 for Holy Communion and 15 - 21 for Confirmation - please contact our Youth Coordinator by filling in the Application Form on our website under the tab Parish Group then scroll down for Youth Group.

Voice of Hope - In the Era of Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo's first Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity), is timely. It is crucial that we approach this topic from an informed perspective because, like it or not, AI impacts on our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. We invite you to join with us to explore Pope Leo's Encyclical letter, on safeguarding the human person in a time of Artificial Intelligence.

We will meet in the Parish Centre on Sundays during November from 5-6.30pm (with a short break) and two Friday evenings. Meetings start on **SUNDAY 8 November 17:00 – 18:30**. Books will be provided for a small charge (£3). This will be led by Dcn George, Sarah Gardner-Lobo, and Sister Patricia Mulhall csb.

Lighting the Way - Inter Faith Week 2026 (8 - 15 November)

What matters most at the end of life? On **Thursday 12 November** at 19:00, an evening of conversation, reflection, and relationship-building with local faith leaders. Refreshments are available. For more information and to book a place, please contact a.haydon@thameshospice.org.uk. Café on the Lake, Thames Hospice, Windsor Road, Maidenhead. SL6 2DN

Parish Bereavement Group Remembrance Service, Windsor

This will be held on **Sunday 15 November at 15:00** at St Edward's. A short service of readings and hymns will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come along. Feel free to bring a photo of any loved ones you wish to remember - these can be placed at the altar for the duration of the service and collected afterwards.

Churches Together in Windsor AGM

Churches Together in Windsor AGM will be at **18:00 on Sunday 15 November** at the Methodist church on Alma Road. A short business meeting will be followed at 18:30 with a Songs of Praise service, celebrating 150 years of the Methodist church on Alma Road.

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum (WAMCF)

We are pleased to announce that Chris Gilbert, a parishioner of our parish has agreed to become our representative for this important forum in the borough of Windsor and Ascot.

Windsor Catenians

The Parish Catenians are keen to talk to any Catholic men to introduce them to the Association. They are a very friendly, male Catholic group whose motto is 'Strengthening family life through friendship and faith'. Catenians meet monthly for a meal in the Parish Centre, enjoy each other's company, have an active social life with their wives and families and give support to the parish and community. Members are drawn from all walks of life and have a wide range of differing talents and experience. We plan an informal 'meet and chat' evening on **Friday 6 November** at a local venue if you think this may be of interest, please contact Dcn George- 07791 783330 dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - OR - Trevor Williams on 01753 852769 tawilliams988@gmail.com All are welcome.

HCPT Christmas Fair, Windsor

Sunday 6 December 12:00 -14:00 in the Parish Centre. Can you help support our fundraising by donating any of the following: bottles, chocolate, new gifts for the Tombola & Raffle, items for the Children's Tombola e.g., boxes of sweets, new toys in boxes? These can be given to Pat Burke, Pat Bowley or left at the Parish Office. Thank You.

Lost Property at St Edward's, Windsor

Once again, the lost property boxes have filled up and need emptying. If you have left something, please check over the next two weeks as after that the contents will be disposed of/taken to a charity shop.

St Edward's Repository, Windsor

The Repository has a selection of Advent Calendars and Christmas cards, it is never too early to buy your cards etc.

Rosary on Zoom

The Knights of St Columba Parish Fatima Devotions Group prays the rosary over Zoom each day, Monday - Friday at 13:30and invites everyone to say the Rosary with them as Our Lady has asked us to do. If you wish to join in next week starting **26 October 2026,** the Zoom access id: **819 7568 5239** Password: rosary

St Francis Toddler Group, Ascot

The group will be on its half-term break from 21 October until Tuesday 3 November. New families are always welcome to the group which meets in the Narthex on Tuesdays 11:00 – 12:45 in term time.

SVP Charity Table - Narthex, Ascot

Beautiful selections of quality gifts available NOW, thanks to your very generous donations, enabling us to raise extra funds for very needy families, especially at this time of year PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. Gifts for all the family. Donations always welcome. Pay by cash or card - click on SVP SHOP - machine at back of church. Thank you very much.

Bamenda Sunday - 31 Oct & 1 Nov

Next weekend is Bamenda Sunday, a celebration of a partnership between our two dioceses where we learn, pray and support each other. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. You can read how your donations have supported Caroline and Stephen in the Bamenda Sunday newsletter. Please give as generously as your contributions really do transform lives. Follow this link: Donate to Bamenda - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth to see the different donations options and gift aid if you can. Thank you.

Blessing of Graves, Windsor

The Blessing of graves will take place next week on Sunday 1 November at 14:00. More information to follow.

Retreat - Be Still And Know That I Am God - 20 –23 November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God. Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate. Find out more and book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Mulcahy. Thomas's funeral Mass will take place at St Francis on Friday 6 November at 13:30.

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email or join the Christ the King Windsor & 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. https://catholicwindsorandascot.org/whatsapp

Any items for the newsletter must be received in the Parish Office by midnight on Wednesday

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