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## 1 November 2026 - ALL SAINTS

### A November Invitation - Come to Mass

On the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the holy men and women who have gone before us and now share in the joy of God's presence. Some Saints are famous, but many lived ordinary lives marked by extraordinary love: caring for family, welcoming strangers, serving those in need, and remaining faithful through hardship. Their stories remind us that holiness is not far away - it can grow in each of us, through the small acts of love we offer every day.

The Saints also remind us that faith is not meant to be lived alone. We belong to a great community of believers, joined in prayer across generations. As we enter November, a month when we especially remember those who have died, we can give thanks for the people whose faith and kindness have shaped our live - and look for ways to share that same welcome with others.

One simple way to do this is to invite someone to join you at Mass. Think of a friend or family member who may not have been to church in a while, someone who has been curious about coming, or a neighbour who might appreciate being welcomed. A gentle, personal invitation can make all the difference: 'Would you like to come to Mass with me this Sunday? We can sit together.'

There's no need to have all the right words or answers. Simply offering to go together can help someone feel more comfortable and remind them that they are welcome. Inspired by the Saints, let's reach out with kindness, make room in the pew, and share the hope and companionship we find in our parish community. This November, a small invitation may be the beginning of someone's return - or a new journey of faith.

*Fr David Hopgood*

## Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection - Sunday 15 November 2026

On the weekend of **14/15 November**, we will hold a **Second Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund**. This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives.

| 31 Oct - 8 Nov 2026 | Mass Times | Masses & Intentions ST EDWARD'S & ST MARK'S | Mass Times | Masses & Intentions ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sat 31 Oct**<br>All Saints, Vigil | <br>**18:00** | <br>Maria Pawlik - RIP | **10:00**<br>**17:30** | People of the Parish<br>Honoria Mary Tomlinson - RIP |
| **Sun 1 Nov**<br>All Saints | **09:30**<br>**11:00** | People of the Parish - **St Mark's**<br>Samuel Hitchin - RIP | **08:30**<br>**10:00** | Tom Higgins - RIP<br>Dean Heppolette - RIP |
| **Mon 2 Nov**<br>*All Souls* | <br>**10:00** | <br>Mike Wyld - RIP | <br>**18:30** | <br>People of the Parish |
| **Tues 3 Nov**<br>*St Martin de Porres* | **18:30** | Dec'd Thelly & Joseph families - RIP | **18:30** | In Thanksgiving |
| **Wed 4 Nov** | **10:00** | Maira Beresford - RIP | **10:00** | Alexius Daly - Int |
| **Thur 5 Nov** | **10:00** | M Alfano & Kate - Int | **18:30** | Eileen Hoare - RIP |
| **Fri 6 Nov** | **12:00** | Stephen Christie - RIP | **10:00**<br>**13:30** | No Mass<br>Thomas Mulcahy – RIP<br>**Funeral Mass** |
| **Sat 7 Nov** *St Willibrord*<br>*32nd Sunday in OT, Vigil* | <br>**18:00** | <br>People of the Parish | **10:00**<br>**17:30** | Michael Daly - RIP<br>Alex & Oliver - Int |
| **Sun 8 Nov**<br>*32nd Sunday in OT* | **09:30**<br>**11:00** | Norman Long - RIP - **St Mark's**<br>Gillian Clare - RIP | **08:30**<br>**10:00** | People of the Parish<br>Eileen Berkeley - RIP |

| 31 Oct - 8 Nov 2026 | TIME | DIARY OF EVENTS St Edward's & St Mark's | TIME | DIARY OF EVENTS St Francis of Assisi |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sat 31 Oct** | 11:00<br><br>17:30 - 18:00 | Reconciliation<br><br>Reconciliation | 09:30<br>10:30<br>12:00 | Rosary Prayed<br>Reconciliation<br>Baptism - River Rowles |
| **Sun 1 Nov** | 10:30<br>12:00<br>12:15<br>14:00 | Tea & Coffee - St Mark's<br>Tea & Coffee - P/C<br>Baptism Prep - St Brigid's Room<br>Blessing of Graves, Windsor/Old Windsor | 10:00<br>11:00<br>11:15 | Children's Liturgy<br>Tea & Coffee in Narthex<br>Baptism Prep - St Clarie's Room |
| **Mon 2 Nov** | <br>20:00 - 21:00 | <br>Prayer Group – Each Monday<br>https://meet.google.com/fsy-drfp-mhs | 13:30 | Rosary on Zoom Mon- Fri<br>Knights of St Columba |
| **Tues 3 Nov** | 10:30<br>18:00<br>18:00<br>19:15 | UCM Meeting - PC<br>Evening Prayer<br>Reconciliation<br>RCIA Group - PC | 11:00 | Little Franciscan Toddler Group |
| **Wed 4 Nov** | 09.30<br>11:00 | Morning Prayer<br>Adoration at First School | | |
| **Thur 5 Nov** | 11:00 | Bereavement Group - PC | | |
| **Fri 6 Nov** | 10:00 - 15:00<br>12.30<br>12:30 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Rosary prayed after Mass<br>Friday Lunch Club - PC | | |
| **Sat 7 Nov** | 11:00<br>17:30 - 18:00 | Reconciliation<br>Reconciliation | 09:30<br>10:30<br>12:00 | Rosary Prayed<br>Reconciliation<br>Blessing of Graves, Sunninghill |
| **Sun 8 Nov** | 12:00<br>17:00 | Tea & Coffee - P/C<br>Pope Leo's First Encyclical Letter - PC | 10:00<br>11:00 | Children's Liturgy<br>Tea & Coffee in Narthex |

## Grab a Coffee, Ascot - Postponed

Please note that the 'Grab a Coffee' morning will NOT take place this month on Wednesday 4 November due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Blessing of Graves

The Blessing of graves at Oakley Green, Spittal and Old Windsor cemeteries will take place on **Sunday 1 November at 14:00** in Windsor. In Ascot, it will be taking place on **Saturday 7 November at 12.00**, St Michael & All Angels, Sunninghill.

## Bamenda Sunday - 31 Oct & 1 Nov

This 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 financial 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.

## 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

## Thank you - Plant/Chutney Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Plant/Chutney Sale last weekend - the total raised was £134, so £67 will go to Thames Hospice and £67 to CAFOD.

## 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 as soon as possible.

## 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.

## Rosary on Zoom

The Knights of St Columba Parish Fatima Devotions Group prays the rosary over Zoom each day, Monday - Friday at 13:30 and 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 **2 November 2026,** the Zoom access id: **884 1809 0166** Password: rosary

## Voice of Hope - In the Era of Artificial Intelligence - 8 November in Parish Centre

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 17:00 - 18:30 (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.

## Catholic Windsor Bereavement Group

The group is based at St Edward's Church in Windsor. Its mission is to offer a listening ear, support and prayers to those who have lost loved ones. It meets every other month and offers prayers for your loved ones. The group offers one-to-one visits and arranges two Remembrance Services every year; during this service all departed members from our Parish are prayed for and remembered. If you feel called to this ministry and would like to join the group, as we are looking for new members, please speak to, or contact Deacon George, dyoung@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, or speak to Jacoby Patterson.

## 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.

## 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 Children's Hospice.

Tickets available from https://buytickets.at/signatureacappellasingers

## 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 - Sunday 6 December 12:00 - 14:00 - Parish Centre

Raising money to take children with additional needs to Lourdes. Can you help our fundraising by donating - Prizes for the Tombola, Raffle prizes, Sweets or new toys for the Children's tombola? Donations can be given to Pat Burke, Pat Bowley or left at the Parish office. Many thanks.

## Table Decorations for Christmas

The UCM have organised Christmas Table Arranging with Carol King again for this year. There will also be fizz and nibbles. **Wednesday 16 December between 19:00 - 21:00. £25 per person**. For more information and to book, please contact Wendy Wood (wendy.wood37@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Mulcahy, John Butler and May Gray. Thomas's funeral Mass will take place at St Francis on Friday 6 November at 13:30. May's Funeral Service will take place at Slough Crematorium on 9 November at 14:00. Details of John's funeral to follow.

**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**

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569228339849

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