



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

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<https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-Wokingham-100445488273222/>

## 22nd September 2024: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom, we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 21st September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*  
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)  
5.30pm *Joe Nemeth RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

#### Sunday 22nd September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Karl and Shantie Fernandes - 22nd Wedding Anniversary*  
11am *The Wokingham Catenian Circle*

#### Tuesday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham, feast

7pm *Tara Mathura RIP*

#### Wednesday 25th September - Feria

9.30am *For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

#### Thursday 26th September - Feria

8am *In Thanksgiving*  
8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

#### Friday 27th September - St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial

9.30am *Members of the SVP*  
10am *Praying the Rosary*

#### Saturday 28th September

10.30am *Mass for the Anointing of the Sick*  
5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*  
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)  
5.30pm *For the Work of CAFOD*

#### Sunday 29th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*  
11am *Raymond Lobo RIP*

### St Teresa's Catholic Academy

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)

### Important Contacts

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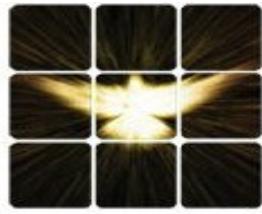
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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.



# CALLED & GIFTED

Did you know that Christ is calling *you* to stand in his place with your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues?

You were equipped for this mission at Baptism and Confirmation. Come and begin to discover *how* Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do.

The Called & Gifted (C&G) teaching team will be at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham on Saturday, 19th October 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

For more details and to sign up, follow this link <https://bit.ly/CCCGP>

Please register by **Sunday, 22nd Sept** to reserve your space. The cost is £41 per person and includes the teaching day, a 1-1 zoom meeting with a member of the C&G team at a later date, a resource book and 6 months of online access. We don't want the cost to be a barrier to taking part, so if you need help with the cost, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Our Lady of Walsingham - Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday is the (new) feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham. The story of Walsingham is enchanting. It was in that tiny Norfolk village in the year 1061 that a noble lady called Richeldis had visions of the Blessed Virgin. In prayer, Our Lady showed her the Holy House of Nazareth, the home where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived. She asked Lady Richeldis to build a replica of the house in the village, which she duly did, and so Walsingham soon became an international pilgrimage centre, after Rome and Jerusalem, one of the greatest in the mediaeval world. Thousands of pilgrims, from kings to the lowest, flocked there to pray to God, to honour Mary and to seek answers, often miraculous, to their prayers. Although destroyed at the Reformation by King Henry VIII, in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the shrine was revived and today flourishes as a place where both Anglicans and Catholics go to pray. Walsingham is now England's National Marian Shrine.

You can follow Mass on the Feast Day live streamed from the Walsingham Shrine. Visit [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream) and follow the link.



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - Friday 27th September "Awareness Month"

September is a very special month for the Society, as it marks the feast day of St Vincent de Paul the society's patron. The SVP has therefore decided to use this month as an opportunity to let more people know about its services and work.

The core of the society's work is 'befriending' by one to one visiting. More diverse aspects cover breakfast clubs, holidays, hostels and refuges, shops, furniture donation, youth clubs and housing projects to name just a few. There are plenty of ways to get involved and offer your services as a volunteer. If you cannot volunteer, you can be a friend to the society and donate.

"Members of the SVP are responsible for the half a million visits made each year: they turn faith into action by sitting side by side with those in need."

For more information contact.... [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk) (England and Wales) or for your local SVP: 01182 114130



## Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 28th September at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call SVP 0118 2114130 or email: [suzettesymons@gmail.com](mailto:suzettesymons@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEER



## Parish Volunteer Fair

There will be a Parish Volunteer Fair on the weekend of 28th and 29th September after each Mass. Information will be available about the various groups in the Parish. The purpose of the fair is to advertise the groups and hopefully to recruit more members to support them. Any group wishing to participate, please contact Hannah in the Parish Office. Thank you.



### Fairtrade Fortnight

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary comes to an end this weekend. Has your favourite supermarket encouraged you to try out more fairly-traded goods? Can you **BE THE CHANGE** - continue looking out for **FAIRTRADE** alternatives for your shopping basket and add your support to related campaigns. Did you have a go at our Quiz? *Questions with answers attached to this newsletter.*

**Earth Fayre** Concerned for the environment? Come along to this free event at Space for All, All Saints' church in Wokingham to learn more - browse the stalls, listen to a variety of short talks and join in the children's activities on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** between 10am and 3 pm. <https://www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/earth-fayre-2024/>



### Help Needed - 11am Mass

If you attend 11am Mass on a Sunday and can spare some time afterwards to help in the kitchen serving tea and coffee it would be very much appreciated as the rota is short of volunteers. Please contact Anna McCormack by email: [annamcc16@gmail.com](mailto:annamcc16@gmail.com) if you can help.



### Praying the Rosary

The Rosary will be said after morning Mass each Friday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis.

## CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Appeal

Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving out a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD this fast day 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. Envelopes will be available for your donations from 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please either use these envelopes, the digital collection plates in the church porch or give online by scanning the QR code here, (on the posters or the envelopes) or go to <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising/virtual-envelope?form=envelope> .

Pray with us at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjNNQxx9Yk0> .



You are invited to join us for a Soup Lunch in the Keenan Rooms on fast day 4th October.



Are you joining us this week?

Every Wednesday  
9:30am - 11am  
Corpus Christi Church  
RG40 2HE  
£1 per child

We have lots of play, crafts, songs and refreshments!

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group (Wokingham Playgroup)



**Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Often Mass Intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for some happy event, for someone who is sick. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? It is traditional, though totally without obligation, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.



Please hand in any Red Boxes to the Parish Office for them to be emptied. If you would like to donate but don't have a red box please remember that you can use the digital collection plates in the Church porch.



If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.

Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

