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### Wokingham

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### **23rd June 2024: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**



Fear of what others might think of us; Fear of getting things wrong; Fear of our children getting things wrong; Fear of poverty; Fear of the bills in the letter box; Fear of opposition; Fear of illness; Fear of loneliness or alienation; Fear of running out of time; Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control.

In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again. We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### **Saturday 22nd June**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Maureen Giannini RIP*

#### **Sunday 23rd June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Joseph Noonan RIP (F)*

**11am** *Dr Maria Goretti Idigo RIP - 7th Anniversary*

#### **Tuesday 25th June - Feria**

**12 noon** *Funeral Mass for Christopher Hall RIP*

**7pm** *Jack Picard RIP*

**8pm - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

#### **Wednesday 26th June - Feria**

**9.30am** *Pat and Mary Anne McGovern's 60th Wedding Anniversary in Thanksgiving*

#### **Thursday 27th June - Feria**

**9.30am** *James (Jim) Steven RIP (F)*

#### **Friday 28th June - St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church & Martyr, Memorial,**

**9.30am** *Renee Hall RIP (F)*

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

#### **Saturday 29th June**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Rev Canon RT Arcscott RIP (F)*

#### **Sunday 30th June - Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity**

**9am** *Edwin and Edith Milner RIP (F)*

**11am** *Peter McDonagh RIP - 6th Anniversary*



### **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)

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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, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.



**LiveSimply - Lower Carbon Travel to Mass** THIS weekend 22/23 June - an opportunity to **swap** your usual mode of transport to one which is **less** damaging to our common home. The average emission of an average car in the UK in a year driving 6,000 miles is 1,393,920 g - quite a lot! For some this will be reduced by 'going electric', driving a smaller, lighter car less frequently or travelling by bus or train - and for shorter distances by bike, scooter or walking.



We have a sturdy bike rack ready for use outside the church office – *why not use it **next weekend** as well?*

### Nativity of John the Baptist - 24th June

A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.



### Knights of St. Columba 2024 Pilgrimage in Honour of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales Corpus Christi - Tuesday 25th June 2024

At Lyford Grange the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled to a cart and dragged through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. He was indicted on fabricated charges of having plotted a rebellion abroad and coming to England to implement it. Campion was found guilty and subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered on 1st December 1581.

He was Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The Knights of St Columba organise the annual pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire to Tyburn in London where he was put to death.

***The Relic will be here for veneration at Corpus Christi this Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at the 7pm Mass.***

## LOW COST SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

3 - 6pm

Wed 26th June

Shinfield Community Church, Fairmead Road, Shinfield RG2 9DL

Thu 27th June

FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES

Fri 28th June

Winnersh Recreation Ground/Community Centre, New Road, Sindlesham RG41 5DU

Monday 1st July

Loddon Hall, Loddon Hall Road, Twyford RG10 9JA

Tuesday 2nd July

The Centre Stage, Woodley Precinct, Woodley RG5 3JH



# BIG SALE WEEK



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### Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 27th June

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 27th June after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. This is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



### Life In The Spirit Seminar



Portsmouth Diocese are running a "Life In The Spirit Seminar" via Zoom in June and July and we are running group sessions in the Keenan Rooms where we watch the Seminar talks together. **Join us on**

**Thursday 27th June for the fourth session.** Read about 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' here to find out what this is all about: <https://www.charisuk.com/baptism-in-the-holy-spirit> The Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, and life changing for most who participate. Please sign up here for our group sessions: <https://bit.ly/cc-lits>

**Safeguarding Drop In** - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' on Sunday 30th June March after 11am mass in the Keenan rooms.

**Lost Property** - If you have left any items in the Church or Keenan Rooms please take a look at the lost property in the box in the porch.



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.





# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Please save the date and join us on Tuesday 23rd July at 7pm for a Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Canon Simon's Ordination. Fizz and cake to follow in the Keenan Rooms, all are welcome.



**To all Missio and Red Box supporters:**

There are new Mission Today magazines at the back of the church. Please help yourself to a copy. This edition has articles describing how Missio is giving hope to the world's poorest children in India and helping local missionaries overseas in Pakistan.

Mission Today also covers many different ways you can contribute to the work of the charity. You can also use the new parish contactless donation machines for Missio donations.

## GENERAL ELECTION 2024 WOKINGHAM HUSTINGS

**Not sure who to vote for...?**

***Your chance to hear the candidates!***

**Wed. 26th June, 7.30pm  
All Saints' Church,  
Wiltshire Road**

Organised by *Wokingham Churches Together*  
[www.wokinghamchurches.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamchurches.org.uk)

Doors from 7pm, with refreshments available. Questions are to be submitted on the night, in time for a 7.30pm start. Questions will be chosen to represent a variety of topics.

For further information  
email [church.office@spauls.co.uk](mailto:church.office@spauls.co.uk)



**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election**

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates.

Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

If you are interested in joining a small group from Corpus Christi to look at how we can approach our prospective parliamentary candidates for Wokingham, please contact Cathy at [jandchill@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:jandchill@dsl.pipex.com)

### Wokingham Hustings

If you wish to pose a question at the forthcoming hustings meeting on Wednesday 26 June I would suggest you arrive early. As I understand it, you will need to write your question in duplicate on arrival at the meeting. One copy of the question is handed in, together with your name, the other is retained by you. If selected, you will be asked to present your question to the candidates. *Doug Cleary (CTW rep)*

### General Election 2024 - Wokingham Hustings

If you are unable to attend the hustings on Wednesday but would like to bring issues of poverty and injustice to our 5 candidates' notice, you can contact them via CAFOD website : <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/137680/action/1>



### Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form.