



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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14th July 2024: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



You've landed a job in a top marketing company. The managing director sets you your first task. You must take a message out into the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city centre whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?

So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 13th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Mary Philbin RIP*

Sunday 14th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Blanca Cecilia Mancipe de Sanabria RIP*

Tuesday 16th July - Feria

7pm *For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

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

Wednesday 17th July - St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial

9.30am *Rev John Keenan RIP (F)*

Thursday 18th July - Feria

9.30am *Marione Clarke RIP*

Friday 19th July - Feria

9.15am *St Teresa's School Leavers Mass*

11.30am *Funeral Mass for Valerie Gallacher*

Saturday 20th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Mary Davies RIP*

Sunday 21st July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Ciaran Sliman RIP*

11am *Armando and Felomena Rodrigues RIP*



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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, Maggi Fletcher and Fr Jim Joyce.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francesca Vincent, much loved daughter of Sharon Vincent and granddaughter of Margaret Dent, who passed away on Wednesday 10th July.

Details of Francesca's funeral are to be confirmed.

***Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***



STELLA MARIS

Second Collection Sunday 14th July 2024

Stella Maris The Apostleship of the Sea

Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's maritime charity. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This year Sea Sunday is Sunday 14 July, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Parishioners who would like to give a gift to this collection please use the collection box or the digital collection plates in the porch or donate online at: [Apostleship of the Sea \(Sea Sunday\) Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](#) Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Life In The Spirit Seminar

The **seventh, and final**, "Life In The Spirit Seminar" will be running on **Thursday 18th July**. Please join us in the Keenan Rooms for a group session where we watch the Seminar talks together.



Lost Property

Last chance to claim any lost property in the box in the porch. All items not collected by this Sunday, 14th July, will be disposed of.

ATTENTION

Please be aware that Murdoch Road will be closed during the day on Monday 15th July for 4 days between 9.30am and 6pm and this may impact your journey to and from our weekday Masses.

Save the Date - Tuesday 23rd July



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.



Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Saturday 7th September

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 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. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: **St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX**. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.



International Picnic 2024

Following the success of the international summer picnic last year, we are holding it again this year! It will take place on Sunday 15th September after 11am Mass in the church and school grounds. All are welcome! Once more we are asking parishioners if they would like to contribute a national dish for sharing. Please click [here](#) to sign up. The social committee would like to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at this event in September.



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.

