

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed unless otherwise stated

The church will only be opened 15 minutes before each Mass in order to conserve heat.

Saturday 27th November - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Children who have made their First Holy Communion today*

Sunday 28th November

1st Sunday of Advent

9am *Holy Souls*

11am *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 30th November - St Andrew, Apostle, Feast

7pm *Mary Buttigieg RIP (F)*

Wednesday 1st December - St Edmund

Campion, Priest, Martyr

10am

Thursday 2nd December - 1st Week of

Advent

10am

Friday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial

10am

Saturday 4th December - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Children who have made their First Holy Communion today*

Sunday 5th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

9am *Eunice Park RIP*

11am *Chris Evans RIP*

(F) Foundation Mass

(P) Perpetual Mass



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

28th November 2021: 1st Sunday of Advent - Year C



The trouble with Advent is that Christmas comes at the end. We know that Advent is a time for taking stock, but with Christmas just around the corner, we're far too busy with shopping lists to think about the state of our souls.

It seems obvious that we should spend our lives in preparation for the final judgement day, but it is all too easy to take our eye off the ball. Life heaps demands on us day in and day out. We spend each and every day taking the children to school, going to work, cleaning the house, shopping, cooking, cleaning, fixing the

car and paying the bills. At this time of year in particular it is easy to get swamped in the things that the TV ad's convince us we must do before Christmas. We end up feeling trapped and unable to see the bigger picture. All of a sudden it's too late. We never get to do the things we know we should have done.

The gospel paints a frightening picture of the end of the world, but it is not meant to terrify us. Rather, the signs of the second coming are there to liberate us. Advent is a time of waiting and of looking forward. We are looking forward not just to Christmas but to the second coming of Jesus. The signs of the second coming are there to liberate us from the material preparations of Christmas and all the other things that weigh us down. We are invited to take a step back from our fraught lives and take a long-term view. We are asked to find time to see the bigger picture. How much of what we do is important, and how much of what we do is not only a waste of time, but a waste of life.

It would be a pity to get to the other side of Christmas only to realise that a host of fake Santas had distracted us from contemplating the real direction of our lives.

Mass Intentions - If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office.

Important Contacts

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips and Sr Veronica.

Covid-19 Reminders

We ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus this Winter.

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms, if you have received a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result, or if you are waiting for a PCR test/result.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering
- ◆ Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is advised
- ◆ Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- ◆ Maintain 1 metre distance where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation



The Advent Wreath

Today we light the first of our Advent candles. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, sacrifices, and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

Saint Andrew the Apostle - November 30th

As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Our Lord during his public life. He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.

The good deeds and preaching of St. Andrew became known in all parts of the world. According to tradition, a part of the remains of St. Andrew were taken to Scotland, and he was chosen as the Protector of the Scottish people. The Cross of St. Andrew also adorns the British flag where it was placed after the union of Scotland and England.

MISSIO Red Box Holders

If you would like your red box to be emptied now, please can you drop it off at the Parish office. Empty boxes can be reclaimed from the back of the church.

Missio calendars for 2022 will be available at the back of the church for anyone who would like one.



First Holy Communion

Please pray for the boys and girls from our parish making their First Holy Communion on 27th November and 4th December. May they and their families be blessed on this special day and in the future.



SOUTH BERKSHIRE SINGERS (SBS) CAROL CONCERT IN AID OF CORPUS CHRISTI AFRICA FUND

A live streamed concert will be taking place at 4.00pm on Sunday 5th December. Normally this concert sells out with many 100's attending. However, in line with current Covid precautions it has been decided that this year, whilst the concert will take place, it will be held without an audience and will be streamed over the Parish Facebook stream.

SBS would like the proceeds of any donations to be used to assist OLN in helping families during the current demolition crisis in the Mukuru Slum in Nairobi. Canon Simon has already drawn your attention to the awful conditions now prevalent in the area surrounding the school and the effect this displacement is having on the children and their families. We have asked OLN how, with any financial assistance we might provide, they may help these poor people in some way.

Any donations for the Africa Fund may be either sent to the Parish Office (cheques payable to Corpus Christi Africa Fund) or you may credit the Africa Fund directly (details are shown below). If you do donate directly and wish to Gift Aid the donation, please can you include your Parish Gift Aid Number and your name as a reference or contact Jeremy Best at jeremybest1946@me.com if you require a gift aid form.

Should you wish to make a cash donation, baskets will be available at the back of church over the weekends of the concert and that following the concert.

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CAFOD's Online Advent Calendar

CAFOD's 2021 online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join us as we journey through the season of Advent with our global family. Sign up today <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

Corpus Christi 200 Club - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 77, David Thomas, who has won the November draw of £50.00.

Our newsletters are also available on our new **website** where you may check mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org>