



## Corpus Christi Wokingham

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### 29th August 2021: Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Could it be true that at one stage or another we have all been guilty of hypocrisy? It's hard to get through life without finding that our actions and our words don't quite marry up. We know the tell tale signs all too well. We go to the polling booth to vote, or commit our opinions to 'Facebook', and experience a slight discomfort. It's a discomfort we know of old, but have become very good at ignoring.

It's the discomfort that comes of saying one thing but doing another. It's the discomfort that comes of teaching something but not practising it. The discomfort is telling us that we might be guilty of hypocrisy. In today's gospel Jesus warns us against religious hypocrisy. Is there a danger that we have all become very good at saying the right things, but of doing something else?

Today we see Jesus voicing exasperation with rules that had become burdensome, unimportant and hypocritical. In biblical days there were a great many traditions and rules on the proper way to prepare food. There were rituals regarding the washing of hands, pots, and bowls. The Pharisees challenge Jesus on allowing his disciples to eat with dirty hands, but Jesus shocks the Pharisees by suggesting that their man made laws are irrelevant. Without actually throwing the rulebook out of the window, he suggests that we concern ourselves with matters of greater importance. Outer appearances are all well and good, but what lies beneath? What really matters is what comes from our hearts. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person," he tells them, "but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Key to guarding against hypocrisy is to remember before condemning others, that our own hands mightn't be as clean as we think. The person who goes to church on Sunday and appears to be doing all the right things, is not necessarily a good person if he or she doesn't do good deeds during the rest of the week. Similarly, the person who breaks man made laws is not necessarily a bad person. Jesus tells us to use what is in our hearts when it comes to moral yard sticks, and not the rules made by others. What really matters is how well we listen to what is in our hearts, and how well we act upon it.

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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

*The church will be open for public attendance for each weekday Mass, unless otherwise stated. The church doors will be opened 15 min before Mass starts.*

**Saturday 28th August - Vigil Mass**  
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 29th August**  
Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10am *Helen Power RIP - 1st Anniversary*

**Tuesday 31st August - Feria**  
7pm *Joan Alexander RIP*

**Wednesday 1st September - Feria**  
10am *Danny Gilholly RIP*

**Thursday 2nd September - Feria**  
10am *Eusebia Lorna Karombo RIP*

**Friday 3rd September - St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, Feast**  
10am *Deceased members of the Dobson Family*

**Saturday 4th September - Vigil Mass**  
5.30pm *Martin Keelty RIP*

**Sunday 5th September**  
Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10am *Tim Lamb RIP*

(F) *Foundation Mass*  
(P) *Perpetual Mass*

#### 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 and Sr Veronica.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Crowley who has died recently and for the Crowley family. May she rest in peace.



**Welcome** - Fr Anthony will be concelebrating the Masses at Corpus Christi this weekend, 28th and 29th August, with Canon Simon. Let's give him a warm welcome to the Parish.

### Afghanistan Crisis

The UN Refugee Agency is urging the international community to urgently step up its support to respond to Afghanistan's latest crisis and stands ready to help national authorities scale up humanitarian responses as needed.

UNHCR teams remain in Afghanistan and continue to help displaced Afghans with emergency shelter, food, health, water and sanitation support, despite challenges accessing people in need. This includes the distribution of family tents, hygiene kits, core relief items like blankets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets.

For more information about the ongoing situation in Afghanistan and to donate, visit <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/where-help-is-needed/afghanistan-situation/>

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

#### 1st September

Created by Pope Francis, this day of prayer "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation" and reflect upon "the adoption of appropriate lifestyles."

#### Creation Time

**1 September – 4 October 2021.**

Resources are available to observe Creation Time 2021 at [www.seasonofcreation.org/](http://www.seasonofcreation.org/)  
Here you will find links to materials produced by the churches and other groups.

**RIDE AND STRIDE - Saturday 11 September** is the annual fundraising event for the *Berkshire Historic Churches Trust* which provides grants for the upkeep of the fabric of churches across the county. It's a great opportunity to get out on your bikes for a cycle ride of your choice or walk within a town to explore wonderful church buildings and meet the people who worship there, as well as raise much-needed funds through donations or sponsorship. For more information and a list of participating churches and sponsorship forms please visit: [www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk) and/or contact parishioner Cathy Hill on [jandchill@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:jandchill@dsl.pipex.com)

A huge thank you to Marie Tomlin who is stepping down from her role as Parish Sacristan after many years. Marie's help has been invaluable and we are very grateful for all that she has done.



### Covid-19 Reminders

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

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms
- ◆ 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

**Please note that you no longer need to book seats online for weekend masses**  
**Thank you for your cooperation**

### Mary's Meals - Haiti Appeal

In the developing world £15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year.

The vision is that every child in 19 of the poorest countries of the world receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.

Working together with those who share this vision, there is no good reason why this cannot be realised.

Following the recent 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, around half a million children need emergency humanitarian assistance.

Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas

Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship and donate online at [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/donate-to-haiti-org](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/donate-to-haiti-org)

**Corpus Christi 200 Club** - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 123, Karl Fernandes, who has won the August draw of £50.00.

**Church Stewards and Cleaners** - We need more volunteers to steward and sanitise the church. Thank you to all those who are already on the stewards and cleaners rota, and to our new volunteers, but if you are able to swell the number of helpers available, and maintain our safe COVID practices, please get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you

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