



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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12th September 2021: Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to others? Being pro-active requires us to be strong, caring and deeply discerning.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How very different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.

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 11th September - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 12th September
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *Robert Bedwell RIP*

Tuesday 14th September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
7pm *Rodney O'Donnell RIP*

Wednesday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
10am *Vincent and Hyacinth Meerabux RIP and George and Vincent Meerabux RIP*

Thursday 16th September - St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, Memorial

11am *Funeral Mass for Janet Crowley (N.B. Open to the public)*
7.30pm *Ladies of The UCM*

Friday 17th September - Feria
10am *Canon Simon's Intentions*

Saturday 18th September - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *Holy Souls*

Sunday 19th September
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *People of the Parish*

(F) Foundation Mass
(P) Perpetual Mass

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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.

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

SEASON OF CREATION

UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.



The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

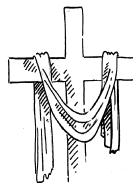
CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

Education Sunday - 12th September 2021

For well over one hundred years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales. It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. This year we focus on a recovery from two disrupted academic years. We hope and pray that our teachers and our children worldwide will manage to focus on brand new horizons.

The Triumph of the Holy Cross - 14th September

We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.



Christian Gap Year 2021/2022

Christian Gap Year opportunities differ from secular gap year placements, in that the work is related to the Christian faith. These days there are many Christian Gap Year opportunities, which give young people a chance to express their faith in a number of practical ways. These ways may involve administration, youth work, evangelism, working with children, working in the community, etc. Alternatively, the Christian Gap Year could involve having practical duties in a Christian Project in either a Western, or a Third world Country.

The term Gap Year implies the duration of twelve months, but many Gap Year opportunities are not that long. Some Gap Year placements are limited to three months, due to visa restrictions, whereas other projects are even shorter. So there's no reason to think you can't take advantage of a free year, week or month to spend some valuable time in a gap year programme! Read more at www.year4god.com/

Walk for Sean – 19th September 2021 - Help us to raise £5000!

Over the last 5 years we have raised many thousands of pounds with our successful "Walk for Sean" campaigns. The walk is a lovely mixture of raising funds and an enjoyable social occasion and this year we are delighted that we can actually have a real live event once again. The £5000 will be to substantially improve the toilet block and associated facilities at our Brewerville school, as well as helping to maintain hygiene and safety during the time of Covid. For more information follow the link: www.seandevereux.org.uk/read-me

Mass Intentions

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

Church Stewards and Cleaners

We need more volunteers to steward and sanitise the church. 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>