



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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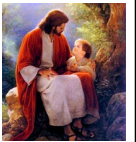
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19th September 2021: Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

From Canon Simon: "We are very blessed that Fr Anthony has joined us at Corpus Christi to enable me to continue being away from the parish for part of the week to care for my frail elderly parents; this a role I share with my brother. Recently dad has had several nasty falls in the home and this along with mum's poor mental health has made the caring more demanding. I am very grateful to Fr Anthony as more of the burden of parish work will fall upon him for the time being. I thank you again for your prayers and understanding at what is a very challenging time."

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might figure highly on the list. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame. Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.



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

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

Tuesday 21st September - St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast
7pm *Deceased members of the Bredin Family*

Wednesday 22nd September - Feria
10am *Rosemary Brown RIP*

Thursday 23rd September - St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, Memorial
10am *Paola Barnaba RIP*

Friday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial
10am *Deceased members of the Lewin Family*

Saturday 25th September - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 26th September
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *Conchin Rockett 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.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 1st October

Why not 'share' a planet friendly meal and support the Climate Crisis Appeal? CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Envelopes will be available next week for your donations and details about giving on-line. Find out about Ivanilde who lives in the Amazon rain forest of Brazil here - <https://vimeo.com/595850125/ab3ed7263d>

International Day of Peace - 21st September



The International Day of Peace provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. A Peace Day event can be as simple as lighting a candle or meditating on Peace. It can be as complex as organising a Peace Concert for thousands of people. In between, there is a whole scale of events on different levels that might fit your family, group, class, or community.

The Great Big Green Week 2021

Fairtrade asks us to stand up for climate justice - This September, our Fairtrade community is coming together to join in with a powerful joint call for positive action on climate change. This will be the perfect chance to speak up for farmers and workers facing the worst effects of the climate crisis every day. And just before a major UN climate summit - COP 26 - comes to Glasgow.

To do:- Visit <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/85416/action/1?ea.tracking.id=GBGWw> and ask your MP to join in too?

Job Vacancy - St Teresa's Catholic Academy

St Teresa's have a vacancy for a Finance Assistant, 15 hours per week, term-time only. The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of Word products, especially Excel and previous Finance or book-keeping experience. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Karen Boucher on admin@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk



MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September



St Teresa's are hosting their own MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 24th September. Our Year 5 children would love to serve you a piece of cake and a cup of tea. Please come to the main school office at 10am. All proceeds raised will go to MacMillan Cancer Support.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society - September:- Awareness Month

Raise Awareness, Donate, Volunteer, Fundraise, The purpose of SVP Awareness Month is simple: to tell people about the SVP so that more people can benefit from the charity's work, and more people can get involved. To find out how you can get involved visit the SVP website.

www.svp.org.uk (England and Wales) www.svp.ie (Eire) www.ssvpscotland.com (Scotland)

The Financial Support of our Parish - To continue supporting the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order via internet banking. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form. Our account details: Sort Code 30-93-04 A/c no. 00891666; A/c name: PRCDT Wokingham Corpus Christi - Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, you may like to use this link. Thank you. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish>

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>