

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

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

Tuesday 28th September - Feria
7pm

Wednesday 29th September - The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Feast
10am *Jackie Norcutt RIP*

Thursday 30th September - St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
10am *Sunil Maisuria RIP*

Friday 1st October - St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
10am *For the work of CAFOD*

Saturday 2nd October - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *Purificacion Mendoza RIP*

Sunday 3rd October
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *Nick and Sue Nind 25th Wedding Anniversary - in Thanksgiving*

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

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

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26th September 2021: Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



We can't go through life without being part of a group, a club, or an organisation. Schools, the workplace, and organised religions are all like being part of a club. Clubs have something in common. When we're in a club we enjoy a sense of belonging, friends, shared values and an agreed way of doing things. But being part of a group also has its dangers. We can tend to see our club as our territory, and woe betide anyone who treads on our patch. We see the newcomer as an outsider.... worse, a mistrusted outsider. A new teacher arrives in school with some radical new views. A new supervisor joins the workplace and changes the coffee breaks. In church, someone arrives from a different parish with their own ideas about how something should be done. We don't like it. Routine gives us a sense of security, and when that routine is changed, particularly by an outsider, we resist. If the outsider is successful at what they do, we resent it even more because we are left feeling threatened. Clubs can be good, but they are not good if we close ranks against someone else working to the same ends. In today's gospel reading, the disciples complain to Jesus about an exorcist who is working as an outsider to their group. That the exorcist is working successfully is making them feel all the more threatened. Jesus' answer is very plain. "Whoever is not against us, is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same 'club', or whether their ways are quite the same as ours. Jesus' lesson is very relevant to us today. Catholicism is not served by rejecting other religions. Accepting other Christian religions doesn't have to mean a watering down of our own beliefs. God is bigger than any 'club' and by following Jesus' example we are working 'for' each other and not 'against'.



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.

Farewell and thank you to Fr Oliver who leaves on Thursday. We wish him well with his continued studies in Rome and hope to see him again.



The Corpus Christi Parish pantomime returns! Oh yes it does!

Having sadly had to skip a year due to COVID, we are delighted to be back preparing for the 2022 edition. We are of course making a few changes so that we can have a safe environment for everyone. Rehearsals will start in mid-October 2021, with shows in mid-March 2022. If you are interested in taking part in any capacity, please let us know by completing this simple form: [Click here](#) Failing that, please contact parishpantocc@gmail.com.

Knights of St. Columba 2021 Pilgrimage in Honour of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales - Corpus Christi - 28th September 2021

At Lyford Grange the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled to a cart and dragged through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. He was indicted on fabricated charges of having plotted a rebellion abroad and coming to England to implement it. Campion was found guilty and subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered on 1st December 1581.

He was Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The Knights of St Columba organise the annual pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire to Tyburn in London where he was put to death. This year's schedule includes Masses at 44 churches on the route on its fifty-four day journey.

The Relic will be here for veneration at Corpus Christi this Tuesday, 28th September at the 7pm Mass.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael - 29th September



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

Saint Jerome - 30th September

The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western Bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the Bible.

The Bible Society - Since the Bible is God's divine revelation it makes sense that it should be translated so that everyone may benefit whatever their dialect. Essentially The Bible Society exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. It is also an interesting and informative resource, full of historical information and general knowledge. Visit the Bible Society at www.biblesociety.org.uk/



CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 1st October



Fast, pray and give

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.

Please donate online here: www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis or by using an envelope available in church which can be posted directly to CAFOD (freepost) or returned to church next weekend. Thank you.

As part of the of the **CAFOD's "Reclaim Our Common Home"** campaign which aims to rebuild a better world as we recover from the pandemic, we are hosting a short virtual meeting with our MP for Bracknell, Mr James Sunderland, on **Friday 1st October at 3pm**. There is more information on the campaign at www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim This is an opportunity for us to share our concerns with our MP and learn more about his work and engagement with these issues.

If you are a Bracknell constituent and would like to join us and/or have a specific concern or question, please contact me, Cathy Hill at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com as soon as possible.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID: 783 5171 6126 Password for each day: rosary



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