

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 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*

Tuesday 7th December - St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

7pm *Mr and Mrs H Khayatt RIP (F)*

Wednesday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
10am *People of the Parish*

Thursday 9th December - 2nd Week of Advent

10am

Friday 10th December - 2nd Week of Advent

10am

Saturday 11th December - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Alfonso Sandino Olier RIP*

Sunday 12th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

9am *Fr. Jim Joyce's Welfare*

11am *Charles and Peggy Froud RIP*

(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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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

5th December 2021: 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C



Much of television transmission over Christmas will be taken up by soaps. As sophisticated audiences we have become familiar with how soaps work. We understand that soaps have certain character types and that those characters rarely change their spots. We have become accustomed to watching characters making the same old mistakes over and over again. They may show remorse for their failings, they may even promise their loved ones that they can be different, but we know deep down that they cannot change. We know that sooner or later they will go slipping on those same old banana skins. Change isn't easy.

In today's gospel we are being taught an important lesson. We are taught that repentance is more than just being sorry. We can be sorry yet re-offend. We can be sorry that we have told a lie yet lie again. We can be sorry that we have succumbed to crime or self-indulgence, yet go down that path again. The true meaning of repentance means to change direction to choose a different path altogether.

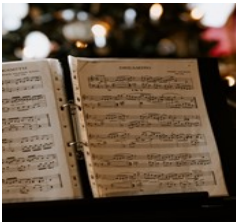
Choosing a new path sounds easy. It obviously isn't or the world would already be a perfect place. We all know what changes we would like to make in our own lives, and we know equally well the excuses we use that bar our path to God.

In Luke's gospel, John tells us, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth..."

We are being told that Advent is a time of preparation and of change. In the same way that Dickens' immortal Scrooge secured his salvation by changing his ways, so too must we choose a new path through life and smooth our way along it by clearing the obstacles. Rebuilding our lives might not be something we can do overnight, but we can all begin with the will to be different.... the will to change direction..... a change of heart.



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.



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. 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.

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. **PRCDTR WOK, CORPUS CHRISTI AFRICA FUND, SORT CODE: 30 93 04, ACCOUNT: 01783948** (NB This is a Business Account)

Christmas Mass Times

- * Friday 24th - Christmas Eve - 4.00pm, 6.00pm and 9pm
- * Saturday 25th - Christmas Day - 10.00am
- * Sunday 26th - The Holy Family - 9.00am and 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - In addition to the usual Saturday evening time Canon Simon and/or Fr Anthony will be available to hear confessions at Corpus Christi on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th December from 11.00am to midday.

Thought for the Week

“The feast of the birth of Christ is not out of tune with the trial we are going through because it is the quintessential feast of compassion, the feast of tenderness. Its beauty is humble and full of human warmth” (Pope Francis).

First Holy Communion

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



Church Cleaners

We need more volunteers to sanitise the church. Thank you to all those who are already on the rota but if you are able to swell the number of helpers available please get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you

IMPORTANT - 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 Immaculate Conception of Mary - December 8th

Like the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated during Advent, is related to the mystery of Jesus. To fulfil her unique role in the mission of Jesus, Mary was conceived free from original sin through the foreseen merits of her Son.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 6th to Friday 10th December at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID: 78563072141 Password for each day: rosary



Double your love for Mary's Meals Double the Love this Winter

Mary's meals is a charity that works in the very poorest parts of the world. Give until 31 January 2022 and your gift will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6 million. This means that, together, Mary's Meals can reach even more hungry children with a nutritious school meal - including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid pandemic.

Donate online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

CAFOD World gifts

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.



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