

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.

Saturday 6th November - Vigil Mass
5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
5.30pm *Patricia Sanz RIP*

Sunday 7th November
Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am *John Wilson RIP*
11am *Valerie Dwan RIP*

Monday 8th November - Feria
2pm *Funeral Mass for Ellen Daughters (N.B. Open to the public)*

Tuesday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
7pm

Wednesday 10th November - St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
10am

Thursday 11th November - St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, Memorial
10am *People of the Parish*

Friday 12th November - St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial
10am

Saturday 13th November - Vigil Mass
5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
5.30pm *For Deceased Parishioners*

Sunday 14th November
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)
9am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Service of Remembrance*
11am *Deceased Wokingham Catenian Brothers and Families*



Corpus Christi **Wokingham**

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7th November 2021: Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Jesus sits down opposite the treasury, and watches the crowd putting money into the collecting boxes. Many rich people put in large generous looking sums, but nevertheless large sums that they can easily afford. Then along comes a poor widow and puts in two small copper coins, doubtless all she has. Jesus

points out that because she has given her all, her contribution is worth far more than the rich people's contribution. Jesus teaches us a difficult lesson in generosity.

We have to give until it hurts, whether it's a giving of our money or of our time and energy. If we only give a small part of ourselves then the question we have to ask is, what is it that we are holding back, and more importantly, why? Do we only give a fraction of our resources because we lack faith? Do we hold back from giving because we imagine that the money we give might not reach its intended destination, or that it might not make any difference? Do we hold back because we lack empathy, or have become immune to the plight of the disadvantaged? Do we hold back because we feel we have better ways to spend our money and our time? Do we hold back because we imagine there are plenty of other people better fixed to help out than us? Or do we simply hold back because we feel our own needs should come first?

It would be useful if God advised exactly what percentage of our money and time we should give, but the only clue we are given in today's gospel is that we are judged not by our outward show of generosity, but by what is in our hearts.

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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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.

Second Collection - Bamenda Sunday 6th/7th November

This weekend we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. You will see from the attached newsletter that our brothers and sisters in Bamenda continue to suffer from the socio-political crisis along with the effects of Covid-19. The newsletter also provides examples of the projects we support. Please pray for Bamenda and the six priests we have on loan from the Archdiocese.



Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the Bamenda Committee. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference!

Gift aid envelopes are available at the back of the church and donations can also be made securely online at : <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £6 per month would help an orphaned or vulnerable child attend primary school. Many thanks!

Dedication of St. John Lateran - 9th November



Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the Pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the Pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major, Sts. Peter and Paul), this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the Pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

St. Martin of Tours (c316-397) - 11th November

One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.



Remembrance Sunday 10.45am - 14th November 2021

Now that we are back to something more like normal, we will resume our annual Remembrance Sunday short service starting at 10.45am, prior to the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 14th November.

For those who are coming to Mass, but who will not be attending the Remembrance service, please be aware that we shall be observing the two minute silence at 11.00am.

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Thea Scripture-Shardlow and Zoe and Tecla Shopade who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on 7th November.



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 Passage - Working with Homeless People

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers includes Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovhannisyanyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.



Pax Christi - Christmas Cards



New Christmas cards are now available from Pax Christi: Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into Christmas cards. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p from: [HTTPS://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/](https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/)

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