



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

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27th November 2022: First Sunday of Advent - Year A



Does Christmas seem to come round faster every year? Do you ever feel that the sand of time is running fast though your fingers and that life is passing you by? The hardest thing about living our lives is finding time to live our lives! Our days are ruled by the clock. Few of us can wake up and choose what to do. Our time is dictated by routine and before we know it life has passed us by before we've had time to live it. The biggest theme of Advent is 'change' but in the busy run up to Christmas, changing the way we live our lives is probably the last thing on our minds. We are much more likely to be making savings on the latest iPhone than saving our souls!

Today we are given the biggest life changing piece of advice that we could ever have. Preparation! Preparation is essential whether we are setting out to buy a new washing machine or setting out to change the world. Without preparation we will end up wasting years of our time and missing all those heaven sent opportunities. We might not think that we have the time to live our lives any differently from the way we do now, but with the right kind of planning we can transform who we are and what we do and still manage to fit in the day job. If Noah could find time to knock out an ark before the floods came, surely we could all find time to pencil some life changing plans into our calendar!

We hear a lot in the news of natural disasters and war around the world. Men, women and children across the globe have lost their lives unexpectedly and prematurely. Death comes like a thief in the night, and so we must keep focussed and live in perpetual readiness. Jesus doesn't tell us this to frighten us but to encourage us to take responsibility for the here and now.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 26th November

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Grzegorz Górski RIP - 1st Anniversary and Aleksandra Stasiak Górska - For her Health and a speedy recovery*

Sunday 27th November - First Sunday of Advent

9am *For the Boys making their First Holy Communion today*

11am *Private Intention*

Tuesday 29th November - of the 1st Week of Advent

7pm *St Teresa's School Association*

Wednesday 30th November - St Andrew, Apostle, Feast

9.30am *Mary Buttigieg RIP (F)*

Thursday 1st December - St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

9.30am *For the children of St Teresa's Catholic Academy*

Friday 2nd December - Of the 1st Week of Advent

9.30am *Deceased Members of the O'Keefe Family*

Saturday 3rd December

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

10am *Mass for the anointing of the sick*

5.30pm *Deceased Members of the Laydon Family*

Sunday 4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9am *Laurence Devereux RIP*

11am *Peggy and Charles Froud RIP*

Parish Office Opening Times :-

Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00 Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O'Keeffe, Florence Longman, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

The Advent Wreath



This Sunday we light the first of our Advent candles.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, sacrifices, and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 110 who has won the November draw of £50.00.



MISSIO Red Box Holders

Please take a copy of the 2023 Mission Today calendar from the back of the church. If you have a red box which needs emptying, please could you hand it in to the Parish Office by Friday 2nd December.

Mass for those who are sick with anointing: at Corpus Christi 10.30am on Saturday 3rd December. Tea and coffee in the Keenan rooms afterwards. If you need a lift to church please call the SVP on 07704-538226 or email mccormackng@yahoo.co.uk.

Christmas Concert 4th December 2022



South Berkshire Singers with Saint Teresa's School Choir are giving a Concert of Christmas Music on Sunday 4th December in Corpus Christi Church at 4pm. The cost of tickets to be £5 per adult and children free. There will be a retiring Collection for the Corpus Christi Africa Fund. All net proceeds of the concert are also for the CC Africa Fund. Refreshments of wine and mince pies will be provided by the CCAF Committee. Due to the Bishops appeal for Financial Support for the Diocese the CCAF Committee decided that this Concert will be the main fundraising event for CCAF for this year.



First Holy Communion

Please pray for the Ludgrove boys making their First Holy Communion at 9am Mass on Sunday 27th November. May they and their families be blessed on this special day and in the future.



Traidcraft stall after all masses next weekend (26/27 November). Religious Christmas cards and fair trade gifts and food products will be available.



First Holy Communion 2023

Preparation for the First Holy Communion for children in **Year 4 (and above)** will commence in March and the Masses will be in May. Sessions will be on Wednesdays 3.45pm - 5.00pm in the Keenan Rooms and children must be able to commit to attending every session. Registration Forms are available on the Parish [website](#). **The closing date for enrolment is 30th November 2022.**



St Teresa's Catholic Academy Open Day

St Teresa's Catholic Academy are holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 30th November at 9.30am for prospective parents. To book your space please click [here](#) or go to our school website. For further information please contact us on admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk or 0118 9784310.



Walk With Me Advent Booklets

Make Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by picking up a Walk with Me Journey of Prayer booklet. There are copies for both adults and children priced at £1 each at the back of the Church. Please place the money in the baskets provided.

Wokingham Foodbank

The Foodbank has put together a 'reverse advent calendar' idea and is asking for 24 particular items to fill boxes for clients this Christmas. Please help us with donations (from a Christmas cake to washing-up liquid) to fill a box or two for our local food bank before December. If you are interested, please sign up at the back of church for one of the 24 items listed on the Advent Calendar and 'tick it off when you drop it off'. Thank you.



Wokingham Catenian Membership

Young family man, empty-nester, retired, bereaved or curious to find out more? The Catenian Association is a way to instantly gain several dozen new like-minded friends through our shared faith and values. Our meetings and social events offer an 'oasis of peace' for Catholic laymen (and their families) by offering practical and spiritual support. More details at the back of the church and newsletter, or email wokcatenian@gmail.com.

Corpus Christi and St Teresa's Christmas Celebration

As you will have seen, this year we are joining with St Teresa's to hold a joint Christmas celebration. In the past you have always been very generous with donations of bottles for our tombola. If you are able to help us again with either bottles or chocolate (nothing else thank you as we do not need raffle prizes), we would be very grateful. Boxes for donations will be in the porch from this weekend. Don't forget everyone is welcome to join us for our celebration on Saturday 10th December!



Parish Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk - Tickets Now on Sale

Dame Trott and her family are struggling. Prices are rising, sales in the farm shop are falling and Fleshcreep is demanding yet more taxes. What can the Trott family do to avoid the bailiffs? This family pantomime, brought to you by the Corpus Christi Parish Pantomime Group is full of the usual singing, dancing & silliness. Get your tickets now for 28th or 29th January 2023 for our version of Jack and the Beanstalk and you may just believe a cow can climb. Supporting First Days Children's Charity Wokingham. Tickets £5. Full details and online booking at <https://beanstalkpanto.eventbrite.co.uk>

