



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

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30th July 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps Heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards, home improvements, fame, social acceptance, and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Today Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 29th July

4pm - 5pm Veneration of Relics

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Patricia Sanz RIP

Sunday 30th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am The Deceased Souls of the Gonsalves Family

11am Pat Hall RIP

Tuesday 1st August - St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church, memorial

7pm

Wednesday 2nd August - Feria

9.30am Rodney O'Donnell RIP

Thursday 3rd August - Feria

9.30am Mary Davies RIP

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 4th August - St John Vianney, Priest memorial

9.30am Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)

Saturday 5th August

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Nora Noone RIP

Sunday 6th August - Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast

9am Wokingham Catenians

11am Malcolm and Anne Clark's 40th Wedding

Anniversary - In Thanksgiving

Parish Office Opening Times (temporary Summer opening hours) :-

Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00 Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O'Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Teresa Skeet, Neil Harman, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

John Dobson and family warmly thank Canon Simon and the many parishioners for their kind condolences on the death of Mary.



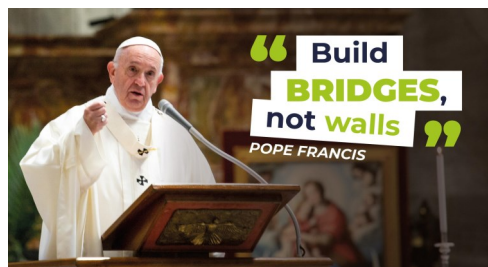
LiveSimply – Are you keen to grow more of your own fruit and vegetables? Is your garden not suitable? Perhaps you would like to consider getting an “allotment”.

Wokingham Town Council **Allotments Open Day** will be held on Saturday **12th August** from 2-4pm at Ifould Crescent, Montague Park, which is the latest site to be developed. There are several other more established allotment areas around Wokingham and district. To find out more: <https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/allotments/> or visit local parish council websites.



Pilgrimage to Knock Shire, Ireland October 2023

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 2nd October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre and National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



Not in our Name: An open letter to the Prime Minister

The Government's newly passed Illegal Migration Act goes against everything that Pope Francis has called us to be. The Holy Father has implored world leaders to 'build bridges, not walls', and show compassion for those fleeing their homes, whether it's because of war, persecution, or poverty. This new Act will cause immeasurable harm to people seeking sanctuary. **Please sign and share CAFOD'S open letter to the Prime Minister** - [Not in our name: An open letter to the Prime Minister \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk/not-in-our-name)



Finding a Church on Holiday Mass times.org

It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when on holiday or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. It is not always easy to find the right diocesan or parish websites. “Mass Times” makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one web page. This really useful website provides worship times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps. Visit www.masstimes.org



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office.

Parish Picnic – Sunday 3rd September

We would like to celebrate the diversity in our parish by inviting parishioners to bring a dish from their home country to share. If you would like to attend and/or contribute a dish please use the sign up sheets in the Church porch. The picnic will start after the 11am Mass. All are welcome!



Saturday 9th September - This national annual event takes place in every county. Are you able to **walk, cycle (or ride)** and raise money for the Berkshire Churches' Trust which gives grants to churches in need of essential repairs and restoration? Choose a route on that day to visit as many churches as you like, in Berkshire or beyond, and find sponsorship from your friends and family (or alternatively make a donation). Our church will benefit as we will receive 50% of your sponsorship.

Go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open with some offering refreshments too. You are welcome to join a group from St Mary's, Wargrave who will be striding around the churches in Windsor finishing with Evensong at St George's Chapel in the Castle.

For more information visit BHCT Ride & Stride website: <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride> or contact parishioner Cathy Hill email jandchill@dsl.pipex.com.



Important! Children should not go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at all times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

