



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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15th September 2024: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us. Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear....." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic. There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 14th September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Mark Mendoza RIP*

Sunday 15th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Ed Ossawy - For Healing*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

Tuesday 17th September - Feria

7pm *David and Helena Lewin RIP*

Wednesday 18th September - Feria

9.30am *St Teresa's School Mass - For Blessings on the new School year*

1pm *Funeral Mass for Maggi Fletcher*

Thursday 19th September - Feria

9.30am *For the present and past members of the Corpus Christi UCM*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 20th September - St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs

9.30am *Nella Washington RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Saturday 21st September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Joe Nemeth RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Sunday 22nd September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Karl and Shantie Fernandes - 22nd Wedding Anniversary*

11am *The Wokingham Catenian Circle*

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 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, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.



**Second Collection - Home Mission Sunday
Sunday 15th September 2024**

On this day, the Catholic community in England and Wales celebrates the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witnessing the fullness of life in Christ.

Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can use, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities.

The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel authentically, creatively and with tenderness. If you would like to give a gift to this collection please use the digital collection plates or baskets in the porch or you can donate online at: [Home Mission Sunday Second Collection | Give as you Live Donate](#)



**International Picnic 2024
Sunday 15th September**

Our international picnic takes place this Sunday, 15th September at 12.15pm in the presbytery garden and school grounds! If you would like to bring a shared dish, don't forget you can sign up for that by using the QR code. Please bring your own picnic, chairs, picnic blankets and your own plates cups and cutlery as there are limited supplies in the Keenan Rooms. Tea, coffee and squash will be available from the hatch. The ice cream van will

make a visit again at around 2pm! We look forward to an afternoon celebrating the diversity of our parish and some delicious food!



LiveSimply - Visit the **BEE Stall** at this Sunday's Parish Picnic for activities and ideas to help our "bee-leaguered" pollinators!



**CALLED
& GIFTED**

Did you know that Christ is calling *you* to stand in his place with your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues?

You were equipped for this mission at Baptism and Confirmation. Come and begin to discover *how* Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do.

The Called & Gifted (C&G) teaching team will be at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham on Saturday, 19th October 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

For more details and to sign up, follow this link <https://bit.ly/CCCGP>

Please register by **Sunday, 22nd Sept** to reserve your space. The cost is £41 per person and includes the teaching day, a 1-1 zoom meeting with a member of the C&G team at a later date, a resource book and 6 months of online access. We don't want the cost to be a barrier to taking part, so if you need help with the cost, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you.



Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 28th September at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call SVP 0118 2114130 or email: suzettesymons@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER



Parish Volunteer Fair

There will be a Parish Volunteer Fair on the weekend of 28th and 29th September after each Mass. Information will be available about the various groups in the Parish. The purpose of the fair is to advertise the groups and hopefully to recruit more members to support them. Any group wishing to participate, please contact Hannah in the Parish Office. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy has restarted at both 9am and 11am Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to listen to a children's version of the gospel and complete activities. All younger children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join us, however children aged 4 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure your child comes to Liturgy with a completed slip available from the back of the church to aid our registration process.



Please hand in any Red Boxes to the Parish Office for them to be emptied. If you would like to donate but don't have a red box please remember that you can use the digital collection plates in the Church porch.



If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.

LITTLE FLOWERS
Baby & Toddler Group

Are you joining us this week?

Every Wednesday
9:30am - 11am
Corpus Christi Church
RG40 2HE
£1 per child

We have lots of play, crafts, songs and refreshments!

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group (Wokingham Playgroup)



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Often Mass Intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for some happy event, for someone who is sick. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? It is traditional, though totally without obligation, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.



Join Soulscape on Tuesday 15th October for Soulscape's Autumn Curry Night at The Tamarind Tree, the best Indian restaurant in Wokingham. Bring along some friends to enjoy the evening, whilst raising money to support Berkshire's brilliant young people and a local business. Arrive from 7pm to purchase drinks and settle in. The meal will be served from 7.30pm and there will be plenty of food to choose from, however please let us know any dietary requirements. Tickets are £25 per person. The link for tickets is <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DVMX> or sign up on Soulscape's facebook page. Tickets sales close 6pm on Sunday 12th October 2024. We look forward to seeing you there! A great night for a great cause – all proceeds to Soulscape (www.soulscape.org.uk)

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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.