

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

All Masses will be streamed  
unless otherwise stated

*The church will be open for public attendance for each weekday Mass, unless otherwise stated. The church doors will be opened 15 min before Mass starts. For Masses, marked # you are requested to book a place online via the hyperlinks that will be sent by email to newsletter subscribers. Please be aware that turning up without having reserved a place risks there being no space available for you once/if the church has reached its Covid-19 secure capacity.*

**Saturday 10th April - Vigil Mass**  
# 5.30pm James Edmonson RIP

**Sunday 11th April**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy**  
# 10am Gladys Fernandes RIP

**Tuesday 13th April : 2nd Week of Easter**  
7pm Jim Steven RIP

**Wednesday 14th April : 2nd Week of Easter**  
10am Grainne Conlon RIP

**Thursday 15th April : 2nd Week of Easter**  
10am Duncan McLaughlan RIP

**Friday 16th April : 2nd Week of Easter**  
10am John Blackwell RIP

**Saturday 17th April - Vigil Mass**  
# 5.30pm Kirstin Henderson - for health

**Sunday 18th April**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
# 10am Gillian Dunne RIP

### **Important Contacts**

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## **Corpus Christi** **Wokingham**

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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

### **11th April 2021: Second Sunday of Easter - Year B**



For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt can be a good thing. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers ..... that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening?

There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap. The good news is that just as Jesus showed Thomas patience, so he will be patient with us . The good news is that just as Jesus gave Thomas a way forward in his faith so too will we be shown a way forward if we want it enough.



Please remember all who are sick, especially Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Patricia Morton, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, and Sr Veronica.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - This Sunday is popularly known as 'Mercy of God Sunday.' Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30th, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. The second Sunday of Easter is also known as 'Low Sunday' or 'Thomas Sunday'.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April** All over the world, people are working to uphold the rights of others against oppression, prejudice and neglect. Many of those who risk their lives under authoritarian dictatorships, for the sake of fundamental rights, are killed. They know the risks yet are not prepared to keep quiet. This month we are invited to join Pope Francis' prayer intention, "... for those who risk their lives while fighting to uphold rights under authoritarian regimes and in democracies in crisis."

**Reclaim Our Common Home** The coronavirus pandemic has exposed many inadequacies in how our world operates. Pope Francis has called for a transformation in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. We need more cooperation between nations, solidarity between people and a greater focus on the poorest in society. To find out more: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>. In 2021, the UK government is hosting two important international gatherings – the G7 meeting of heads of states in Cornwall in June and the COP26 Climate talks in Glasgow in November. To urge the Prime Minister to put the poorest people, hardest hit by the climate crisis at the centre of deliberations, please sign the petition at the above or here <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** Do you need help or do you know someone who would like help - or perhaps a friendly phone call? The SVP can be contacted on 07786 492948 and all calls are completely confidential.

**The Financial Support of our Parish** - *To continue supporting the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order via internet banking.*  
*Our account details: Sort Code 30-93-04 A/c no. 00891666;*  
*A/c name: PRCDT Wokingham Corpus Christi* - Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, you may like to use this link. Thank you  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish>

**Christian Aid Week (May 10-16, 2021)** will be different this year. There will be no House to House collections, instead we are using delivery only envelopes which will have suggestions for online donations or an option to drop off cash at the Bradbury Centre. We are going to target specific areas during the week:-Beanoak (Mon); Glebe Park/Ashridge (Tue); Joel Park (Wed); and Woosehill/Montague Park (Thur).The plan is for a **group** to meet up each evening to cover the area designated, which will be quicker and hopefully more enjoyable. If anyone feels able to help out please let me know which night is best and I will be in touch.  
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**Red Box Thank you** - In 2020, our community of Corpus Christi raised £1,497.16 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Wokingham are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

**ADoRE** Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. April 24th, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Receiving God's Gift" - to receive new life you must turn away from those things which block your relationship with God and accept Jesus as your Lord.  
Speaker: Peter Hobbs.  
Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREAPR2021)

#### **Care for Our Common Home - Trees For Tom**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Captain Sir Tom Moore raised over £38 million for the NHS. Now his family wish to honour his love of nature and the natural world by planting trees in his memory. Captain Sir Tom Moore voiced his concern about what the future holds for his grandchildren. By planting new trees, his legacy will help combat climate change - and bring so many other benefits - around the world. The family has chosen to plant trees in the UK with the Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust have planted 50 million trees since it began in 1972, and have plans for 50 million more over the next five years. Remember Captain Sir Tom Moore and create a brighter future today. Donate to plant trees at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/trees-for-tom](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/trees-for-tom)