

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

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

Tuesday 20th April : 3rd Week of Easter
7pm Julia & Patrick O'Connell RIP

Wednesday 21st April : 3rd Week of Easter
10am Bruno Chabert RIP

Thursday 22nd April : 3rd Week of Easter
10am Edith & Edward Pritchard RIP (F)

Friday 23rd April : 3rd Week of Easter
St George. Martyr, Patron of England
10am Marianne Chadwick RIP

Saturday 24th April - Vigil Mass
5.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 25th April
4th Sunday of Easter
10am Peter Blackwell RIP

Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times :- Wednesday and Friday, 08.30 to 13.30 Your Parish Administrator,
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<https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-Wokingham-100445488273222/>

18th April 2021: Third Sunday of Easter - Year B



Were the other disciples really so very different from Doubting Thomas? When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines four pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead.

They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared. The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

Unlike the first disciples, we cannot look at Jesus, we cannot touch him, or share a meal but the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, we might read a passage and fail to understand it. Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection. One thing is for sure, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We have to consider each passage for some time before we can really grasp it ... sometimes a single verse or phrase. Often we can derive great satisfaction from knowing that those parts we struggled with the longest hold the greatest meaning. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.



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.

Please pray for Helen Coe who has recently died. May she rest in peace.

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."

Care for Our Common Home - Earth Day 22nd April 2021 Together, we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. Together, we can restore our Earth. On this year's Earth Day the hope is to see a billion 'Acts of Green' across the planet. From students in classrooms to organisers in their communities to officials in government there are ways for anyone of any background to make a difference. Start small and go big — or start big and stay big.! Either way, create a green action on this day.



Saint George. Patron of England. 23rd April It's highly unlikely that St George ever killed a dragon, or for that matter that he ever arrived on the shores of England, but his reputation for virtue and holiness spread across Europe and his feast day – the 23rd April – was celebrated in England from the 9th century onwards. Perhaps we could use the feast day as a 'prompt' to slay our own dragons whatever they might be Happy St George's Day!

The Financial Support of our Parish - To continue supporting the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order via internet banking. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form. 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>

Easter Offerings - Canon Simon writes ' Thank you for your Easter cards, gifts and generous offerings, mostly made on-line this year. Thank you also for your continued prayers for my family as we try to find a solution for the ongoing care of my parents in their own home which is proving to be very challenging.'

CCAF Lent Appeal – Final Update and THANK YOU The Africa Fund Committee thank you for your very generous donations. Overall £21,343 has been donated both before, and during the Lent Appeal. A fantastic achievement during such difficult times which will enable the Parish to continue with its support for both Our Lady of Nazareth and Suubi.

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. peter.barrett500@gmail.com (Chair-Christian Aid, Wokingham)



St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group : Monday 19th to Friday 23rd at 1.30pm . 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID 757 9449 2916 Password for each day : rosary

Thank you for your generous donations to **CAFOD's Family Fast Day** during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.