

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed 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 19th June - Vigil Mass
5.30pm George Bender RIP**

**Sunday 20th June
Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am Eamon Dolan RIP (F)**

**Tuesday 22nd June - Ss John Fisher and Thomas Moore, Martyrs, feast
7pm Mary Foxworthy and Parents RIP (P)**

**Wednesday 23rd June - Feria
10am Joseph Noonan RIP (F)**

**Thursday 24th June - The Nativity of St John The Baptist, solemnity
10am Ian Banks RIP and Lawrence Stewart RIP**

**Friday 25th June - Feria
10am Holy Souls**

**Saturday 26th June - Vigil Mass
5.30pm Renee Hall RIP (F)**

**Sunday 27th June
Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am James (Jim) Steven RIP (F)**

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

20th June 2021: Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control. In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again. We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Morton who has died recently and for the Morton family. May she rest in peace.

Day for Life (England and Wales) - 20th June 2021

Day for Life is marked on different days in England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland. Day for Life is marked this year on June 20th in England and Wales. Each year takes a different focus. This year the focus is on 'Assisted Dying'. Day for Life has compiled some online resources to help inform Catholics and to share some responses. You can find these resources at www.dayforlife.org/article/online-resources/



Thomas More and John Fisher - Matters of Conscience - 22nd June

On this day we remember those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

Close friends, Thomas More and John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to King Henry VIII as the Head of the Church. As a result, they were tried and convicted of treason and executed. Thomas

More told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation."

Today we are not asked to die for matters of conscience but we are asked to live by them.

Nativity of John the Baptist - 24th June

A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.



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>

Pax Christi June Actions for Peace

- World Refugee Day is on 20th June. A day for us to consider how we welcome refugees in our communities.
- Remember in your prayers all those who suffer in prison for their beliefs and support what your local Amnesty International group is doing for such prisoners of conscience (22 June is the feast of St Thomas More and John Fisher).
- Pray for the Pope and all those who work in the Vatican (29 June, feast of Saints Peter and Paul).

An Act of Spiritual Communion for those watching Mass by live stream:

(to be prayed as the priest receives Holy Communion).

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Sean Devereux Children's Fund: ([Registered UK Charity, no. 1057777](https://www.seandevereux.org.uk/read-me)) is holding an English Chamber Orchestra concert at Salesian College, Farnborough on Friday 2nd July to raise funds to educate and support child in Africa. Tickets are £22. Please see the website for more information <https://www.seandevereux.org.uk/read-me>

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary

Praying Group: Monday 21st to Friday 25th at 1.30pm
30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Zoom ID: 79949980481 Password for each day: rosary



Church Steward and Cleaners- We need more volunteers to steward and sanitise the church. Thank you to all those who are already on the stewards and cleaners rota, and to our new volunteers, but if you are able to swell the number of helpers available, and maintain our safe COVID practices, please get in touch with the Parish Office.
Thank you

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Isabelle Dunne who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on 27th June.

Our newsletters are also available on our new **website** where you may check mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org>