

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 3rd July - Vigil Mass
5.30pm Deceased members of the Goodall family**

**Sunday 4th July
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am People of the Parish**

**Tuesday 6th July - St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
7pm Deceased members of the Piccard and Norcutt families**

**Wednesday 7th July - Feria
11.30am Funeral Mass for John McGuire
(N.B. This is not a public Mass but is limited to invited mourners only due to Covid restrictions).**

**Thursday 8th July - Feria
10am Hugh McGovern RIP**

**Friday 9th July - Feria
10am Arthur Park RIP (F)**

**Saturday 10th July - Vigil Mass
5.30pm Patrick D'Brass and Austin D'Sena RIP**

**Sunday 11th July
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am Peter McDonagh RIP**

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4th July 2021: Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, from Radio Four's Moral Maze or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, the man in the corner shop, or from our own children. We need to trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom

and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone highly qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who haven't a qualification to their name. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

There is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind than a closed one.



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.

Right to Life UK - Urgent Action Required - An extreme amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion) to England and Wales has been tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world.

This change to law would make the Abortion Act (1967) redundant by removing all legal safeguards (many of which protect women) around abortion provided by the Act.

MPs will debate and vote on the amendment (NC55) on Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched a tool on their website today that makes it easy for supporters to send an email to their MP asking them to vote against the motion. This tool can be accessed here <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth>

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2021

"A Better Normal"

As we move from lockdown and Covid restrictions we hear a lot people speak of the "new normal" while others want to return to how things were before all this. Will the 'old normal' ever be the same? How will the 'new normal' look? Either way, it's clear that we all have some rebuilding to do, and in rebuilding, we all have to create a 'better normal'. Pope Francis's challenge for this month is to look for areas of conflict either locally or globally and think how we can approach that conflict in a spirit of friendship and dialogue. We all imagine that we work very hard, but when it comes to making a mark on the world perhaps we are all a little lazy. Our lives cannot just be about providing for our families. As Christians we have to look to the common good. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention ".... **that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.**"



Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Alexander and Sofia Greening who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on 10th July.

Global Hunger Emergency Appeal - Covid, Conflict and Climate

More than 41 million people in 43 countries are teetering on the brink of famine. Without immediate action, women, men and children will lose their lives. This is a global hunger emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis have all increased global hunger. Now, people in countries including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of starvation. Families desperately need food and clean water to survive. If we act now, we can prevent unnecessary deaths. You can donate online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/global-hunger-emergency-appeal>

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.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July at 1.30pm
30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Zoom ID: 79402785370 Password for each day: rosary



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>

Church Stewards 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

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