

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 17th July - Vigil Mass
5.30pm Rev John Keenan RIP (F)**

**Sunday 18th July
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am Felicia Ani RIP**

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd July inclusive.

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

**Sunday 25th July
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am Jack and Ann Picard RIP**

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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

18th July 2021: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



It's the end of the day and you have been on your feet for the last twelve hours. If one more person makes demands on your good nature you will surely snap. Enough is enough; it's time to retreat. It's when you are feeling this desperate need for your own space that you can perhaps best appreciate the compassion of Jesus in today's gospel.

Exhausted by the demands of the crowds, Jesus and his apostles escaped by boat to find a quiet place to rest. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowd he had just left behind. He might have been forgiven at this point for showing complete exasperation. Instead, Jesus is moved by pity because 'they are like sheep without a shepherd.' These are people who long to be taught, or long to find cures for loved ones. These are people who have no one else to turn to but Jesus, and so Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own.

Jesus is not promoting a work-until-you-drop ethic here. It's important to remember in this story that Jesus was showing his apostles equal compassion. The apostles had just returned from their mission to evangelise. They had travelled many miles, and spent many hours in preaching and in driving out unclean spirits. Jesus' ministry had been timesed by twelve and it didn't take a genius to guess that the small party of men, would suddenly be swamped by excited crowds making hungry demands. Jesus clearly saw that his apostles needed rest and it was for this reason he suggested they make a getaway.

We live a lifestyle nowadays where time has become telescoped. We are surrounded by devices and modes of transport designed to save us time, yet we are left with a horrible feeling that somehow, instead of creating more time we have simply ended up living in a fast lane. We work faster, travel faster and eat faster. Retreating from the world is more important now than ever. We all need time to recharge our batteries both physically and spiritually. We all need time to slow down and decide where our priorities really lie.



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 Maggie Thomson who has died recently. Maggie was a much loved member of the Thomson family, wife to Philip and mother to Eleanor. Please remember her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.



St. Mary Magdalene - 22nd July

Poor old Mary Magdalene. A prostitute, who is fallen and redeemed? No not true. Mary Magdalene is mentioned in each of the four gospels in the New Testament, but not once does it mention that she was a prostitute or a sinner. At some point Mary Magdalene became confused with the unnamed sinner from Luke's Gospel (7:36-50). In 1969 the Catholic Church declared that Mary Magdalene was not the penitent sinner of Luke's Gospel. However, the image painted for us in medieval times is hard to eradicate from our imaginations.



CAFOD's "Reclaim Our Common Home" campaign - Thank you to all who took part in the virtual meeting with Sir John Redwood on Monday 28th June. If you would like to read the blog relating to the meeting or share with others please follow the link <https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2021/07/06/meeting-with-sir-john-redwood-mp-for-wokingham/>

Family Fun Day 31st July 2021 - SAFE If you are looking for a fun day out on Saturday 31st July head to Cantley Park in Wokingham from 11am. SAFE: Saving Abandoned Fly-grazing Equines is a Wokingham based charity raising money to support locally rescued horses. They desperately need funds and this event will help. With pony rides, a dog show, funfair, live music, a bbq, licensed bar and much more it sounds like it will be a great day. Please see the attached flyer and head to their website for more information about how you can help <https://www.safe-horses.co.uk/>

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for infants Cooper Beaton and Ivy Huzzey who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on 24th and 25th July respectively.

Covid-19 Important Update

Please note that HM Government will be easing restrictions from Monday July 19th but remember the Covid-19 virus has not "gone away" and we ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus.

- Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms
- Please sanitise your hands when entering
- Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is advised
- Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- Maintain 1 metre distance where possible

Please also be aware that there will no longer be the necessity to book seats online for weekend masses.

Thank you for your cooperation.

11th Annual GK Chesterton Walking Pilgrimage - this will take place on Saturday 24th July 2021. You can sponsor Stuart as he raises funds for Good Counsel on this 27 mile walk here; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk21 You can email prayer intentions to be prayed for along the way, to; catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk You can join us for Mass or part of the walk on the day or even just join us by saying the GK Chesterton Prayer on the day wherever you are.

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>