

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.

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*

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th July.

Tuesday 27th July - Feria
7pm *Natividad Ramos RIP*

Wednesday 28th July - Feria
10am *Rosemary Brown RIP*

Saturday 31st July - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *Andrew Rosario RIP*

Sunday 1st August
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *Pilar Pintor RIP*

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

25th July 2021: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



A senior policy researcher for Oxfam once said, "The world produces more than enough food to feed everyone. Meeting the calorie needs of every person living with hunger would take less than 3 per cent of today's global food supply." That's an astonishing statistic. It's a sobering thought to realise that for the millions of people who go hungry every day, the problem is

not actually a food shortage. The reason that people go hungry is that we just don't seem capable of distributing food fairly and in safety. Even if we could distribute the food fairly, the people who are going hungry couldn't afford to buy it. Solutions to conquering hunger and starvation are elusive, but that doesn't give us the excuse to give up.

The feeding of the five thousand is a story that's very familiar to us all. In it we learn to trust in God. We are taught that Jesus is more than sufficient for our needs both physical and spiritual. When Jesus instructs his disciples to take the five loaves and the two fishes and share them amongst the five thousand, he is teaching them a lesson in faith, trust and reliance. We are being told how to live our lives. We must give up our will for God's. We must trust God to direct our lives and rely on him to know what's best for us. When we pray "Not my will God but yours," we are opening up the way for God's wisdom to replace all that negative thinking.

Putting our trust in God however, isn't an excuse for us to sit back expecting God to magic tonight's tea onto the table. We still need to work to share God's abundant provision fairly around the planet. That might mean supporting communities in third world countries, by funding equipment or being more proactive about campaigning for fair trade deals. It might mean campaigning for peaceful solutions in war torn areas. Does God provide? God has already provided. We have food in abundance, but to save the millions of people who are struggling to believe in that abundance, we have to work with God in keeping our part of the deal.



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.

Covid-19 Important Update

HM Government eased restrictions on Monday July 19th but we must remember that 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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 25 July 2021

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on this day. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says “The whole Church is close to you - to us - and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!” “... We should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.”

The date chosen ties in with the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne: - 26th July

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition. However, a lovely idea to use this date to celebrate the contribution of parents everywhere. **Happy Grandparents Day.**



Global Hunger Appeal - Christian Aid is urgently calling for our support to help the 41 million people around the world who are facing extreme hunger. £25.00 could buy food for a family for a month. Consider donating online at www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/global-hunger-emergency-appeal

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Adelola Adawebi who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on 1st August.

In the absence of Canon Simon please find the live link to St John’s Catholic Cathedral in Portsmouth - Daily Masses are at 12.15pm
[Live Mass - St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth](http://www.stjohnscathedral.org.uk/live-mass)

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 26th July to Friday 30th July at 1.30pm
30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Zoom ID: 71864782318 Password for each day: rosary

Saint Martha 29th June - From St. Martha one basic lesson learned is that there is both active and contemplative work. Some vocations require more of one, but we all need to stop and experience quiet to pray, meditate, contemplate. Another lesson to learn is that we serve God when we serve others through our work, whether it be the daily duty of household chores or other charitable work out side the home.



Corpus Christi 200 Club - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 117, Barbara Robins, who has won the July draw of £50.00.

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>