

### 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 7th August - Vigil Mass**  
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 8th August**  
**Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10am *Deceased members of the Corrigan Family*

**Tuesday 10th August - St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast**  
7pm *Helena McGeough RIP*

**Wednesday 11th August - St Clare, Foundress, Memorial**  
10am *John Milner RIP*

**Thursday 12th August - Feria**  
10am *Patrick and Anastasia Mayer RIP (F)*

**Friday 13th August - Feria**  
10am *Molly Clark RIP*

**Saturday 14th August - Vigil Mass**  
5.30pm *James Fay RIP*

**Sunday 15th August**  
**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10am *Private Intention*

**Tuesday 17th August - Feria**  
7pm *Mavis Webb RIP*

**Wednesday 18th August - Feria**  
10am *Barbara Cossey RIP (F)*

**Thursday 19th August - Feria**  
10am *Maria O'Reilly RIP*

**Friday 20th August - St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, Memorial**  
10am *Family of Mary Dobson*

**Saturday 21st August - Vigil Mass**  
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 22nd August**  
**Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
10am *Wokingham Catenians and Families*

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

### **8th/15th August 2021: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year B**



We are half a century on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. "How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?" "How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?" It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far easier to pick holes in and amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself in Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. "Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?" Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. "I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever." If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.



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 our former Parish Priest, Monsignor James Joyce, who is unwell.



### 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict - how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.



**ADORE Online** spiritual mini-retreat morning. **August 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: **"Gifts of the Holy Spirit"** *The Holy Spirit empowers us to be Jesus to others. Special focus on charisms of tongues and miracles.* Mass celebrant and speaker: Fr Gareth Leyshon, Chaplain to Sion Community for Evangelisation. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAUG2021](https://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2021)

**Charity Golf Day** - You are invited to a Charity Golf day in aid of St Vincent de Paul Society and Home Start Wokingham District. The event is at Richings Park Golf Club near Iver (SL0 9DL) club on the 12th August 2021 and the first tee time is 12.04. On arrival there will be coffee and a bacon roll, golf and a two course dinner afterwards at circa 7.00pm. The cost is £50.00 per head, just golf is £25.00 and dinner on its own for non-golfers is £25.00. It should be a fun day for serious and not so serious golfers. To register and obtain further details please contact George McCormack on 07704 538226 or [mccormackng@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mccormackng@yahoo.co.uk).

### Covid-19 Important Update

Restrictions may have eased 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 note that you no longer need to book seats online for weekend masses.**  
**Thank you for your cooperation**

### Maximilian Kolbe - August 14th

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.

**Exam Results** - Remember to pray for the youth or our parish who are expecting exam results imminently. We pray that whatever the results bring, our children will be able to see the bigger picture, and know that whatever they are destined to do next is part of God's plan.

**St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions** Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 9th August to Friday 13th August at 1.30pm 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.  
Zoom ID: 73199310227 Password for each day: rosary



**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>