

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

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

Tuesday 24th August - St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
7pm *Dympna King RIP*

Wednesday 25th August - Feria
10am *Marian McColm RIP*

Thursday 26th August - Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious, Memorial
10am *Norman Kolb RIP*

Friday 27th August - St Monica, Memorial
10am *Funeral Mass for Eunice Park (N.B. Open to the Public)*

Saturday 28th August - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 29th August
Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
10am *Helen Power RIP - 1st Anniversary*

(F) Foundation Mass
(P) Perpetual Mass

Important Contacts

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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

22nd August 2021: Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Like a barrister, St. John sets Jesus' case before us. He sets it out in measured bite sizes so that we can digest one fact before moving onto the next. We see Jesus healing people and curing the sick. We see him present us with a sign of his divinity in the feeding of the five thousand. We see Jesus teaching people about the more enduring bread sent to nourish us spiritually, and finally we learn that Jesus himself is that living bread come down from heaven to give us

everlasting life. The case is complete, but the audience have a sticking point. There were those amongst Jesus' disciples who could not accept that Jesus had come down from heaven, and they turned their backs and left. What was Jesus to do? Should he call them back and make the truth easier for them to understand? Should he work another miracle to convince them that little bit more? No! Jesus turns to those who are left and gives them a choice, they have heard what he has said about eating and drinking his flesh and blood, and now they have a choice. So, are they going to remain his followers or are they too going to turn their backs. The same choice is levelled at us today. We can believe or we can leave?

Difficult choices always have something in common; there is always some kind of sticking point. To make a difficult choice we often need a missing piece of information, or a new perspective. Peter gives us that perspective. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." To Peter, the choice was easy. To Peter there was really no choice to be made. Who else was there to follow but Jesus?

We make the same choice as Peter every week in Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist. In celebrating the Eucharist, we make a choice to follow where Jesus may lead.



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

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



Prayers For Afghanistan

After the Angelus on Wednesday Pope Francis called for dialogue in Afghanistan:

"I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue. Only thus can the battered population of that country - men, women, elderly and children - return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect."

To do:- Pray for those who are working tirelessly for dialogue, justice, and peace in Afghanistan.



Help Needed - Furniture Donation! We are busy preparing for the arrival of Fr Anthony at the end of the month and want to make him feel as welcome as possible. If anyone has an unwanted/unused desk and/or chair that they would like to donate for his office it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.

Saint Monica - 27th August - A Christian Saint and mother of Saint Augustine

Monica's parents brought her up as Christian and married her to an older, pagan man named Patricius. He was a man with a great deal of energy, but also a man given to violent tempers and adultery. Augustine reports that Patricius beat St. Monica. Furthermore, her mother-in-law was against her and caused a lot of trouble. Long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, Monica finally converted her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine. Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers, and abuse Victims.

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>

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

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Countdown to COP26 with CAFOD - There are less than 100 days to COP26 and we need to help prevent communities who've done the least to cause the climate crisis from paying the biggest cost. **Time is running out! Please urge the Chancellor to act on climate before it's too late. Find out how at** www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/85465/action/1



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>