

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed unless otherwise stated

*The church will only be opened 15 minutes before each Mass in order to conserve heat.*

**Saturday 18th December - Vigil Mass**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**5.30pm** *Freddy Gretton - For Healing*

**Sunday 19th December**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**9am** *Edward Sirju RIP*

**11am** *Patrick Keelty RIP - 4th Anniversary*

**Tuesday 21st December - Liturgy of the Day**

**7pm** *Andrew Robertson RIP*

**Wednesday 22nd December - Liturgy of the Day**

**10am**

*Molly Clark RIP*

**Thursday 23rd December - Liturgy of the Day**

**10am** *Ian T Field RIP*

**Friday 24th December - Liturgy of the Day**

**10am**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**4pm** *Monica and Nicholas Nwahiri 50th Wedding Anniversary - in Thanksgiving*

**6pm** *People of the Parish*

**9pm** *Martin Dowling RIP*

**Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day**

**10am** *Christina and Boniface Orduh 50th Wedding Anniversary - in Thanksgiving*

**Sunday 26th December**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast**

**9am** *Our Lady of Nazareth School Community, Nairobi*

**11am** *Our Lady of Nazareth School Community, Nairobi*



Corpus Christi

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Wokingham**

*South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

**19th December 2021: 4th Sunday of Advent - Year C**



It's easy for us to take promises with a pinch of salt. Whilst growing up, we've learned that promises are easily made and easily broken. We make promises of our own with varying degrees of commitment. In short, promises are not always made to be kept, and our faith in a promise is seriously undermined. No wonder the promises we read in the bible don't always make us jump for joy.

Does a promise made to us by God carry any more weight? If we were truly convinced that God was making us a promise then it probably would. There's a saying that goes, "We question all our beliefs, except for the ones we really believe, and those we never think to question." It seems that belief is key in getting excited about a promise. Mary obviously had no doubts; this is illustrated in her promptness to act on God's commands. We might not confess to doubts, but if we really don't harbour any doubts, why then do we hedge our bets? Why do we squash God into a small corner of our busy lives and get on with other things?

Mary is a perfect role model for us all. She believed in God's promise. She acted on God's commands. She didn't push God into a small corner of her life .... God was her life. "Blessed is she," writes Luke in today's gospel, "who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Today's gospel is an invitation for us to take God's promises to heart, to make them real in our minds, and act on them.

**Mass Intentions** - If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office.

**Important Contacts**

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Parish Office Opening Times :- Wednesday and Friday, 10.00 to 14.00

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

### Christmas Mass Times

- \* Friday 24th - Christmas Eve - 4.00pm, 6.00pm and 9pm
- \* Saturday 25th - Christmas Day - 10.00am
- \* Sunday 26th - The Holy Family - 9.00am and 11.00am



Sacrament of Reconciliation - In addition to the usual Saturday evening time Canon Simon and Fr Anthony will be available to hear confessions at Corpus Christi on Saturday 18th December from 11.00am to midday.

### Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our Parish Priests and all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each Parish.

If you would like to give a gift to support Canon Simon and Father Anthony in their vocation and mission this Christmas, please use the white collection buckets at the back of the Church at the Christmas Masses or visit: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/wokingham-corpus-christi-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2022>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Sr Veronica** would like to thank all the Parishioners who have kindly sent her Christmas cards, she appreciates each and every one.



### Friends of the Holy Land - Christmas Appeal Giving Hope to Vulnerable Christians

Please support the appeal when you visit the crib. Your Christmas gifts will be used where most needed to meet urgent and ongoing medical needs including birth costs, or to help fund our work providing wider support to vulnerable Holy Land Christians. Alternatively, if you would like to help and donate, please go to <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

### Africa Fund Appeal

A very big thank you to all the supporters of the Africa Fund Appeal. Through the generous donations made following both the appeal and the South Berkshire Concert held in support of it, a total of **£8,720**, after gift aid has been added, has been raised. This will be sent to help the over 800 families of children attending Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School. It is intended that the food and essential supplies will be distributed on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, just in time for Christmas.



### IMPORTANT - Covid-19 Reminders

We ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus this Winter.

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms, if you have received a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result, or if you are waiting for a PCR test/result.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering
- ◆ Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is **mandatory** (unless exempt and/or children under the age of 11)
- ◆ Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- ◆ Maintain 1 metre distance where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation

### Church Cleaners

We need more volunteers to help sanitise the church. If you are able to swell the number of helpers available please get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you

### 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 20th to Friday 31st December at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID: 71565269619 Password for each day: rosary



**Corpus Christi 200 Club** - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 155 who has won the December draw of £50.00. Do apply and have the chance to win the monthly £50.00 prize. Help the church funds too with £12.00 per number per year. Forms are available at the back of the church and from the Parish Office. **Perhaps you might even consider giving a subscription as a Christmas present this year?**

### Office Opening Times

The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December 9.30am to 2pm and the following week on Friday 31st December 9.30am to 2pm.

*Wishing you all a very Blessed, Holy and Happy Christmas*

