

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

All Masses will be streamed
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 24th April - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 25th April
4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
10am *Peter Blackwell RIP*

Tuesday 27th April : 4th Week of Easter
7pm *Jim Dimond RIP (F)*

Wednesday 28th April : 4th Week of Easter
12 noon - Funeral Mass for Helen Coe RIP
(No public attendance)

Thursday 29th April : 4th Week of Easter
St Catherine of Siena. Patron of Europe
10am *Rajam Ramamoorthy RIP (F)*

Friday 30th April : 4th Week of Easter
10am *John & Eileen Bean RIP*

Saturday 1st May - Vigil Mass
5.30pm *Michael Barrett RIP (F)*

Sunday 2nd May
5th Sunday of Easter
10am *People of the Parish*

Important Contacts

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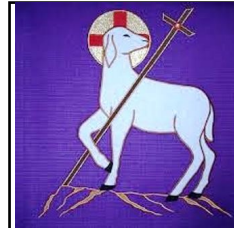
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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

25th April 2021: Good Shepherd Sunday, Fourth of Easter - Year B



In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending their flock and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.



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

Pope Francis' message for the **58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is entitled '**Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation**'. In his message the Holy Father focuses on three themes in St Joseph's life: the dream of vocation, the life of service, and the fidelity of vocation that leads to joy. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us. You can read the full message through the Portsmouth Diocese Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue318>

Clergy Training Fund, Sunday 25th April 2021. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians through their training for the priesthood. Our Diocese is blessed with 12 seminarians currently in training, two of whom are due to be ordained later this year. As a charity, Portsmouth Diocese are responsible for generating all our funding needs. It takes 7 years to train for the priesthood, and costs £27,000 per year for each seminarian. Investing in the future generation of priests is a great privilege and responsibility for our Diocese; we rely on your generous support, our faithful community. As well as donating through our Corpus Christi account (details below and please note as 'Clergy Training Fund') an online page has been set up and can be accessed here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund>

Give Thanks for Your Vaccination. As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK. For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Our aid agencies, CAFOD, Trocaire, SCIAF and Christian Aid, are already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks they can do more.

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>

Keenan Rooms Foyer Roof Replacement - Starting on Tuesday 4th May contractors will commence replacing the flat roof over the foyer area outside the Keenan Rooms. The roof has been leaking badly for some time and is beyond repair. The work is scheduled to last two weeks and should be completed by Fri 14th May. **N.B Parents!** *During this period there will be no access for school drop-off via the Sturges Road entrance. The gates will however be open for Masses on the weekend of 8/9th May.*

Reclaim Our Common Home - The coronavirus pandemic has exposed many inadequacies in how our world operates. Pope Francis has called for a transformation in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. We need more cooperation between nations, solidarity between people and a greater focus on the poorest in society. To find out more: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>. In 2021, the UK government is hosting two important international gatherings – the G7 meeting of heads of states in Cornwall in June and the COP26 Climate talks in Glasgow in November. To urge the Prime Minister to put the poorest people, hardest hit by the climate crisis at the centre of deliberations, please sign the petition at the above or here <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>



Care for Our Common Home - Trees For Tom During the COVID-19 pandemic, Captain Sir Tom Moore raised over £38 million for the NHS. Now his family wish to honour his love of nature and the natural world by planting trees in his memory. Captain Sir Tom Moore voiced his concern about what the future holds for his grandchildren. By planting new trees, his legacy will help combat climate change - and bring so many other benefits - around the world. The family has chosen to plant trees in the UK with the Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust have planted 50 million trees since it began in 1972, and have plans for 50 million more over the next five years. Remember Captain Sir Tom Moore and create a brighter future today.
Donate to plant trees at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/trees-for-tom

New Parish Administrator: Mrs Hannah Procter - We look forward to welcoming Hannah when she takes up her role in mid May. In the meantime we are immensely grateful to Una for having kindly offered to stay in post until we were able to find the right person to succeed her. So Una can finally start planning for her well earned retirement.

Corpus Christi 200 Club - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 2 who has won the April draw of £50