

### 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 1st May - Vigil Mass**

**# 5.30pm** Michael Barrett RIP (F)

**Sunday 2nd May**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**# 10am** People of the Parish

**Tuesday 4th May : 5th Week of Easter**  
English Martyrs - Feast Day  
**7pm** Michael Page RIP

**Wednesday 5th May : 5th Week of Easter**  
**10.00** - Jimmy & Ann Sluke RIP

**Thursday 6th May : 5th Week of Easter**  
**10am** Kay Phillips RIP

**Friday 7th May : 5th Week of Easter**  
**10am** Rev Canon John Connolly RIP (F)

**Saturday 8th May - Vigil Mass**

**# 5.30pm** Helen Coe RIP

**Sunday 9th May**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**# 10am** O'Keeffe Family Intentions

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### **2nd May 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B**



Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything, but the inspirational message in today's gospel is that we CAN make changes as long as we work together.

We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions, they operate on one powerful principal. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome .... the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual .... striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone; we branch out as a team.



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 Prayer Intention for May** - Mathematician Eli Khamarov said 'poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit'. Dictatorial and corrupt governments can make what could be a very rich nation into a poor one. So does a history of exploitative colonization, weak rule of law, war and social unrest, severe climate conditions or hostile, aggressive neighbours. It is often hard to pinpoint a single cause of long-term poverty, hence why economists often refer to "cycles" of poverty. For example, a country in debt will not be able to afford good schools, and a poorly educated workforce will be less capable of fixing problems and creating conditions that will attract foreign investment. This month we are invited to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention **"...that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers."**

**Saint Joseph The Worker, 1st May** In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters.

**For Human Work** On the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the Church asks us to pray for those looking for work, for those who feel underemployed or undervalued, and for those in jobs where they feel pressured or trapped. We are also asked to pray for the fruits of work and for the stewardship of creation.

**National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse, Tues, 4th May** - For all survivors of sexual abuse; may they come to know, once again, the compassionate love of God and find healing and hope in the risen Lord. • For all who work in safeguarding; may they place the voice of the survivor at the heart of their service and through their care for others help to build up the Body of Christ.

**Clergy Training Fund, Second Collection last Sunday, 25th April 2021.** Thank you to all who have donated to The Clergy Training Fund in the last week. If you would still like to support our 12 Diocesan seminarians through their training for the priesthood. please donate through our Corpus Christi account (details below and please note as 'Clergy Training Fund') or through the online page which has been set up and can be accessed here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund>

**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.*

**World Fair Trade Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May, Do Your Bit** - The pandemic has made it clear, the world needs Fair Trade more than ever. Lockdowns are happening the world over, with many communities fending for themselves. Economically marginalised communities face a particular challenge, with the combined threat of the pandemic, alongside the destruction of their livelihoods. Fair Trade Enterprises remain deeply committed to these communities. To support them, Fair Trade Enterprises are innovating and persevering. They are paying their workers, making masks, creating new plans and connecting the world over. During the pandemic and beyond, they put artisans, farmers and workers first. Through thick and thin, these enterprises continue to stand in solidarity with their communities. Do your bit and pick up Fairtrade items in the supermarket on May 8<sup>th</sup> and consider making small shopping changes a regular habit.

**Christian Aid Week (May 10-16, 2021)** will be different this year. There will be no House to House collections, instead we are using delivery only envelopes which will have suggestions for online donations or an option to drop off cash at the Bradbury Centre. We are going to target specific areas during the week:-Beanoak (Mon); Glebe Park/Ashridge (Tue); Joel Park (Wed); and Woosehill/Montague Park (Thur). The plan is for a group to meet up each evening to cover the area designated, which will be quicker and hopefully more enjoyable. If anyone feels able to help out please let me know which night is best and I will be in touch. peter.barrett500@gmail.com (Chair-Christian Aid, Wokingham)

**St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions** Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group : Monday 3rd to Friday 7th at 1.30pm . 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID 739 5110 1016 Password for each day : rosary

**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;  
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