

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 8th May - Vigil Mass

5.30pm Helen Coe RIP

Sunday 9th May

6th Sunday of Easter

10am O'Keefe Family Intentions

Tuesday 11th May : 6th Week of Easter
7pm Bill McCormack RIP

Wednesday 12th May : 6th Week of Easter
10.00 - Jim Steven RIP

Thursday 13th May
Ascension of the Lord - Solemnity
10am People of the Parish

Friday 14th May
St Matthias, Apostle - Feast Day
10am Mary Sheridan RIP (F)

Saturday 15th May - Vigil Mass
5.30pm
Biney (Bridget) Barry - for health

Sunday 16th May
7th Sunday of Easter
10am Shirley Dale RIP

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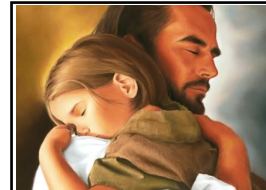
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9th May 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B



Today Jesus is giving us a recipe for joy.

If we determine to love our neighbours, our lives will inevitably be filled with huge purpose and great happiness. That's a guarantee! This is another guarantee. If we all knew how to love, the world would be a happier place, and as a happier place it would also be a more peaceful and a safer place in which to live.

We probably think we already know what love is, but today's challenge is to think of how many ways in which we can love. We are encouraged to think of love in practical terms. Perhaps we could start with our families, letting them know how much we appreciate them and how proud we are of them. Do we need to think of people we haven't forgiven, or wrongs that we haven't put right? Perhaps there are people we have given up on instead of seeking to understand. Do we tend to put ourselves first on a regular basis? Are there people we have overlooked or ignored? Are we lazy about educating ourselves as to the way other people live and the problems they face? Do we remember to love the strangers that we meet every day, offering them respect and a helping hand? Do we share love in the workplace, remembering not to gossip and to pull our weight? Do we remember to share our time, our money, our skills and our talents? Most importantly - do we ever stop and imagine what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes.

The gospel's promise is that if we start each day determining to spread God's love, we will start to feel more complete. We will be filled with a joy for life. That's a guarantee!



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.

The COVID-crisis in India is currently very serious. It must be a huge worry for the many Indian-origin families we have in our parish and across the Diocese. Please remember those affected in your prayers.

Sunday 9th May is a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians and enables Eastern and Western Catholics to come together through prayer, uniting the Latin Rite Church with the dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches. The charitable association *FACE-Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East* strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic society and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. They work with the patriarchs, metropolitans, bishops, priests and religious of the Eastern Churches by offering grant aid to their local projects in education, health care and pastoral support – to the benefit of all, regardless of race and creed.

The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity, Thursday 13th May

On this day Jesus tells us, “Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind.” We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch, the garden will soon be a small paradise!

In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we will begin a **Year of the Eucharist** starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021. Bishop Philip is inviting everyone to undertake by God’s grace a period of intense, spiritual renewal. The purpose ultimately is to help us realise our diocesan ambition of *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church*. We rely on God and His grace and on the gifts of the Holy Spirit He pours out upon us through the Holy Eucharist. We wish to be renewed in faith so that we will be better equipped for service and mission. The Year of the Eucharist, will be a unique opportunity for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle their love for Jesus Christ, really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. Follow Bishop Philip’s message and prayers through the diocesan e-news here :- <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue320>

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.*

Peace Actions for May

There are a couple of dates coming up where we are invited to think of the planet.

- Walk to School Week 17th-21st May; and World Environment Day on 5th June.
- There are a couple of dates coming where we are asked to especially consider our neighbours. World Fair Trade Day 8th May; World Day for Cultural Diversity on 21st May; and World Hunger Day on the 28th May.
- And a couple of opportunities to think about the ways we work to keep the peace. World Communications Day on 16th May; and the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on 29th May.

Church Steward and Cleaners- Following on from Canon Simon’s request of last weekend when he explained that we are now able to recommence baptisms and have quite a number waiting, but to do this safely, we will need more volunteers to steward and sanitise the church. Thank you to all those who are already on the stewards and cleaners rota 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

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group : Monday 10th to Friday 14th at 1.30pm . 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.

Zoom ID 73457844998 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;*

A/c name: PRC DT Wokingham Corpus Christi - Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, you may like to use this link. Thank you

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