

### 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 15th May - Vigil Mass**

**# 5.30pm**

*Biney (Bridget) Barry - for health*

**Sunday 16th May**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**# 10am** *Shirley Dale RIP*

**Tuesday 18th May : 7th Week of Easter**

**7pm** *James & Catherine Dimond RIP (F)*

**Wednesday 19th May**

**Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth**

**10.00** *Christine Broadbent RIP*

**Thursday 20th May : 7th Week of Easter**

**10am** *Elizabeth Corrigan RIP*

**Friday 21st May: 7th Week of Easter**

**10am** *Hugh McGovern RIP*

**Saturday 22nd May - Vigil Mass**

**# 5.30pm** *Canon Roger Daley RIP (F)*

**Sunday 23rd May**

**Pentecost Sunday - Solemnity**

**# 10am** *August Konig RIP*

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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

### **16th May 2021: Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B**



Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us, that we spread his love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. The key to continuing Jesus' mission is, that although we are of this world we must not be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives concerned about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation? For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.



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

**Pray for Our Schools** - It's exam season again, but because of the pandemic and exam cancellations, the onus of assessing our children's achievements falls squarely on the shoulders of our schools. This month we are asked to pray for senior leaders, school governors, teachers, parents, and of course our children that they may all negotiate uncharted waters with resilience and confidence.

**On World Communications Day, Sunday 16th May**, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. We are charged with the responsibility of genuinely encountering one another so that our love for each other may become stronger. There is a second collection at the request of The Holy See to support their work in this respect. Donations may be given via this link:- <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day> Pope Francis has issued a Message for World Communications Day, which you can read through here:- [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210123\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

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

**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>



Happy retirement and thank you, Una! As Una hands over the reins to Hannah this week we wish her a very happy and fulfilled retirement after five years as our very able Parish Administrator. Una and Hannah will be working together this week as Una shares with Hannah some of the intricacies of the role. As we say a fond farewell to Una we give Hannah a warm Corpus Christi welcome and pray that she will be happy in her new role.

**Keenan Rooms Foyer Roof Replacement** has been completed, some internal works and redecoration in the planning, but our meeting rooms are watertight and school access is now back to normal. Thank you for your understanding during the build.

**Church Steward and Cleaners-** Following on from Canon Simon's request of two weeks ago 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, 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

**Mary's Meals** provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. The charity's work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. In Ethiopia £15.90 is all it costs for 'Mary's Meals' to feed a child for a whole year. In the month of May (Mary's month) the charity is reaching out to us all for prayer and financial support. You can donate online at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate)

**ADoRE Online** spiritual mini-retreat morning. **May 22nd**, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Praying for Baptism in the Holy Spirit" - Baptism in the Spirit re-ignites the graces already given to Christians through the Sacraments. And it's also a new, fresh experience of the Holy Spirit which brings our faith alive, inspiring and empowering us to live our Christian life to the full. Speaker: Fr Anthony Meredith. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAY2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREMAY2021)

**St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions** Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group : Monday 17th to Friday 21st at 1.30pm . 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.  
Zoom ID 77417857214 Password for each day : rosary

