

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 8th January

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm *Rita McDonagh and Family*

Sunday 9th January

Baptism of the Lord, Solemnity

9am *Deceased Friends of the Hughes Family RIP*

11am *Renee Hall RIP*

Tuesday 11th January - Feria

7pm *Anne, Patrick and Patricia McCarthy RIP*

Wednesday 12th January - Feria

9.30am *Helen and Pomi Wallia RIP*

Thursday 13th January - Feria

10am *Kathleen Allen RIP (F)*

Friday 14th January - Feria

10am

Saturday 15th January

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

Sunday 16th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Eileen Hendy RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

11am

F) Foundation Mass

(P) Perpetual Mass



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

9th January 2022: Baptism of the Lord - Year C



Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is a great moment for Jesus, a moment when he receives affirmation from God his Father. For the rest of us it is also a momentous occasion.

This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and a promise of great

things to follow. What a shame that our own baptisms aren't as momentous. At best we might have got a party, though of course we were far too young to share the sausage rolls and champagne. Perhaps there's a bit of video footage somewhere in the loft, but it's not likely that we got doves from heaven or God's voice from the clouds. This doesn't however make our baptism unimportant.

Jesus' baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus' ministry. What have we made of our lives so far? Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made rather a rocky start. Perhaps we haven't done much to be proud of at all. It doesn't matter; coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the bodily form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled. That's a genuinely powerful belief.

As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.

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

Important Contacts

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area:

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

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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.

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Ryan Joseph who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 9th January.



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



This weekend is the last opportunity to 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/>



Job Vacancy – Deputy Director of Estates

The Diocese of Portsmouth are looking for a chartered surveyor or equivalent to support them as they go through a period of significant change. Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 17th January 2022.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office. Often Mass intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for some happy event, for someone who is sick. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? It is traditional, though totally without obligation, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.

MISSIO Red Box Holders



If you would like your red box to be emptied, please can you drop it off at the Parish office. Empty boxes can be reclaimed from the back of the church.

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



Alton Day of Renewal

ADoRE Mini Retreat - January 22nd 2022

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. January 22nd 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Our Father in Heaven" - Knowing who we are as children of our loving Abba. Our special guest speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG, acclaimed international renewal author and speaker who was appointed by Pope Saint John Paul II to run the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal office in Rome. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2022

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>

Church Cleaners

We need more volunteers to help sanitise the church. Thank you to all those who are already on the cleaners rota, and to our new volunteers, but if you are able to swell the number of helpers available please get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you

Our newsletters are also available on our **website** where you may check mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org>