

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 22nd May - Vigil Mass

5.30pm Canon Roger Daley RIP (F)

Sunday 23rd May

Pentecost Sunday - Solemnity

10am August Konig RIP

Tuesday 25th May:
St Bede the Venerable, Religious
7pm Susanne Konig - For wellbeing

Wednesday 26th May
St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder
10.00 Rita McDonagh - Intentions

Thursday 27th May
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Eternal High Priest
10am Phyl Hooper RIP

Friday 28th May: 8th Week in Ordinary Time
9am Robert Bedwell RIP

Saturday 29th May - Vigil Mass
5.30pm John Milner RIP

Sunday 30th May
The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity
10am People of the Parish

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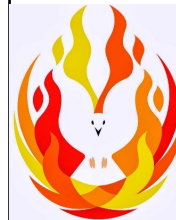
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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

23rd May 2021: Pentecost Sunday - Year B



The disciples who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.

What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.



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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bruce Robertson who has died recently and for the Robertson family. May he rest in peace.

Happy Birthday Church - The Feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth. Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover. In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because on this day new Christians used to be baptised. Often they wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday. White Sunday was then shortened to Whitsun. To celebrate Pentecost, read the Acts of the Apostles. Find out what happened to the Church following the events of Pentecost.

Call for an immediate end to violence in the Middle East

With the news of a ceasefire in the region we need a renewed commitment to peace, justice and human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory. A lack of international action has failed to prevent this latest spate of violence or address the underlying causes, including the creeping annexation of land and homes in the occupied Palestinian territory enabled and encouraged by successive Israeli governments. The right to a home is a fundamental human right, and it is a question of justice for Palestinian inhabitants in the region to be able to live, work and pray with dignity. We must speak up now to urge the UK government to move beyond statements and take concrete action to support an immediate end to all violence in the region before any more lives are lost. Consider writing to your MP today, asking them to raise these concerns with the Foreign Secretary on your behalf. To find out how, visit www.action.cafod.org.uk/page/82660/action/1

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>

Candle Of Justice - Join 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland'

Tuesday 25th May at noon We are invited to light a candle on this day, pray for racial justice and commit to personal action.

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.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group : Monday 24th to Friday 28th at 1.30pm . 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Zoom ID 73443451086 Password for each day : rosary



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>

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