#### **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday 21st May 5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass

Sunday 22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter 9am Bruce Robertson RIP - 1st Anniversary

**5.30pm** The Marshall Family Intentions

Tuesday 24th May - of the 6th Week of Easter

**7pm** Canon Roger Daley RIP (F)

Wednesday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

**10am** Private Intention

11am Jennifer Lewis RIP

Thursday 26th May - Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity

**10am** Elsie Fernandes RIP **7.30pm** Ladies of the UCM

Friday 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Feast
10am Robert Bedwell RIP

Saturday 28th May 5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 5.30pm Monica Bruce RIP

Sunday 29th May Seventh Sunday of Easter 9am John Milner RIP (F) 11am People of the Parish

(F) Foundation Mass(P) Perpetual Mass

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



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## 22nd May 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C



There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.



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.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

We have now restarted the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to listen to the Gospel in a more child friendly environment.

It is intended for children that are not preparing for the First Holy Communion. They would need to be accompanied by an adult if younger than 4 years old.

There is a one-off registration form to fill and a slip when attending.

To continue this on a weekly basis, the group would welcome more volunteers. A DBS check is required and a commitment of once-month. Please contact the Parish Office at <a href="wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to St Teresa's Catholic Academy for the fantastic result of their S48 Validation Inspection by the Diocese. Please find a copy of the report attached.

For all up to date information regarding the school including their newsletters please follow the link: <a href="https://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk">www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk</a>

## **Corpus Christi Little Flowers Baby and Toddler Group**

Our Baby and Toddler group is back up and running with a new leadership team and our first session this week was a huge success! The group runs every Wednesday during term time, 9.30am - 11am, £1 per child. We can't wait to play, sing and have fun with you all!



#### **Volunteers Needed**

If you have some free time on a Wednesday morning and would like to help at the Baby and Toddler Group please contact little\_flowers@outlook.com. Thank you

### **UCM**

The next meeting of the UCM is on Thursday 26th May. All ladies of the parish are very welcome - meeting to be held in the Keenan Room after the 7.30 pm Mass.

## **Wokingham Foodbank**

Our box is looking rather empty and Wokingham Foodbank is in need of the following items: tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, rice, hot dogs, tinned carrots, rice pudding, Custard, tinned or instant potato, tinned cold meat, fruit juice or squash, toiletries and small washing powder. Please place donations in the labelled box in the porch or at the collection points in many of the supermarkets. Many thanks.

#### **Marriage Care - Volunteers Needed**

Marriage Care is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are currently looking to recruit volunteers,



couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. Our presenters usually present courses on a Saturday two or three times in a year. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at <a href="mailto:sue.cooper@marriagecare.org">sue.cooper@marriagecare.org</a> or 07939495774. For further information about Marriage Care visit <a href="mailto:www.marriagecare.org">www.marriagecare.org</a>.uk



## The Link Visiting Scheme

The Link Visiting Scheme is a local Wokingham charity that aims to help people struggling with the serious impact of loneliness and enable them to make friends and engage again with their community. The Link Visiting Scheme works with

volunteers who give their time to visit an older person for a couple of hours once a week or fortnight. Spending quality time with someone can be transforming and we've had the pleasure of seeing many lives hugely improved by friendly volunteers regularly visiting someone who see very few people from week to week. We have a growing program of social activities aimed at encouraging older people to venture out and meet their peers in a safe, friendly environment. These include regular pub lunches, friendship groups, singing, yoga, bowling and lots more! If you would like to volunteer for us, we would love to hear from you. We provide training, support and flexibility. You can fit your volunteering role around your schedule. Do get in touch by phone: <a href="mailto:oldering.org">older people to venture out and meet their peers in a safe, friendly environment. These include regular pub lunches, friendship groups, singing, yoga, bowling and lots more! If you would like to volunteer for us, we would love to hear from you. We provide training, support and flexibility. You can fit your volunteering role around your schedule. Do get in touch by phone: <a href="mailto:oldering.org">older people to venture out and meet their peers in a safe, friendly environment. These include regular pub lunches, friendship groups, singing, yoga, bowling and lots more! If you would like to volunteer for us, we would love to hear from you. We provide training, support and flexibility. You can fit your volunteering role around your schedule. Do get in touch by phone: <a href="mailto:oldering.org">older people to venture out and we've</a>

**St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions** Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.



Zoom ID: 730 9733 2594 Password for each day: rosary

# Your Sins Are Forgiven A study Day From Gidea Park

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to <a href="https://www.whatgoodnews.org">www.whatgoodnews.org</a> Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Wonersh. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on <a href="https://www.whatgoodnews.org">www.whatgoodnews.org</a>