



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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24th March 2024: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B



What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday?

It's likely that we feel we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations.

How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On this day we honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 23rd March

11am - 12noon *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

4.45pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *All the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *David Guy Young RIP*

Tuesday 26th March - of Holy Week

NO MASS

Wednesday 27th March - of Holy Week

9.30am *Gregory Arthur RIP (F)*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday

2pm *Funeral Mass for Colin Whelan*

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

8pm *Edith and Edward Pritchard RIP (F)*

(Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight)

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

10.30am *Stations of the Cross*

3pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday

11am - 12 noon *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Easter Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

8pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9am *Molly Clark RIP*

11am *Clarice Sophia Adams RIP (P)*



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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O’Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Pat Kerton, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell and Fr Jim Joyce.

Colin Whelan’s funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Thursday 28th March at 2pm.



***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Calling all Altar Servers for Holy Week



Please will all Altar Servers complete the schedule in the Sacristy for their availability to serve on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil. There will be a practice on Thursday 28th March at 4.00pm. To serve at the Holy Week services, you **must** have been to the practice.

Easter Offering

The Easter Day Collection supports our Parish Priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Canon Simon in his mission and ministry this Easter, please use the white collection buckets at the back of the Church at the Easter Masses or visit: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/wokingham-corpus-christi-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024> Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Holy Week and Easter Services Times

- * Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 8.00pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight
- * Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
- * Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3.00pm
- * Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 8.00pm
- * Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday - 9.00am and 11.00am

Easter Triduum

The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus’ passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the Church year. The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). The Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.



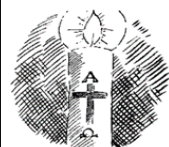
**Maundy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples.



Good Friday

The Good Friday rites centre around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. On this day we are invited to venerate the cross. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.



Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. The vigil opens with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle is a sign that Christ is “the light of the world,” and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

Fasting and Abstinence

The Church sets aside certain penitential days and invites us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of fast and abstinence. “Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement”. Fridays throughout Lent, and during the rest of the year are also days when we are encouraged to do some form of penance.



Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land - 29 March 2024

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. Please give what you can: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.



Were you there?

Drama with music and readings
telling the story of Jesus' journey to the cross

Good Friday 29th March Peach Place, Wokingham
12.00 - 12.45pm Free Open Air Performance



The presentation uses Bible readings, simple prayers, and 4 actors telling the story through the eyes of some of the key characters. It will last about 35 minutes.

People can of course join the walk with the cross beforehand from Corpus Christi. There will be a stations of the cross service from 10.30am, drinks and hot cross buns from 11am and the walk with the cross from 11.30am moving to Peach Place. Then after the presentation the cross will move to All Saints.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

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The Africa Fund Committee would like to thank all donors to the Lent Appeal, which so far has raised **£11,471** (to include gift aid) towards our target for the year of £20,000. This will hopefully enable us to provide a daily cup of Uji to each pupil at Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya. Thank you.

A Date for your Diary: Farewell to Sr Thérèse

After spending the last sixty years in Wokingham Sr Thérèse will be moving to a convent in France at the end of April. Sr Thérèse's departure is a very significant moment for the parish as we say farewell not only to her but also to the Dominican

Sisters of the Presentation of Our Lady who first arrived in Wokingham 120 years ago. To mark Sister's immense contribution to St Teresa's and to Corpus Christi and to give thanks for the presence of the Dominican Sisters over the years, a Mass of Farewell and Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday 23rd April (the Solemnity of St George) at 9.30am. As the departure of the Sisters is significant also for the town, civic and ecumenical guests have been invited. Everyone is welcome.

Au Revoir!



Calling the young People of our Diocese. Are you about to finish your A-levels? Or about to finish Uni for the summer....?

Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile!

If you would like to know more about joining us, contact lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

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Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 117, Barbara Robins, who has won the March draw of £50.00. If you would like the opportunity to win, please contact the office, there are a few unallocated numbers!



The 'Real Easter Egg'

80 million Easter Eggs are sold in the UK every year but this is the only one to tell the story of Easter. Not only that, the chocolate is Fairtrade. You can order online at eden.co.uk or meaningfulchocolate.co.uk



LiveSimply

LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE – an average household of 4 **wastes** about £1,000 of food annually! How about yours? Try and **CHOOSE** only what you'll **USE**. Small changes, like buying loose fruit and veg, make a difference to us, our community and our planet. For further actions see <https://wrap.org.uk/>



Keys - We are currently updating our list of key holders therefore if you hold keys to either the Church or Presbytery please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>



Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact 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.



Help Needed!

Church Cleaning Team – a request for extra hands for the 'big' pre-Easter clean on Monday 25th March at 09.30am and perhaps to join the team on a more regular basis. We meet on a Monday at 09.30am, and we have a rota for availability – it's not necessary to sign up weekly!

Please contact the parish office for further information.

Lost Property - If you have left any items in the Church or Keenan Rooms please take a look at the lost property (water bottles and a pair of glasses) standing on the first aid cabinet as well as articles of clothing hanging in the Keenan Rooms lobby.



New Repair Café in Wokingham town

On Saturday 13th April, the new Wokingham Repair Café will be opening its door at All Saints Church in Wokingham (RG40 1TN).

This fantastic initiative, run in partnership with Wokingham in Bloom and Maya's Refillables, is now being held on every second Saturday of the month, from 10am to 1pm.

You can bring any old / broken items and volunteer repairers will help you fix them. It can be anything from household items or bikes or jewellery or tools that may need sharpening, etc... and you can enjoy a cup of coffee in a relaxed atmosphere while you wait or learn from the repairer!

If you have any special requests, you can log them on the Repair Café website: Request a Repair as this will help the repairers get organised!

The Repair Café's committee is constantly looking for volunteers with repair skills or for anyone who wants to take part as a receptionist or a triage person. If you want to lend a hand, please contact the team on their website.



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better relationships
better lives

Marriage Care Volunteers Needed!

Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer as a Receptionist/Chaperone for Marriage Care at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at ease? Would you welcome some quiet time knowing that your presence is helping our **vital** relationship counselling service?

We are looking for friendly and helpful volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on a weekday evening once a month to meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the counselling venue during sessions. We are currently looking at a Monday evening, not to include bank holidays.

If you are interested, please email Hannah: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Friday 12th April 2024**.

ATTENTION

Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

