



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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11th January 2026: The Baptism of the Lord - Year A

Has anyone ever told you that they're proud of you? It's a good feeling it's a feeling that empowers a feeling that makes you believe you can do anything. Imagine for a moment that day on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism. Consider how Jesus must have felt when the heavens opened and the Spirit of God spoke the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Remember that this significant event took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry before he had gone out into the world to teach or to heal. Before Jesus had done anything at all, God was already well pleased with him.

As baptism identified Jesus, so too are we identified in our baptism as children of God. So what significance does baptism have in our lives? Do we feel proud at God's affirmation? Do we feel empowered to carry out God's plan? In truth most of us would be confounded if we had to provide an answer to these questions. To most of us, our baptism is an old photo in a forgotten album of childhood memories, or a neglected christening mug collecting dust on a high up shelf. In our own baptism we do not have the obvious benefit of God speaking directly to us from the heavens. Nevertheless, we have made promises in baptism and confirmation, and like any other promise we have to work at keeping them. Baptism isn't a one off event. Baptism is a sacrament that we have to work at daily setting aside time to think about what we are meant to be doing and having the faith that God is supporting us in our efforts.

Jesus said of his baptism. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus didn't explain what he meant by this, but in biblical context, the word 'righteousness' is often used to express a good relationship with God. By this, we understand that our own baptism sends us off on the road to building a good relationship with God and with others, and by believing in God's backing, we are empowered to do more than we can imagine.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 10th January

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Joseph Myalil RIP - 5th Anniversary

Sunday 11th January - The Baptism of the Lord, feast

9am People of the Parish

11am Mary Todd RIP

Tuesday 13th January - Feria

7pm Peter Glyndwr Davies RIP - 10th Anniversary

Wednesday 14th January - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am

Thursday 15th January 2026

NO MASS

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 16th January - Feria

9.30am

Saturday 17th January

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Vivian Duarte RIP

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Etnea Shekiliwa RIP

11am People of the Parish

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday and Thursday 09.30 to 12.00, and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on (T) 0118 978 0348 or (E) wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Derek Davey.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vito Giuseppe Catalano, who passed away on Wednesday 7th January, and for his family at this time of sorrow. Vito's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 2nd February at 12.00 noon followed by burial at Wokingham Free Church Burial Ground at 1.30pm.

*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.*



Baptisms

We warmly welcome Olivia Scott, Gracie-May Scott, Mila Witter and Philippa Webb as they are baptised into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 11th January**. Please pray for Olivia, Gracie-May, Mila, Philippa, and their families as they begin this journey of faith.



We are pleased to welcome Fr Peter Ross to Corpus Christi, who will be celebrating Mass next week during Canon Simon's absence. Please keep him in your prayers and join us in making him feel at home in our parish. Fr Peter is a priest of the Liverpool Archdiocese and a friend of Owen.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"May they all be one, just as you Father are in me, and I in you." (Jn. 17, 21).

Each year, the week of the 18th to 25th of January marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During this week, Wokingham Churches Together have organised several prayer services in many of the churches around the town. Corpus Christi will host one of these on **Thursday 22nd January at 10am** (following the 9.30am Mass), after which refreshments will be served in the Keenan Rooms. Please do come along and support this initiative, praying that all Christians may be reunited in Christ, with the Holy Father, his Vicar on earth.

Please see the poster for more details ↓

Pastoral Area Alpha Course

Curious about faith or know someone who is? We are launching the Alpha course (on-line) for those aged 18-40. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Our first session is on Thursday 22nd January 2026 from 8pm until 9pm. Take a moment to register using the QR code below, we'd love to save you a (virtual) seat!

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Let's join together and pray...

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19th to 25th January 2026

Come and join us in united prayer for our town,
for unity, for our witness to Jesus Christ



Mon 19th 9-9.30am Methodist, Rose St
Tues 20th 9-9.30am All Saints, London Rd
Weds 21st 9-9.30am Baptist, Milton Rd
Thurs 22nd 10-10.30am Corpus Christi, Sturges Rd
Fri 23rd 9-9.30am St Paul's, Reading Rd

Explore
the Christian faith
together.



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

11 weeks online

Thursday 8pm til 9pm

Starting 22nd Jan

Scan QR code to learn more



#TryAlpha

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.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth.



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Our Catholic schools need you!

Are you a Catholic currently teaching in a non-Catholic school? Have you considered applying for a post in one of our schools but are unsure how they are different and whether your application would be welcomed? Find out the answers to these questions and any others you may have about working in a Catholic school by attending our online webinar, 'Come to work in our Catholic schools' being held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13 January 2026. The webinar will last approximately one hour. Please register your interest in attending by clicking on the link below.

Registration Link: [Come to work in our Catholic schools](https://www.catholic-schoolsrecruit.org.uk/courses/1347)



*Mirror, mirror on the wall....
could this be the silliest show of all?*

Tickets are now on sale for the Parish Pantomime: Snow White. An adaptation of the classic fairytale, our family friendly parish panto returns this month. Full of pantomime characters you'll love, this year we are supporting local charity *The Cowshed*.

Show Times :

3pm or 7pm on Saturday 31st January 2026

3pm on Sunday 1st February 2026

Location: Caldwell Hall Theatre, Holme Grange School, Wokingham, RG40 3AL

Full details & Online box office:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish/event/snow-white>



Headteacher Vacancy

Christ the King Catholic primary school Reading, are seeking to appointment a headteacher for September 2026. The details can be found at <https://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form.

Bank Details:

A/c Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi,
Sort Code: 30-93-04,
A/c No: 00891666

Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, please consider using the digital collection plates or the QR code.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



YOUTH GROUP 2025/26



We are 20-30 young parishioners (11-17 years old) attending the Youth Group every fortnight. It is a space to meet new and old friends, have some fun and speak about faith and life aspects that interest us the most.

Registrations are open if you would like to join us

please contact us through the Parish email:
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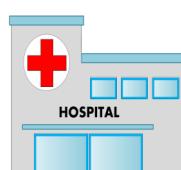


Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Please detail who the Mass is to be offered for together with your name and contact details.



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. 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.



Royal Berkshire Hospital Visits

If a loved one is in The Royal Berkshire Hospital and would like a visit for spiritual support and/or to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please ask the ward to request a visit from the Roman Catholic chaplain.



Corpus Christi 200 Club

The 200 Club is a monthly draw organised by the Parish, with a monthly £50.00 prize to the winning number. Annual subscriptions are just £12.00 per number and this helps provide a very useful additional income stream to the Parish as well as giving an excellent opportunity to win £50.00!

There are a number of unallocated numbers for 2026 and we urge you to take up these numbers to ensure the viability of the 200 Club. Application Forms are available at the back of the Church and from the Parish Office, please return to the office when completed.



Newsletter Deadline

To ensure we have ample time to review and finalise the newsletter on a Friday we kindly request that all materials be submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.