



Corpus
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Wokingham

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15th February 2026: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



It's a sad truth that those who walk free from court aren't necessarily innocent. Sometimes the man or woman who walks free from court simply has the better solicitor. Lawyers do a good and valuable job, but do some take more pride in finding legal loopholes than the truth?

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but

most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our heart tells us what to do. The written law should be no different.

Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions. As a newly qualified driver mentally rehearses his or her first solo drive, so we must follow where our hearts go first.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 14th February

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 15th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Emily Foy's Birthday - In Thanksgiving

11am Catenian Mass For Vocations

Tuesday 17th February - Feria

7pm William and Philomena Willoughby's Intentions

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday, Day of Fasting and Abstinence

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am People of the Parish

10am Praying the Rosary

7.30pm Dennis Griffin RIP

Thursday 19th February - after Ash Wednesday

9.30am Frank Whitehouse RIP

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 20th February - after Ash Wednesday

7.30am Kevin Conte RIP - 1st Anniversary

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st February

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm For CAFOD

Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday of Lent

9am Vi Griffiths RIP (F)

11am Richard Bennett RIP

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

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.

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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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





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, Derek Davey and Maria House

Francis Whitehouse's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 11th March at 10am followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 11.30pm.



*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.*



We warmly welcome Matthew Amporisah-Larbi, Mai Lee Sebregts Da Silva and Kenzi Sebregts Da Silva as they are baptised into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 15th February** during the 11am Mass.

St Mary's College Oscott

Owen Dugan who was recently with us is continuing his studies at the Seminary in Oscott which is in Sutton Coldfield. The College building itself was built in 1838 and has an interesting chapel, library and museum. The college itself offer the opportunity for Parish group visits and we are thinking of a visit from Corpus Christi to see what the life of a seminarian entails and to enjoy a tour of the building. If this is something that may be of interest please contact the parish office before **15th February** with your email address. If there is enough interest, we can investigate transport options and possible dates. The website for the college is: <https://www.oscott.org/>

Lenten Extras 2026



- 1. Friday Mass time Changes** - On the Fridays of Lent Mass will be at the earlier time of 7.30am. This gives those going to work or to school the opportunity to start the day with a time of quiet reflection.
- 2. Stations of the Cross** - On Fridays at 7pm why not come and walk the Way of the Cross as we recall Jesus' Passion and death?
- 3. Walk With Me Lent Booklets** - Make Lent a special time of preparation for Easter by picking up a Walk with Me Journey of Prayer booklet from the back of the Church. Please place the money in the baskets or use the dona machines. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

A TIME FOR
REFLECTION
REPENTANCE
RENEWAL

The beginning of the Lenten journey

**Mass will be held at
9.30am and 7.30pm**

CAFOD A better world
needs all of us

or floods. Our appeal will be made next weekend 21st/ 22nd February when envelopes will be distributed for the collection the following weekend.

You (plus friends) are very welcome to join us for a Soup Lunch in the Keenan Rooms on fast day, **Friday 27th February at 12.15pm** - (please tick the notice on the board in the Keenan Rooms lobby to help assess numbers attending).



CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 27th February** when we're asked to fast and give what we save to help other families put food on their tables - particularly where crops are difficult to grow, on land affected by drought

Fire. SAFETY NOTICE

Important Fire Safety Notice - Choir Loft Access

Please do not block the choir loft door located in the church porch with yourself, prams, or any personal belongings.

This doorway must remain clear at all times as it serves as an essential access and exit route for members of our choir. Obstructing it presents a fire safety hazard and could delay safe evacuation in an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation.



"Embrace your life together in Love"

Invitation to Couples to get away together and join us for a weekend to discover ways to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage and a happier life! The weekend draws on Marriage Encounters' 50 years of wisdom and experience, based on scriptural truths, and might just be the gear change you *didn't* know you needed or thought possible. Couples welcome whether married or in long term relationships, with faith or no faith.

ME Weekend 27th Feb - 1st Mar - Swindon - Holiday Inn Express West

To find out more or book : Visit our website: wwwme.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

World Day of Prayer 2026 Ecumenical Service
March 6th at 10am

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
Matthew 11:28-30

This year the service will be held at All Saints Church, Wiltshire Road, Wokingham, RG40 1TN on Friday 6th March at 10.00am. Refreshments will be served after the service.

All are welcome!

More information: www.wwdp.org.uk



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
www.wwdp.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 233242



UCM

UCM - Day of Recollection

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) invites you to a Day of Recollection on **Saturday 7th March 2026**. The Day will be led by Msgr Canon Jeremy Garratt. The theme will be Romans 12:12.

Full details of the Day and sign up sheets are on the Parish notice board at the back of the church and the UCM noticeboard opposite the Keenan Rooms.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

Bishop Philip has announced the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. The pilgrimage will start at London Heathrow on **Monday 6th July and run until Friday 10th July**.

If you would like to know more about joining the Bishop in Lourdes this year, email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or click [here](#) for a booking form.



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Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!
Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords.

Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.



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 and how to apply.

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.

