



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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5th April 2026: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 4th April - Holy Saturday

11am - 12 noon *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Easter Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

8pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9am *Faris and Kay Bashoo's 50th Wedding Anniversary*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

Tuesday 7th April - Tuesday within Octave of Easter

7pm *Andreas Fuchs RIP - 1st Anniversary*

Wednesday 8th April - Wednesday within Octave of Easter

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Norah O'Brien RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 9th April - Thursday within Octave of Easter

9.30am *Jason Hobbs RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 10th April - Friday within Octave of Easter

9.30am *Patricia Kerton RIP*

Saturday 11th April

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Mary Fearon RIP*

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy

9am *Dominic Smith RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Sophie Proctor - In Thanksgiving for her 11th Birthday*

(F) *Foundation*

(P) *Perpetual*



Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Life Without End

Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are

reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.

Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

So how do we find that trust that everything Jesus has told us is true? First of all we have to develop a toolbox of faith, trust, and intuition. Christians are accused of propping up impossible and improvable theories with blind faith. If this were true the accusers would have a point, but true faith runs deeper than this. We all use faith in every walk of life and we all need trust. People of faith are people who can push boundaries and take brave steps into the unknown. People of trust recognise possibilities in others and in themselves. People of intuition recognise integrity and truth. Anais Nin said, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." "What you believe sets a course for your future and directs your daily activities. Consequently, when you believe only what you can see, a whole world of possibility is lost."

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

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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 Carolyn Davies.


<h1>H</h1> <h1>W</h1> <p>APRIL 2</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by watching the Altar of Repose until Midnight)</p>	<h1>O</h1> <h1>E</h1> <p>APRIL 3</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion</p>	<h1>L</h1> <h1>E</h1> <p>APRIL 4</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY 8pm (The Easter Vigil)</p>	<h1>Y</h1> <h1>K</h1> <p>APRIL 5</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 9am and 11am</p>
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Second Collection for Holy Places - Friday 3rd April

Every Good Friday, churches across the world collect donations that are sent to the Holy Land to support the care of its sacred places and the local Christian communities. Franciscan friars in the Holy Land look after many key Holy Places, including the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the Basilica of the Annunciation, the Basilica of the Nativity, and numerous other shrines. The Good Friday Second Collection helps provide "630 homes for families in need; 15 schools with 12,000 students; 1,100 jobs; 270 missionaries; 55 shrines; 6 pilgrim houses; 5 homes for the sick and orphans [and] 3 academic institutions." The collection supports communities across a broad region that includes Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran, and Iraq.

Please visit the Press Release from the Holy See for more information: [Press Release: Good Friday Collection 2026](#)

Please give what you can by following the link [Holy Places Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#), the QR code, using the DONA machines or the baskets in the church porch. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April

Join us for a silent walk of witness through town with the cross, followed by hymns and readings in Market Place.

Leave from Salvation Army (Sturges Road) at 11.50am

Gather in the Market Place at 12noon

Walk to The Baptist Church (Milton Road) for closing reflections and hot cross buns.

Join us for all or part of this special event to mark Good Friday



Sacrament of Reconciliation Last opportunity before Easter

Confessions will be available on Saturday 4th April from 11am - 12 noon.

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 support Canon Simon in his ministry this Easter, please use the white collection buckets at the back of the Church at the Easter Masses, the Dona machines or visit [Donate to Wokingham Corpus Christi Catholic Parish Easter Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#)

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Any additional donations given on Easter Saturday and Sunday will be used to support the priests of the diocese. Every penny specifically donated over this weekend (together with any Gift Aid on qualifying donations) will be used to support your local priest.



Urbi et Orbi - Easter Sunday

Live from Rome Live from Rome the Pope's traditional Easter greeting and blessing from St Peter's Square will be broadcasted on BBC One of Sunday 5th April 2026 at 11am.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April 2026

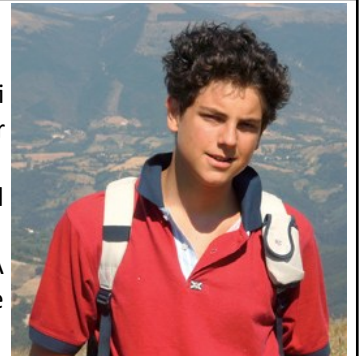
This April, we're invited to hold in prayer all priests who find themselves in moments of struggle or uncertainty. Even the most dedicated church and parish leaders can face times when their vocation feels heavy or unclear. In those times, what they need most is gentle accompaniment - people who listen without judgement and communities that offer patience, warmth, and support. Let's remember that priests have the same pressures and emotions as everyone else. May our kindness help them rediscover strength, hope, and the joy of their calling. We are invited to join Pope Leo's prayer intention, "That priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis and First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

An International Exhibition, 'The Eucharistic Miracles of the World' is coming to Corpus Christi from the 23rd May to 7th June 2026. We warmly invite you to visit the exhibition. Bring your friends and neighbours. All are welcome. Free Entry.

This exhibition was designed and created by St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), an Italian teenager and computer whiz kid, referred to as the "patron saint of the internet".

The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days. More details will be available shortly on the church website.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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 click [here](#) for a booking form or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi Monday 20th July - Sunday 26th July

Join Bishop Philip on a special pilgrimage to Turin in norther Italy and Assisi in central Italy to learn about and experience the lives of our two newest saints - St Carol Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati.



Beginning in Turin where St Pier Giorgio Frassati was born, lived and died at the age of just 24 in 1925. You will visit his parish church and the family summer house in the foothills of the alps very close to the Marian shrine at Opora. Then to Assisi to visit the tomb of St Carlo Acutis, the modern day saint using the internet to spread the Good News of the Gospels before his death in 2006 aged 15.

Click [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#) for more details and a booking form or contact [Canon PJ Smith](#).

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A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

The Liturgy Project FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)



10 am to 2 pm

St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

3rd

May 2025

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Includes a session on taking Holy Communion the "sick and the housebound".

18th

October 2025

Day for Readers

Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.



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.



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**! ATTENTION !
PLEASE !**

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 co-operation