



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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15th March 2026: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A



Today Jesus cures a man who has been blind from birth, but it is not the blindness of the man himself that is central to this story but the blindness of those around him. The Pharisees are pretty sure they know who Jesus is and they are fairly certain that he is not of God. Consequently, they are completely non-plussed by Jesus' miracle. They question the cured man over and over as though seeking some other explanation. The Pharisees are unable to believe the evidence before their eyes. They are just as blind as the blind man once was. They are blind to the truth because they refuse to see it.

Jesus chose to cure the blind man, not simply because he felt a sympathy for him but because he wanted to display how God can work through any one of us. Jesus could see that the blind man would make a persuasive evangelist, and he was right. The cured blind man, unlike his frightened parents, spoke out boldly and persistently first proclaiming Jesus as a prophet, and then as he gained more insight, that this man was the Son of God. Even so, the short-sighted Pharisees were not convinced. Their belief that only Moses could act as spokesperson for God, rendered them totally myopic when it came to Jesus. Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us. Are we so blinkered in what we believe and how we worship, that we are unable to see the broader picture that would allow our faith to move forwards?

Jesus' miracle and choice of subject teaches that God can work through any one of us. In the circumstances of our lives we can show others how God works. In our skills and talents we too can be evangelists, we just need the vision and a little bit of lateral thinking.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 14th March

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *For Deceased Members of the Deveraux and Ashworth Families*

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9am *Noeleen and Jim McGeehan RIP - 4th Anniversary*

11am *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick, Bishop, feast

7pm *Stella Oirbans RIP*

Wednesday 18th March - of the 4th Week of Lent

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Lucy Hoppe's 100th Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Thursday 19th March - St Joseph, Solemnity

NO MASS

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 20th March - of the 4th Week of Lent

7.30am *Josef and Kaethe Dahmann RIP*

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 21st March

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Canon Simon's Intentions*

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am *Brian Bayliss RIP (F)*

11am *People of the Parish*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

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, Maria Howse and Carolyn Davies.

First Holy Communion - Saturday 14th March

Please pray for the boys and girls from our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday.
May they be blessed on this special and joyful day, and may God continue to guide and bless them in the years ahead.



Laetare Sunday - Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday



You may notice Canon Simon wearing rose vestments this weekend instead of purple. This is because Sunday 15th March is Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Its name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin *Lætare, Jerusalem* ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem') from Isaiah 66:10 and it reminds us that Easter is in sight. It's the Sunday in Lent on which the austerity is briefly lessened and Mothering Sunday is celebrated. Centuries ago, it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the church where they were baptised. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers. Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appreciate and love them.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Corpus Christi Africa Fund Appeal

Following last weekend's appeal, parishioners are invited to support **Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi** through the Corpus Christi Africa Fund.

An update is attached, together with a donation form for anyone who wishes to contribute. Contactless donations can also be made using the DONA machines located at the back of the church.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



Happy 100th Birthday!

Please join us in wishing parishioner and UCM member Lucy Hoppe a very happy 100th birthday this week!

Over the years Lucy has been an active part of parish life, making many cakes for special occasions such as First Holy Communions. Let's hope someone has made a cake for Lucy on her very special day!

Happy Birthday, Lucy, and thank you for all you have given to our parish community.

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?

Lent Reflection

in the Reading Pastoral Area

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

10.30 am - 1.00 pm

- Refreshments from 10.10 am -

An opportunity to **reflect, share and pray** together with the



Carmelite Friars



ST. JAMES' CHURCH - Forbury Road - **READING** RG1 3FD

Lent Penitential Service and extra Confession times

A Penitential Service for the Pastoral Area with the opportunity for individual confession will be held at the Immaculate Conception church, Sandhurst on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm. In addition, there will be extra times for confession on Saturdays at Corpus Christi: 21st, 28th March and 4th April from 11am to 12 Noon. Confession is also available every Saturday from 4.45pm until 5.20pm. Please use these opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter.



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

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29):
5.30 PM (Saturday Vigil) • 9 AM • 11 AM
(Procession at all Masses)

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday (April 2):
8 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by
watching the Altar of Repose until midnight)

Good Friday (April 3):
10.30 AM (Stations of the Cross)
3 PM (Celebration of the Lord's Passion)

Holy Saturday (April 4):
8 PM (The Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday (April 5):
Masses at 9 AM • 11 AM

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CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2026

The Corpus Christi Youth Group are taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026. During the 40 days of Lent, they will be walking, running, or strolling a total of 750km to raise £750.00 to support our neighbours around the world who are facing poverty.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can donate via the link below or by using the Dona machines at the back of the church.

[Corpus Christi YG The Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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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.

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.

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.



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