



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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22nd June 2025: Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) - Year C



Parish Pilgrimage this Sunday to St James' church in Reading. It's not too late to sign up online or just turn up at the start of one of our routes at the time given – details on our website <https://bit.ly/CCPilgrimageOH> where you can also find prayers and a timetable. **Be aware** that the weather forecast suggests it will be very *hot so please do not take unnecessary risks with your health*. You are welcome to join us later for Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi at 3pm with confessions from 2pm. There is no parking available at the church. Contact details for the day -
Route 1 from Reading station or nearby bus stops – please make your own way to the Abbey grounds to arrive **1 pm**, contact Cathy 07752 946821
Route 2 from Thames Valley Park Drive by R Thames (look out for our banner) at **12 noon** contact Cathy 07752 946821 (St Teresa's families contact Mrs Finnegan for details)

Route 3 from St Andrew's churchyard Sonning by River Thames at **11 am**, contact Cathy 07752 946821

Route 4 at Burghfield Bridge on River Kennet at **11 am**, contact Stefan 0118 211 4130

Route 5 at Corpus Christi church by **9.45 am**, please contact Graham *in advance* on 07940 812031 or grpwill@gmail.com

Cycling Route from Corpus Christi, contact Ann 07879 940373

Happy Patronal Feast Day!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 21st June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *In Thanksgiving*

Sunday 22nd June - Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

Solemnity

9am *Joseph Noonan RIP (F)*

11am *Norah O'Brian RIP*

Tuesday 24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity

7pm *Zbigniew Lipski RIP*

Wednesday 25th June - Feria - 12th Week of Ordinary Time

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Jack Picard RIP*

Thursday 26th June - Feria

9.30am *Blessings for the Wedding of Joy and Mark Mikula*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 27th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

9.30am *James (Jim) Steven RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Saturday 28th June

11am *Requiem Mass for Dominic Smith RIP*

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Renee Hall RIP (F)*

Sunday 29th June - Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity

9am *Rev Canon RT Arscott RIP (P)*

11am *Edwin and Edith Milner RIP (F)*

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Bill Hogston, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carmen Evangelina Castineira Garcia who has passed away on Thursday 12th June and for her family. Carmen's Funeral will be held on Friday 11th July at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 12.00 noon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Blackwell who passed away on Wednesday 18th June and for her family. The details of Jean's Funeral Mass are still to be confirmed.

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



Gospel Reflection for Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

The feeding of the five thousand.... no, not just a miraculous story about the multiplication of a couple of fishes and loaves. In the context of today's solemnity, today's gospel reading links the ordinary food that God provides at our regular meals to the extraordinary food we receive in Holy Communion.

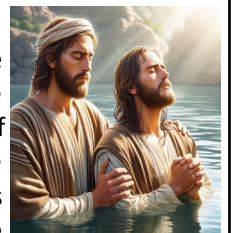
In this miracle Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all. This claim might raise a few third world eyebrows, but the truth remains;

God has provided for all, it's left to us to make sure it is shared fairly around the world. Today's real miracle would be in the change of our materialistic attitudes. The real miracle would be a change that would enable us to eradicate poverty and hunger simply by organising a system of sharing. The scale of the problem the disciples faced on the day of the feeding of the five thousand must have seemed impossible, but the message that they should get on with the job of sharing and leave the rest to God, could be as miraculous today as it was then.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.

Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity - Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday, 24th June is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Forerunner of Christ. John the Baptist is the only figure other than the Blessed Mother and Jesus Himself whose birth is celebrated in the Church's liturgy and whose feast day is ranked as a solemnity. This is because he had the unique vocation of being The Forerunner, the one whose preaching and witness prepared the way for Christ. He had the amazing privilege of baptising the Lord and was later called to anticipate Christ's Passion by shedding his own blood for the truth. Pope Francis said: "Let us learn from the one who was the forerunner of Jesus the ability to bear witness to the Gospel with courage." The Mass of the day contains a very fine Preface: *It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In his Precursor, Saint John the Baptist, we praise your great glory, for you consecrated him for a single honour among those born of women. His birth brought great rejoicing; even in the womb he leapt for joy at the coming of human salvation. He alone of all the prophets pointed out the Lamb of redemption. And to make holy the flowing waters he baptised the very author of Baptism and was privileged to bear him the supreme witness by the shedding of his blood. And so, with the powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:*



On Tuesday, let us pray for ourselves that when we meet others, we may pave the way for the Lord's coming to them.

[from Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth e-News]

Knights of St. Columba 2025 Pilgrimage in Honour of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales Corpus Christi - Tuesday 24th June 2025

At Lyford Grange the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled to a cart and dragged through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. He was indicted on fabricated charges of having plotted a rebellion abroad and coming to England to implement it. Campion was found guilty and subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered on 1st December 1581.

He was Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The Knights of St Columba organise the annual pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire to Tyburn in London where he was put to death.

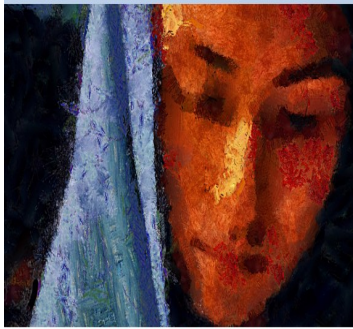
The Relic will be here for veneration at Corpus Christi this Tuesday, 24th June at the 7pm Mass.



Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 26th June

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 26th June after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. The coffee morning is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.

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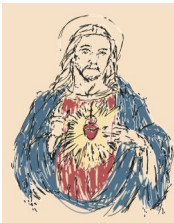
HOW MARY HELPS US
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INSPIRATIONAL FIVE SESSION CaFE COURSE + BOOK

Let it Be - CaFE Course

You are invited to attend LET IT BE, an inspirational five week course compiled by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) in the Keenan Rooms at Corpus Christi. The second session will take place on Thursday 26th June starting at 7.30pm until 9pm. Each week a short film will be shown about the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a discussion. There is a handbook to accompany the course which costs £5.00 per copy for anyone wishing to purchase it. Please have cash with you.

Whilst it is ideal to attend all the sessions, they do stand alone. Refreshments will be available. Please register by using the following link: ["Let it be" CaFE Course](#)



Feast of the Sacred Heart, Solemnity Friday 27th June

The story of the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the one lost sheep tells us that there is not one soul that Jesus is willing to lose.

There is not one of us that Jesus does not love. There is not one of us without value. The Friday that follows the Second Sunday in time after Pentecost is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This is a devotion to Jesus himself, but in particular, to the loving heart of Jesus and all its manifestations of his love for us.



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.

Open Day!



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Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 160, David Moffett, who has won the June draw of £50.00.



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



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