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### Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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### 29th March 2026: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 28th March

**11am - 12noon** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *George McCormack RIP - 1st Anniversary*

#### Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**9am** *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

**11am** *Andrew Robertson RIP - 9th Anniversary & Bruce Robertson RIP*

#### Tuesday 31st March - of Holy Week

**NO MASS**

#### Wednesday 1st April - of Holy Week

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**9.30am** *Molly Clark RIP*

#### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**8pm** *Clarice Sophia Adams RIP (P)*

*(Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight)*

#### Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

**10.30am** *Stations of the Cross*

**3pm** *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

#### 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*



#### Gospel Reflection for

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord What's the Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two-thousand-year old story. What point

is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise. We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

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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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Howse who passed away on Thursday 26th February, and for her family at this time of sorrow.

Maria's Funeral took place on 17th March at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

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



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Extra Confessions are available on Saturday 28th March and 4th April from 11am to 12 noon.

Please use these opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter.

### Chrism Mass - Tuesday 31st March



An invitation from Bishop Philip...

The Chrism Mass this year takes place **next Tuesday 31st March at 11am** in the Cathedral. I wish to invite you to it! The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church and it is always celebrated in the Cathedral with the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the diocese. The Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year and is a celebration of thanksgiving to God for our Diocese of Portsmouth, its clergy, religious and people. During it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service, "manifesting their communion with the Bishop" (Roman Missal). It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith.

*[from Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth e-News Issue 527]*

### Calling All Altar Servers

Canon Simon and Jeremy will be holding a Holy Week Altar Servers practice at 4.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you have signed up to serve at any of the Holy Week Services (Thursday (8.00pm), Friday (3.00pm) and Saturday Vigil (8.00pm) please ensure you attend this practice.



# Holy week

## SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29):  
5.30pm (Saturday Vigil) • 9am • 11am

### The Easter Triduum

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

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

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

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

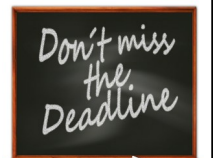
### Polite Request

Please do not place notices or flyers on the pinboard, or leave leaflets and literature on the cupboards in the church porch, without first seeking approval from the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.



### 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.





### Easter Triduum

The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). The Triduum tells an ongoing story. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we gather and remember together.

### Maundy Thursday

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening. "I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you," says the Lord.

Jesus ties a towel around his waist and washes the disciples' feet. This is the Christian message we are to take on board. We must learn to sacrifice our own needs and put each other first regardless of status. Jesus is asking us to love each other as he loves us.



### Good Friday

On this day we remember the events of Jesus' suffering and death. This is a solemn day but it's a momentous day too. In hindsight we know that this is not the end. We look forward to Easter when Jesus rises from the dead and invites us to share the same destiny. Non-Christians around the world might see the Cross as an instrument of torture. We celebrate it as a symbol of victory over death.

### Second Collection for Holy Places - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



### Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil



This is the night when Jesus passes from death to life. This is the night when we celebrate light, salvation, and renewal of baptismal promises. On this night we are challenged to bring light to a world still darkened by disbelief.

Holy Saturday, or the 'Easter Vigil', is the close of the season of Lent and penance and the beginning of paschal time, which is one of rejoicing.

### Praying the Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed after Morning Mass each Wednesday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis. All are warmly welcome to attend.



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



### Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 58, John Thomas, who has won the March draw of £50.00.





### CAFOD Lent Appeal

Thank you for your generous support – your kindness is helping families like Shorai’s in Zimbabwe and Rejoice’s in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. Donations made

through the parish collection totalled £1,891.12. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at [cafod.org.uk/thankyou](http://cafod.org.uk/thankyou)

Thank you to our **Youth Group** attracting further sponsors for their participation in the *Big Lent Walk* and also our parishioners Ann, Kathy and Maureen walking long distances as individuals. Please see details below if you would like to sponsor either of them.

### 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.



Our Parishioner Ann Wylie is making good progress with her Big Lent Walk for CAFOD and you can sponsor as she does the final days of this challenge here.

[Ann's fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

### Farnborough Hill Open Afternoon - Friday 24th April

Farnborough Hill have their final Open Afternoon of the academic year scheduled for **Friday 24 April at 1.40 pm**. This is a super introduction to life on the Hill, where families can feel the caring and supportive nature of the school first-hand. They can hear from the Headmistress, Mrs Maria Young, a champion of Catholic education for girls, explore lots of different lessons and activities, and visit their magnificent chapel which lies at the heart of the school.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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.



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

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