



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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1st March 2026: Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps, they say, he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 28th February

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Vivian Laydon RIP - 10th Anniversary*

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

9am *Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

11am *Michael Murphy RIP and Eileen Murphy RIP*

Tuesday 3rd March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

7pm *Dennis Dent RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Wednesday 4th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 5th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 6th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

7.30am

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 7th March

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Fr Danny McAvoy's Intentions*

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Alberto Estares Sr RIP*

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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.

Giuseppe Itta's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 13th March at 10am.



*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.*



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?

Congratulations Lindsay!

Lindsay Meerabux did an amazing job completing the Wokingham Half Marathon last Sunday, finishing in just under three hours - a fantastic achievement!

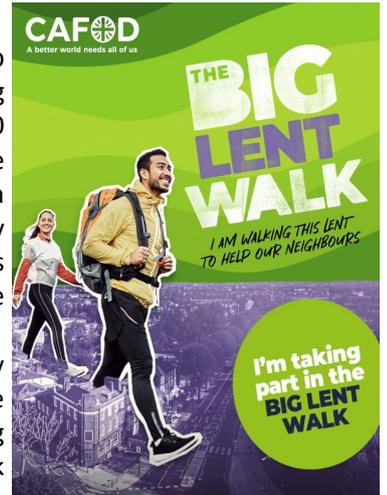
A huge thank you to everyone for your kind donations in support of the British Heart Foundation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help support their vital work.



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 200km to raise money 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](#)

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

The 2026 service is being prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria with the theme "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.wdp.org



Nigeria 2026



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



UCM

UCM - Lenten Retreat

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. The Day is open to all members of the Parish.

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.

Open Day!



Little T's
Preschool

at St. Teresa's Catholic Academy

PLAY - LEARN - GROW

Monday 9th March

- See Little T's in action
- Meet the staff
- Make an enquiry
- See our children in action
- Ask any question!
- Let your child play

9:15am and 1:30pm

Book your space today!
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Last September, **St Carlo Acutis** was canonised in Rome as the first millennial saint. He was a devout and computer savvy teenager who constructed a database of Eucharistic Miracles online.

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, highlighting some of the Miracles in St Carlo's database is now being exhibited nationally and internationally and is coming to Corpus Christi for two weeks, at the end of May and the beginning of June this year.

We are now looking for people who are happy to pray regularly to support the organisation of this exhibition. There is no other commitment. Just a commitment to pray in your own time. You will be sent the details of what to pray for.

If you feel this is something that you can offer to do, there will be someone at the back of the church after Mass who can take your contact details.

After School Club Assistant

Grade 1 Pont 1b £23,556 FTE (£7,719.40 actual salary, £12.21 hourly rate)

14.5 hours per week (3pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday and 3pm to 5:30pm on Friday)

Required from 13th April 2026 • Permanent Position, Term-time only



St Teresa's is a 'Good' School, with 'Outstanding' behaviour and attitudes, built on a strong ethos and shared values. We have a highly effective and supportive leadership group, teaching team and support staff. The school is well supported by our governors, who work well together with a shared purpose.

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic After School Club Assistant to join our friendly and popular school. You will need to model excellent communication and interpersonal skills and preferably already have experience of working in the primary school sector.

You will help provide a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for children aged 4 to 11 years old attending our after-school provision. This is a rewarding role ideal for someone who enjoys working with children and supporting their development through play and structured activities.

If you have the enthusiasm and commitment and always want to 'put the children first', please contact us for more information.

Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the Office.

Contact Caroline Moss for an application pack;

0118 9784310 / sbm@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk

Interview date: On application

Start Date: 13th April 2026

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure Procedure.



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 27th 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.



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.



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.



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



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.

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