



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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8th February 2026: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith we his disciples will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thing something just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues such as political conflict, materialism and racism. It's far easier to side with the gossip and turn a blind eye to petty pilfering in the workplace. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief.

Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example, we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 7th February

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 8th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Mary Todd RIP*

Tuesday 10th February - St Scholastica, Virgin, memorial

7pm

Wednesday 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 12th February - Feria

9.30am *Noreen Mary Murrin RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 13th February - Feria

9.30am *Sr Veronica Rennie RIP*

Saturday 14th February

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 15th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Emily Foy's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

11am *For Vocations*

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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 and Derek Davey.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Whitehouse, who passed away on Wednesday 4th February, and for his family at this time of sorrow. Details of Frank's Funeral Mass are still to be confirmed.



*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.*



Baptism

We warmly welcome Lily Gyoergy as she is baptised into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 8th February**. Please pray for Lily and her family as she begins this journey of faith.

Parish Database Update – Action Required

Thank you to everyone who has already registered on our new database, ChurchSuite. We are grateful for the very positive response received so far.

If you haven't registered yet, please use the links or QR codes below to complete your registration as soon as possible. **There are separate forms for [adults](#) and for [children](#) – please ensure you complete the correct form.**

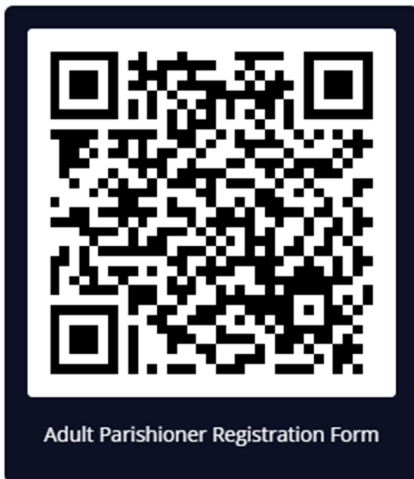
Without re-registering, you will not be able to receive the parish newsletter digitally or any other parish communications, including important updates such as Mass cancellations.

If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact the parish office.

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Adult Parishioner Registration Form - <https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/cyxrki8d>

Child Parishioner Registration Form - <https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/os9lbqfz>



Adult Parishioner Registration Form



Child Parishioner Registration Form



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

A Big Thank You From The SVP!

Following our appeal for donations in November 2025, we collected £2,175. This enabled us to support 15 families and individuals before Christmas. We are deeply grateful for the parish's generous 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.



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.



National Marriage Week

National Marriage Week this year is **Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th February, 2026**. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has launched a series of [resources for National Marriage Week](#).

You and your spouse may be interested in some of these [events for married couples](#) running online and in our Diocese during National Marriage week.



The Thursday Group

Refreshments will be available in the Keenan Rooms next **Thursday (12th February)** from 10am. Please join us for a catchup with old friends and/or come and make some new ones.



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.

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



St Mary's College Oscott

Owen Dugan who was recently with us is continuing his studies at the Seminary in Oscott which is in Sutton Coldfield. The College building itself was built in 1838 and has an interesting chapel, library and museum. The college itself offers the opportunity for Parish group visits and we are thinking of a visit from Corpus Christi to see what the life of a seminarian entails and to enjoy a tour of the building.

If this is something that may be of interest please contact the parish office before **15th February** with your email address. If there is enough interest, we can investigate transport options and possible dates. The website for the college is: <https://www.oscott.org/>



New Year, New You... New Hope for Others - CAFOD Parish volunteers welcome here at Corpus Christi
What better time than now to get fired up about making some changes not only in your own life, but for others too. Why not act on those good intentions and inspire others to act for global justice. As a CAFOD volunteer, you can help our parish to connect with communities overseas and empower our sisters and brothers in the poorest places to lift themselves out of poverty. Could 2026 be the year to put your faith into action with CAFOD? Please see our website for more information on volunteering: www.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Briefing meeting for volunteers in our diocese (and interested parishioners) will take place *in our parish Keenan Rooms* on **Saturday 14th February** from 10.30 - 1.30, with refreshments beforehand and a soup lunch to finish. This is an opportunity to meet volunteers from other parishes and to find out more about the theme for this year's Lent Appeal - how communities are adapting their methods for growing food in climates affected by long-running drought and regular flooding. The focus will be on three countries - South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. ALL WELCOME - to help with preparations, please book either with our diocesan coordinator Andrea Hoyland by emailing her at ahoyland@cafod.org.uk or parishioner Cathy at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com or add your name to the list on our noticeboard.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? How about walking 200km over 40 days? Walk anytime, anywhere and raise funds through sponsorship for life-saving water. Either walk it all by yourself or with others in a small group. Find out more at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> and sign-up for the challenge.

Wokingham Half Marathon - British Heart Foundation

Parishioner Lindsay Meerabux is running the Wokingham Half Marathon on **Sunday 22nd February 2026** to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. Lindsay knows first-hand how vital the work and research of the BHF is, following heart surgery at the end of 2024. He also very generously donated the life-saving defibrillator located outside the church.

Please help support Lindsay by sponsoring him - every pound makes a difference.
Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lindsay-meerabux-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=SM



**I'm fundraising
for British Heart
Foundation**



UCM

UCM - Day of Recollection

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 Garrett. The theme will be Romans 12:12. 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.



Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our parishioners Michael Chard, who has received a Civic Award from Wokingham Town Council. Michael was recognised as one of ten residents who have made an outstanding contribution to the local Community.

Michael was nominated by The Grub Club and Wokingham FoodBank in recognition for over ten years of dedicated volunteering. He is a valued member of both teams and was presented with the award by the Wokingham Town Mayor, Cllr Lou Timlin.

Well done Michael!



[Images: Stewart Turkington]



Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo

Sunday 08th March

Depart Lon Heathrow 10:55 – Arrive Knock 12:25

Friday 13th March 2026

Depart Knock 13:00 – Arrive Lon Heathrow 14:30

Day One

- * Arrive Knock – Knock Shrine for Sunday Mass.
- * Onwards to Hotel for check-in.
- * 4 Course Dinner. Hotel entertainment.

Day Two

- * Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre with Tour and light lunch.
- * Onwards to Ballintubber Abbey for Tour.
- * Return to hotel for Dinner & Entertainment.

Day Three

- * A Day In Knock. Tour of Museum & Grounds.
- * Private Time. Optional prayer guidance.
- * Return to Westport. Dinner & Entertainment.

Day Four

* Rest Day.

Day Five

- * Visit Croagh Patrick & Famine Memorial.
- * Self guided tour of Kylemore Abbey & Gardens.
- * Return to hotel for farewell Dinner & entertainment.

Day Six

- * Morning Mass. Return flight to Lon Heathrow.

Price £899.00 pp sharing - Package includes:

Flight with 10kg Check In Hold Luggage.

5 night's **Dinner Bed & Breakfast** in

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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)



9 am to 1.30 pm
Pastoral Centre, Winchester

Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May 2026 commencing with Mass at 9 am.

There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the eucharist?"

All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

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



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