



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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3rd May 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 2nd May

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Michael Barrett RIP (F)*

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am *Mike Hendy RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Richard Diffenthal RIP*

Tuesday 5th May - of the 5th Week of Easter

7pm *The O'Keeffe Family (F)*

Wednesday 6th May - of the 5th Week of Easter

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Michael Page RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

2.15pm *Marian Procession (starting from the front of the school)*

Thursday 7th May - of the 5th Week of Easter

9.30am *Susan Zalepa RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 8th May - of the 5th Week of Easter

9.30am *Bill and Nancy McCormack RIP*

Saturday 9th May

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Ann Purvis RIP*

Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am *Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual



Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter - 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made

and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

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.

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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.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.



Churches Together Wokingham

Please note there are some updates from previous weeks' notices. Some dates for your diaries:

- Wokingham May Fayre.** On **Mon 4th May** (10am – 5pm) the Wokingham Lions have asked CTW to coordinate litter picking. Our 'flock' are encouraged to get involved and give an hour of time to serve the town. See sign-up link below.
- Leaflet delivery Monday 11th to Friday 15 May.** To support Christian Aid Week volunteers are **still required** to deliver Christian Aid leaflets to various houses in our community. No follow-up or collection is required. You could offer to help on 1 or more evenings. Meet at 7.30 pm each evening from a designated meeting point. Please contact me if you can help and give witness to our Christian faith, showing support and unity with our fellow Christian churches.
- The **St Pauls Coffee Morning** event is on **Saturday 16th May** (10.30am – 12.30pm) in St Paul's Parish rooms. Please continue to save your Bric- a- Brac for the Corpus Christi stall and leave it in at the back of the church where it will be collected.

CTW AGM and Christian Aid service. Christian Aid week will culminate with a service at All Saints Church on **Sunday 17th May** at 6.30pm which will include a short presentation on the projects and people Christian Aid are supporting. This is an opportunity for a shared moment to come together across churches, communities and households to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world. This will be followed by the AGM for Churches Together Wokingham. All are welcome.

Mary's Month - Praying the Rosary

May is traditionally known as 'Mary's Month' among Catholics. Let us call on Mary's prayer and rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary. The Rosary is said after morning Mass each Wednesday, whenever possible. This is led by parishioners on a rotational basis.



As Churches Together in Wokingham, we're hoping to provide a team of volunteers to help keep the town centre and Elms Field litter free throughout the May Fayre.

It's a simple, practical way to demonstrate the love of God to the people of Wokingham.

We'll provide all the equipment you need and a full briefing. Please sign up and we'll be in touch nearer the time with more details about where to meet on the day.



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

*QR code links to a google form. <https://forms.gle/dsn2mnr58YWP7w5Y6>

Email any queries to hello@foundationchurch.org.uk

International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis and First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis



An International Exhibition, 'The Eucharistic Miracles of the World' is coming to Corpus Christi from the 23rd May to 7th June 2026. We warmly invite you to visit the exhibition. Bring your friends and neighbours. All are welcome. Free Entry.

This exhibition was designed and created by St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), an Italian teenager and computer whiz kid, referred to as the "patron saint of the internet".

The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days.

More details can be found on our website: www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi

Why not join Bishop Philip on a special pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi this summer from **Monday 20th July until Sunday 26th July**?

Join us on a pilgrimage to Turin in northern Italy and Assisi in central Italy to learn about and experience the lives of our two newest saints - St Carlo 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. We will visit his parish church and the family summer house in the foothills of the alps very close to the Marian shrine at Oropa. 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.



What's Included?

- Flights - * Outbound: London Gatwick to Turin. * Return: Perugia to London Heathrow
- Accommodation in central Turin and central Assisi
- Breakfast and dinner
- Local transfers in and around Turin and Assisi
- Long distance coach day with stops along route
- Visit Marian shrine in Oropa
- Visit Royal Palace in Turin - site of The Shroud
- Visit to tomb of St Carlo Acutis

Click [here](#) for more details and a booking form or [contact Canon PJ Smith](#).

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Philip invites you to join him on this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July**. It will give you the opportunity to pray for the Church, for Vocations to the priesthood, for the world, for peace, for the sick of our Diocese and all visitors and pilgrims to the Sanctuary.

The cost of the pilgrimage this year is £949 per person for a shared room, youth pilgrims can travel at £895. To find out more and to book a place please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, telephone 07780 221686 or write to Canon PJ Smith at St. Edmunds House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA.



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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.



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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