



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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14th June 2026: Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 13th June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Cecilia de Sanabria RIP*

Sunday 14th June - Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am *For the personal Intentions of parishioners who prayed to support the St Carlo Mission*

11am *Teresa Scanlon RIP*

Tuesday 16th June - Feria

7pm *Rev Canon Anthony Zollo RIP (F)*

Wednesday 17th June - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Jean Blackwell RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 18th June - Feria

NO MASS

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 19th June - Feria

11am *Funeral Mass for Patrick McGovern RIP*

Saturday 20th June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Eamon Dolan RIP*

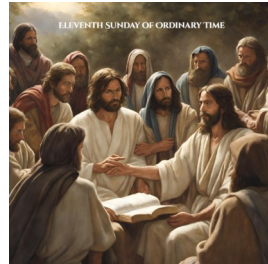
Sunday 21st June - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Philomena Banks RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual



Gospel Reflection for Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'

We are invited for a health check at our medical centre. We know we are out of shape and that we will probably get a bit of lecture! The

health practitioner takes us through a check list. How much do we drink? How much do we smoke? How much exercise do we take? How much fruit do we eat? Then we are given a bit of advice and a leaflet on healthy living. We stuff the leaflet in a pocket and escape. Any good counsellor will agree that issuing someone with a list of dos and don'ts is rarely helpful. That's not how change works. Key to facilitating change is relationship. When we talk to people and work out what is important to them and what they are struggling with, only then can we really help or be helped.

In today's gospel Jesus encourages his disciples to go out amongst the people to seek out the lost and remove the obstacles between them and God. He didn't send out the disciples in a spirit of judgment, but a spirit of empathy. Empathy and relationship are essential when it comes to helping someone to change. Jesus was able to change people's lives simply by the way in which he related to them, and he asks us to do the same.

So how do we respond to Jesus' command to share what we have learned? Do we try to impose our views on others whether they like it or not, or do we take time to gain genuine and sensitive insight to make relationship key.

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.*

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, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

Baptism

We warmly welcome Amelie Belt as she is Baptised into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 14th June**. Please keep Amelie and her family in your prayers as she begins her journey of faith.



Safeguarding Drop In - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A this **Sunday, 14th June** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



Relational Hearts Project - Inaugural Mass

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural Mass of the Relational Hearts Project will take place on **Sunday 14th June at the 11:00am Mass**. This marks the beginning of an exciting new evangelisation initiative aimed at fostering deeper relationships with Christ and with one another within our community.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for this special occasion and ask that you keep the Relational Hearts Project in your prayers, praying for its success and for all those who will be touched by this ministry.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

Join the Fightback Day 2026

Join the Fightback Day 2026 – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding a *Join the Fightback Day* this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable.



JOIN THE FIGHTBACK TODAY >>>

But recently Parliament removed legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby – at any stage, for any reason.

Self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales.

If you are shocked by this, you are not alone. Abortion extremists have gone too far, and we must not let this stand. Join us now in the fightback to bring an end to this barbarity.

Please show your support by joining SPUC's campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

Shocked? Pick up a postcard at the back of the church to find out more and what you can do to fightback. Join SPUC - and the fightback- today. Visit:

spuc.org.uk/campaign/join-the-fightback



Stop assisted suicide being brought back!

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill.

Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here:** <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

The Relational Hearts Project

Please visit the website over the coming weeks as new content will be added.

www.relhearts.org.uk

The QR code is for the RHP website where you will find a link to the Sunday evening Zoom meetings which run from 7pm until 8pm.



Relational Hearts



ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
On safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence

the first encyclical of Pope Leo XIV.

Magnifica Humanitas ('Magnificent Humanity')

On Monday 25th May 2026, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV published his first Encyclical Letter. It is called Magnifica Humanitas ('Magnificent Humanity'). It is full of helpful commentary on how in an age when artificial intelligence is really taking off, the dignity and value of human person might be safeguarded. You can read a bit more below and click on the image to the left for a brief introductory video from the Cardinal Prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development.

Magnifica Humanitas offers insights into the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognising a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress. The Church's social teaching accompanies these transformations, pointing to the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity as the fundamental benchmarks for understanding and interpreting the transformation currently underway. It proposes, as an alternative to the culture of power and war, a civilisation of love founded on justice, dialogue and shared responsibility. You can read [the text itself here](#).

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Raising awareness of domestic abuse during the football World Cup

The 2026 football World Cup began this week, and is a time of coming together in celebration, commiseration and admiration.

It is also likely to be accompanied by an increase in domestic abuse incidents, fuelled by heightened emotions, alcohol and other economic/social pressures.

A study by Lancaster University found that domestic abuse **increased by 38% when England lost a match and by 26% when they won or drew**, with a **further 11% rise the following day regardless of the result** (Solace Women's Aid, Women's Aid, Crown Prosecution Service).

Please pay attention to those around you, particularly if you already have concerns.

For local support in South Berkshire, Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA - www.berkshireromensaid.org.uk) can help. BWA provide emotional and practical support to all people experiencing domestic abuse, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexuality or background.

- A 24/7 helpline: 0808 801 0882
- Refuge accommodation
- Outreach/Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) support
- A dedicated worker in the Council's Contact, Advice and Assessment Service within Children's Services
- Safety planning
- Financial, legal, housing and other advice

[Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men | Men's Advice Line UK](#) - 0808 801 0327

If you don't feel safe at home call

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
Run by Refuge

If in immediate danger call 999




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Red Box Mission Mass Saturday 4th July



Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Corpus Christi is hosting a special Diocesan Mission Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box.

On **Saturday 4th July at 11am**, we will welcome Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director), the Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio volunteers & supporters from across the diocese.

Fr Chantry will celebrate Mass alongside Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru (Missio Diocesan Director) followed by a shared lunch in the Keenan Room. All are welcome! For more information or to offer your support for this event, please contact the parish office or Pia Drake, Parish Missio Local Secretary.

Stella Maris

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11th/12th July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org



STELLA MARIS

Curry Night Fundraiser

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Sandhurst
Saturday 11th July 7.00pm - 10.00pm

£15 per person for a two-course buffet-style meal.

- Please bring your own tipples and glasses (a selection of soft drinks will be available).
- Kindly bring your numbered ticket with you. Cash for a themed Raffle.

Plenty of free parking is available after 7:00pm.

Come along for a relaxed and sociable evening - we look forward to welcoming you!

For tickets or enquiries, please contact **Sherrie on 01344 776884** or the **Crowthorne and Sandhurst Parish Office on 01252 876820**.



Curry Night 2
FUNDRAISER

--- MENU ---

CHICKEN BIRYANI	CHICKEN CURRY
CHICKPEA CURRY	TEMPERED POTATO
DHAL CURRY	RAITA (YOGURT SALAD)
NAAN	POPPADOMS

DESSERTS
ICE CREAM | CREAM CARAMEL

CURRY NIGHT
fundraiser

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.

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.

Leaving a gift in your will

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future. These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 27th June "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to share Christ's love with others. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker **Jenny Baker**, National Leader of Celebrate Trust and Conferences Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2026 Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

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 pilgrimage will take place from **Monday 6th July** when you will gather at Heathrow airport for a morning flight to France and end when we return to Heathrow on Friday 10th July. In Lourdes you will reside (full board) at the 4 star Hotel La Solitude where all rooms are ensuite and fitted with tea/coffee making facilities. The pilgrimage will follow a full program of events led by Bishop Philip and Canon PJ Smith including visits to places of importance to St. Bernadette, the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, International Mass and opportunities to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, as well as take of the water as Mary instructed.

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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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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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.



Please refrain from bringing food and drink, including water bottles, to Mass. Church is a place for prayer, reflection and worship.