



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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31st March 2024: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year B



Traditionally at this time of year thousands of new Christians are baptised all over the world. A young man baptised recently was asked, "Do you feel different now that you are baptised and a Christian?" "Yes," he replied, "I went from believing nothing to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey."

Easter is a good time to reaffirm our faith. The Resurrection is the culmination of Christ's journey on this earth, and the beginning of our journey in faith. Our journey begins with belief in the Resurrection, but approaching the 'Empty Tomb' isn't easy. Who moved the stone we wonder. Why were the linen wrappings removed, and why was the cloth that wrapped Jesus' head rolled neatly and placed separately? In our modern day times of detective stories and forensic science there is an inclination to turn the empty tomb into a crime scene, but the problem with looking at the empty tomb from an investigative point of view is that we're in danger of missing a greater truth, and the amazing implications of a Resurrection that was after all predicted.

If we were to fully embrace the reality of the Easter story we would pour out of church bouncing with a newfound enthusiasm for life. So how do we embrace the reality of a story for which there is no proof? Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as something that was promised. Why therefore, in the context of everything else that Jesus did and said, should this surprise us?

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL EASTER!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday

11am - 12 noon *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Easter Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

8pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9am *Molly Clark RIP*

11am *Clarice Sophia Adams RIP (P)*

Saturday 6th April - Easter Saturday

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Dan Kelly RIP*

Sunday 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy, Solemnity

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Andrew Robertson RIP*

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Tuesday

2nd and Friday 5th April inclusive.

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual



St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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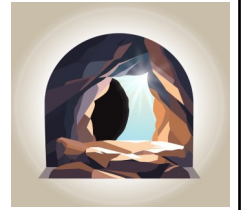


Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O’Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Pat Kerton, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell and Fr Jim Joyce.



Easter Services Times

- * Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
- * Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3.00pm
- * Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 8.00pm
- * Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday - 9.00am and 11.00am



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Last opportunity before Easter

Confessions will be available on Saturday 30th March from 11am - 12 noon.

Easter Offering

The Easter Day Collection supports our Parish Priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Canon Simon this Easter, please use the white collection buckets at the back of the Church at the Easter Masses, the Digital Collection plates or visit:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/wokingham-corporis-christi-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. Please give what you can: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.



Walk With Me Easter Booklets

Pick up a Walk with Me, An Eastertide Journey of Prayer booklet. There are copies priced at £1 each at the back of the Church. Please place the money in the baskets provided. Thank you.

Fifty Days of Easter


Easter Day is certainly the most important day of the church year, but the Easter celebration lasts a full 50 days, until Pentecost. (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April 2024 For the Role of Women

Regardless of where you live in the world, gender equality is a fundamental human right. Advancing gender equality is critical to all areas of a healthy society, from reducing poverty to promoting the health, education, protection and the well-being of both girls and boys. There has been progress over the last decades, but there is still lots to do in order to achieve the UN gender equality goal by 2030. Pope Francis invites us to join his prayer intention “...that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.”



Contactless Giving

In an increasingly cashless society, we are delighted to have installed three Digital Collection Plates this week. These provide a safe and easy way to donate to the Parish and the second collections using cards, smartphones and smartwatches. You can even Gift Aid at the point of donation! For the time being you will find them in the foyer outside the Keenan Rooms but two will eventually be located in the church porch. Alternatively, you can give online by scanning this QR code 



Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 27th April at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call SVP 0118 2114130 or email: suzettesymons@gmail.com

Au Revoir!

A Date for your Diary: Farewell to Sr Thérèse

After spending the last sixty years in Wokingham Sr Thérèse will be moving to a convent in France at the end of April. Sr Thérèse's departure is a very significant moment for the parish as we say farewell not only to her but also to the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation of Our Lady who first arrived in Wokingham 120 years ago. To mark Sister's immense contribution to St Teresa's and to Corpus Christi and to give thanks for the presence of the Dominican Sisters over the years, a Mass of Farewell and Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday 23rd April (the Solemnity of St George) at 9.30am. As the departure of the Sisters is significant also for the town, civic and ecumenical guests have been invited. Everyone is welcome.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk Congratulations to two of our parishioners, Ann and Kathy, who have reached a magnificent achievement, completing their challenges by each walking well over 200km during Lent (before the deadline!) - and a couple of others, Emma with a small contribution from Cathy, have managed that between them. Please support them in their fundraising by donating to CAFOD's Lent Appeal at our Corpus Christi parish page <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/corpus-christi-big-lent-walk-2024> for people around the world struggling to feed their families. Thank you very much.

ST FRANCIS
FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 1st April - Fri 5th April 2024
ZOOM ID : 775 3211 1654
PASSWORD : rosary



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. 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. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? 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.



New Repair Café in Wokingham town

On Saturday 13th April, the new [Wokingham Repair Café](#) will be opening its door at All Saints Church in Wokingham (RG40 1TN). This fantastic initiative, run in partnership with Wokingham in Bloom and [Maya's Refillables](#), is now being held on every second Saturday of the month, from 10am to 1pm. You can bring any old / broken items and volunteer repairers will help you fix them. It can be anything from household items or bikes or jewellery or tools that may need sharpening, etc... and you can enjoy a cup of coffee in a relaxed atmosphere while you wait or learn from the repairer! If you have any special requests, you can log them on the Repair Café website: [Request a Repair](#) as this will help the repairers get organised! The Repair Café's committee is constantly looking for volunteers with repair skills or for anyone who wants to take part as a receptionist or a triage person. If you want to lend a hand, please [contact the team](#) on their website.

Marriage Care Volunteers Needed!

Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



Volunteer as a Receptionist/Chaperone for Marriage Care at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at ease? Would you welcome some quiet time knowing that your presence is helping our **vital** relationship counselling service? We are looking for friendly and helpful volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on a weekday evening once a month to meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the counselling venue during sessions. We are currently looking at a Monday evening, not to include bank holidays. If you are interested, please email Hannah: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Friday 12th April 2024**.



Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))



Last call for Key Holders!

We are currently updating our list of key holders therefore if you hold keys to either the Church or Presbytery please contact the Parish Office.

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.

