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### Wokingham

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<https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-Wokingham-100445488273222/>

### 19th May 2024: Pentecost Sunday - Year B



The disciples who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.

What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

##### Saturday 18th May

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *For all Parishioners*

##### Sunday 19th May - Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Bruce Robertson RIP*

##### Monday 20th May - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial

10.30am *Funeral Mass for Bernie O'Keeffe*

##### Tuesday 21st May - Feria

NO MASS

##### Wednesday 22nd May - Feria

9.30am

##### Thursday 23rd May - Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, Feast

9.30am *Canon Roger Daley RIP (F)*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

##### Friday 24th May - Feria

9.30am *Bernie O'Keeffe RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

##### Saturday 25th May

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Chembakasseril Kurian Antony and Annamma Eisen RIP*

##### Sunday 26th May - The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Shirley Dale RIP*

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#### 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

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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, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Kerton who passed away on Friday 10th May and for her family and friends. Pat's funeral will be held on Wednesday 29th May at 11am

***Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***



### Confirmation 2024

Please pray for our 41 candidates on their **Confirmation Day**. The candidates will be confirmed on Saturday 18th May at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth by Bishop Philip Egan. May they be blessed on this special day and in the future.

### Happy Birthday Church

The feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.



**Laudato Si' week** – 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May - the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical which urged us to transform our lifestyles to combat the ecological and climate crises in our Common Home. Have we changed to more sustainable choices in food, energy and transport and reduced our waste? Can our faith and love plant Seeds of Hope for the future? Look for support to changes you can make in the celebration guide at [Home 2024 - Laudato Si Week](#)

### Thank you!

We are so lucky with all our volunteers but a big thank you to our Flower Arranger, Barbara for her wonderful altar arrangements over the last month helping the Church look beautiful for the First Holy Communion. Thanks also to Henry for his photography skills on both weekends and of course our catechists, Nikki, Paris and Ruth.



**Calling the young People of our Diocese. Are you about to finish your A-levels? Or finish Uni for the summer....?** Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! If you would like to know more about joining us, contact [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

### Life In The Spirit Seminar

Portsmouth Diocese is running a "Life In The Spirit Seminar" via Zoom in June and July (see the eNews announcement) and we are planning to run group sessions in the Keenan Rooms where we watch the Seminar talks together. This will run on 7 consecutive Thursday evenings from June 6th to July 18th. Read about 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' here to find out what this is all about: <https://www.charisuk.com/baptism-in-the-holy-spirit>



The Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, and life changing for most who participate. Please sign up here for our group sessions: <https://bit.ly/cc-lits>

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**Save The Date! Called and Gifted** is coming to Corpus Christi on Saturday 19th October. "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me that He has not committed to another" *St John Henry Newman*  
Please click below for more details of the Called and Gifted process. Further information to follow in the coming weeks...  
[Called and Gifted - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



### Do you work from home?

**Many people do but miss the interaction and connection with colleagues.**

On Friday 7th June, the Keenan Rooms here at Corpus Christi will be open between 12pm & 2.15pm, for those who work from home to eat their lunch in the company of others and have an opportunity to chat.



Please come along with either your own packed lunch or have our homemade lentil soup served with bread. Tea and coffee will be provided. Anybody who works from home is warmly invited. This is not just for parishioners. Please tell your friends. We are planning to run this once a month if there is demand, so please do support it if you can.

Any queries, call Hannah in the office at Corpus Christi on 0118 978 0348. Please sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/CC-soup-lunch> or the QR code. Thank you.

Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own