

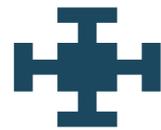
Corpus  
Christi

## Corpus Christi

### Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



Corpus  
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Link for live streamed Masses:

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

### **7th and 14th April 2024: Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy and Third Sunday of Easter - Year B**



Please welcome back Fr Tom McGrath who will be joining us at Corpus Christi this weekend, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April, and will be saying Mass in Canon Simon's absence.

#### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 6th April - Saturday within Octave of Easter**

**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**

**Tuesday 9th April - of the 2nd Week of Easter**

**7pm Peter McDonagh RIP**

**Wednesday 10th April - of the 2nd Week of Easter**

**9.30am Private Intention**

**Thursday 11th April - of the 2nd Week of Easter**

**St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, memorial**

**9.30am Patrick and Ellen Faherty RIP**

**8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday 12th April - of the 2nd Week of Easter**

**9.30am Dennis Dent RIP**

**10am Praying the Rosary**

**Saturday 13th April - of the 2nd Week of Easter**

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm Kathleen Blee RIP**

**Sunday 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter**

**9am Roy de Noronha RIP - 1st Anniversary**

**11am Peter McDonagh RIP**

**Tuesday 16th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**7pm Jenna Hegarty RIP**

**Wednesday 17th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**9.30am All the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday 18th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, memorial**

**9.30am Lizzie Roberts RIP**

**8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday 19th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**9.30am Christina Maloney RIP**

**10am Praying the Rosary**

**Saturday 20th April - of the 3rd Week of Easter**

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm Private Intention**

**Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9am People of the Parish**

**11am Gillian Dunne RIP - 15th Anniversary**

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#### **St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)

#### **Important Contacts**

##### **Other Priests of the Pastoral Area:**

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Fr. Danny McAvoy (Bracknell) - 01344 425729

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[safeguarding.wok@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.wok@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SVP:** 01182 114130

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](mailto: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.

*Thank you*

Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers especially in the run up to, and during, Holy week. We are grateful to you all for your willingness to give your time, energy and talents.



**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.



**Gospel Reflection for The Second Sunday of Easter - Doubt and Disbelief**

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening? In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap.

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt isn't the same thing as disbelief. Doubt can be a good thing even. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers ..... that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.

**CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development**

CAFOD Big Lent Walk THANK YOU very much to all who have generously sponsored our parish walkers - two of whom having walked over 300km each and another 200km - with a grand total a couple of km short of 1,000km! So far, £555 has been raised for CAFOD through our parish justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/team/corpus-christi-wokingham-big-lent-walkers> which is still open for donations. Thank you.

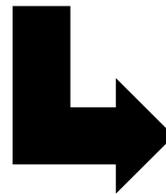
**Au Revoir!**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Contactless Giving**

In an increasingly cashless society, we are delighted to have installed three Digital Collection Plates. 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



**Wokingham Foodbank**

School holidays, like the Easter break, can be a difficult time for people facing hardship. The food shop becomes more expensive and activities to keep the kids entertained can be costly. Here is an updated list of items the Foodbank is low on. Please donate if you can.

- Tinned cold meat
- Squash
- Coffee
- Tinned lentils/chickpeas/mixed vegetables
- Small laundry detergent
- Anti-bacterial cleaning spray



**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.





### 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](mailto:suzettesymons@gmail.com)



Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](https://careers-catholicdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk),  
([portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))

A. B. WALKER

## Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 21st April at 4pm



Reading Minster Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
St. Mary's Butts, Reading, RG1 2LG

All are welcome to join us for a heartfelt gathering of reflection, support, and shared memories.

[www.abwalker.co.uk](http://www.abwalker.co.uk)

**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 8th April - Fri 12th April 2024  
ZOOM ID : 733 3070 6466  
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### Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter - Enlightenment

When we are struggling with our faith, we might be tempted to think that as long as we are 'good people' that will suffice. But what sets those who are simply 'good people' and 'Christians' apart? The other disciples were really not so very different from Doubting Thomas. When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines three pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. He shows them the marks on his hands and feet, he invites them to touch and check that he is flesh and blood, and he shares a meal with them. But it is only when Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has

happened, the risen Christ draws the disciples out of their confusion. Amongst some of his famous last words to them, were words of encouragement to go and preach his message and a reminder of prophecies fulfilled and promises made.

Being a Christian today isn't easy, and simply accepting the Jesus we have grown up with sometimes isn't enough to sustain us. Perhaps we have given up believing and think that being a good person will be good enough. Understanding the difference between living life simply as a good person, and living life as a Christian comes of believing in the risen Jesus. As Christians we are continually striving to follow Christ's example. Today, through prayer, scripture debate, and putting faith into action, we continually work for the same enlightenment and understanding that Jesus gave his early disciples. To find that enlightenment we need to look to scripture as the disciples did. We need to look at the authors of the books within the Bible and understand who they were, something of the times they lived in, and who their audience was. There are commentaries to read and videos to watch, and of course, the Bible itself. We don't need to be great scholars. The original disciples weren't. All we need is the desire for enlightenment.



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better relationships  
better lives

### 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

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provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by Friday 12th April 2024.

### UCM - CYBER SCAMS and VICTIM SUPPORT

The next meeting of the UCM is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm in the Keenan Rooms. The Speakers from Thames Valley Police and Trading Standards will talk about Cyber Scams and Victim Support. The meeting is open to all parishioners.



### TO THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH

#### UNITED IN FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

There is an organisation in this Parish called the Union of Catholic Mothers. Why don't you belong to it? You do not have to be a Mother to join; just interested in meeting up with other ladies in the parish and promoting a Catholic viewpoint in an increasingly unChristian world.

#### WHO WE ARE

We are a National Organisation of Catholic Women, open to all women of all ages who support our aims and objectives in 'prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world'.

#### WHEN DO WE MEET

We meet fortnightly in term-time to enjoy social events, theatre and cinema outings, Speakers, summer walks, games and quizzes.

#### WHAT WE DO

Throughout our 100 year history we have been involved in current affairs, particularly those that impact on family life, lobbying our MPs and MEPs to protect the marginalised and vulnerable in society both home and abroad. We are affiliated to other like minded organisations, are active in our parishes and support each other in love and prayer.

#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE

Please contact our Secretary, Marie Tomlin. Email: [mvc.tomlin@btinternet.com](mailto:mvc.tomlin@btinternet.com).

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