



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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5th May 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B



Young couples in love promise each other that their love for each other will never die but the problem with our love for each other is that subconsciously it can be conditional. We can love a partner who is young and beautiful, but will our love survive when that partner is old, toothless and out of shape? We might love a partner who is always cheerful and makes us smile, but will our love fade if that partner becomes clinically depressed or seriously ill? When problems rear their head, does love walk out of the door? We wouldn't like to admit it at the outset of a relationship, but human love can be conditional.

God's love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today's gospel Jesus says, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love..." does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God's commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn? The important thing for us to understand is that God's love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. Human love, especially if we are a little immature, can be something we simply bestow on each other. God's love is a state of being. God's love is simply there and doesn't go away. It's us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God's love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God's commandments isn't about following a list of strict rules in return for God's love, it's about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way.

Those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven't done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline "This I command you... to love one another." The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all important question. "Is God's love for me, and my love for my neighbour pointing out the answer?"

Mass Schedule and Intentions

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

Saturday 4th May - The English Martyrs, Feast

11am First Holy Communion Mass

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm The Barreto Family Intentions

Sunday 5th May- Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am Michael Page RIP - 5th Anniversary

11am People of the Parish

Tuesday 7th May - of the 6th Week of Easter

7pm The Driscoll Family Intentions

Wednesday 8th May - of the 6th Week of Easter

9.30am Rita McDonagh's Intentions

Thursday 9th May - The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity

9.30am

7.30pm People of the Parish

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10th May - of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

9.30am

10am Praying the Rosary

Saturday 11th May - of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

11am First Holy Communion Mass

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm For all the children in the Parish who have made their First Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am People of the Parish

11am Dave Williams RIP



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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, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.



First Holy Communion - Saturday 4th May 2024

Please pray for the boys and girls from our parish making their First Holy Communion this Saturday. May they be blessed on this special day and in the future.



Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Fr Marcus Brisley, parish priest of Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, who will be celebrating the Masses this weekend whilst Canon Simon will be at St Joseph's, Bracknell. As the three parishes move towards becoming one parish in due course, our priests will move around every first weekend of the month so that they get to know the different communities and likewise the communities get to know them.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

One of the most disconcerting aspects of a family member or friend leaving the well-worn track of education, career and marriage to follow a religious vocation can be the loss of familiar points of reference. Family and friends worry that they can't offer advice or that important life decisions are being made according to criteria that they don't understand. The best policy in these situations is to try to listen carefully and without criticism. There is no need for family or friends to express support for a possible vocation until they are ready to do this sincerely. It's fine for family and friends to be honest about their worries as long as they make it clear that their love, acceptance and support will always be there. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention that **"...that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."**



Peace Actions for May

- Remember that May is traditionally Mary's month and **pray the Rosary for peace.**
- Use **World Communications Day (12th May)** to spread messages of hope on social media.
- Remember the work of Fair Trade organisations, their suppliers and workers. Pray for an increased awareness of the need to buy fairly traded goods especially on **World Fair Trade Day (11th May).**
- Support **Christian Aid Week from 12th -18th May.**





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 6th May - FRI 10th May
ZOOM ID : 863 6110 6453
 PASSWORD : rosary



Sponsored by the KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - Province 41 WESTMINSTER
 London North - Hanwell - Edmonton - Palmers Green - Sudbury - Harrow - St Albans - Uxbridge -
 Willesden Green - Mill Hill High Wycombe - Wood Green - Chiswick - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead -
 Letchworth - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square - Yeading - Whiston Wembley - Thames Valley
 ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON - www.stfranciscasot.co.uk/NEWSLETTER

Singers needed at 9am Mass



The group that leads the singing at 9am Masses on Sundays would very much welcome more singers. There is a degree of commitment (but quite a lot of fun!) as we meet every two or three weeks in the choir loft on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, and members are expected to attend practices whenever they can. If you are interested, please come up to the choir loft after 9am Mass on any Sunday and speak to a member of the choir.



Missio Supporters/ Red Box Holders

If you have a Red Box which needs emptying, please could you hand it in to the Parish Office. If you are not currently using your Red Box, but would like to continue your donations to Missio, there are several methods you could use, such as using the Digital Collection plates in the church porch, giving online at missio.org.uk/redbox or setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. Money from the Red Boxes supports missionary dioceses and the spread of the Gospel overseas as well as supporting the formation and training of future missionaries. This includes helping to build churches and aiding the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children in mission dioceses.

The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation -Thursday 9th May

On this day Jesus tells us, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch the garden will soon be a small paradise!



Christian Aid Week (May 12-18th 2024)

Just a reminder that there will be a box at the back of the church at all masses this weekend and next, for requested donations of small, unwanted items, which we hope to sell on the Corpus Christi table, at the charity sale at St Pauls Parish Rooms on the 18th May. All money raised will be donated to Christian Aid. Everybody welcome to come along 10.45am - 12.45pm.

We would also like to appeal again for volunteers to spend ¾ hour or so delivering envelopes around our local streets, as part of a group, during C.A.Week. (Full details in the Newsletter of 28th April). Please get in touch if you have any queries (Frankie Chard - 0118 9784630) Thank you so much.



Extraordinary



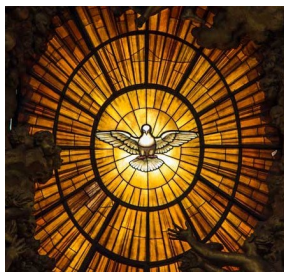
**Christian Aid Service 6pm
Sunday 12th May
All Saints Church**

**followed by the
Churches Together AGM
All welcome!**



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.



****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 the link for more details of the Called and Gifted process. Further information will follow in the coming weeks.....

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The charity Doug Clearly works for, Hope Health Action, are running one of their biggest ever fundraising campaigns this month, Matched May, with the aim of raising funds for their disability projects in Haiti, Uganda and South Sudan. For the whole month, all donations (up to the value of £5,000) will be doubled, thanks to £30,000 of match funds from a generous foundation.

Tune in to HHA'S BBC Radio 4 Appeal

As part of Matched May, HHA will be featured on the BBC Radio 4 Appeal! Tune on **Sunday May 5th at 07:54 and 21:25**, and again on **Thursday May 9th at 15:27** to hear paralympic champion Ellie Simmonds explain why your support matters so much this month. Disability does not have to mean inability.

For further details of the work they do please visit hopehealthaction.org



課程單元

- 1 歡迎來到英國
- 2 了解英國文化
- 3 交朋友
- 4 健康
- 5 解決問題
- 6 公民身份

在Welcome Course，我們誠邀你透過網上討論或面對面的形式，跟新朋友一起討論英國生活和文化。如果跟本地「知情人士」來一場輕鬆、有趣的討論是你「那杯茶」的話，就千萬不要錯過Welcome Course囉。

[歡迎從香港來到英國的鄰居] 6節課程資訊

新課程即將開始！

週三上午10點至11點30分

4月24日，5月8日和22日

6月5日，12日，26日

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免費預約

www.wokinghambaptist.org.uk/welcomecourse



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities



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.

Calling the young People of our Diocese. Are you about to finish your A-levels? Or about to 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. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.