



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

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26th March 2023: Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

The most unsettling parts of the Bible are the bits where Jesus doesn't do exactly what we expect. Today Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha send him a message to come quickly because their brother Lazarus is dying. We would expect Jesus to drop everything and go quickly to their house. Instead, he hangs around for a couple of days and does nothing. What can he be thinking of? In truth, the delay is an essential part of the story. If Jesus had simply raised Lazarus from feeling unwell the story would have lacked poignancy, and no one would have had their faith significantly deepened that day. That Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead has a dramatic and profound impact on all not least Lazarus himself.

We might have expected Lazarus to have more to say on the matter. We might wish that he had shared a couple of life after death experiences with us, but it seems that Lazarus and his experiences are not really the point of the story. The main point of the story is Jesus' ability to transform the meaning of life and death for those who trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." In bringing Lazarus back to life, Jesus shows the crowds that death need hold no fear for those who place their trust in him. It is truly life changing to know that we are invited to place this much faith in God. To know that God can handle any situation in which we find ourselves, and that he knows how to lead us through it. All we have to do is focus our faith on God rather than our own imagined solutions. Expect surprises. Expect a God who can guide us through life with all its challenges.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 25th March

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Pauline Clark RIP*

Sunday 26th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am *Edith and Edward Pritchard RIP (F)*

11am *Anne Moriarty RIP*

Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March

NO MASS

Thursday 30th March - of the 5th Week of Lent

9.30am *Joy Phillips' 90th Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Friday 31st March - of the 5th Week of Lent

7.30am *Felomena Rodrigues RIP - 1st Anniversary*

6.30pm - 7pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

7.30pm - 8pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 1st April

11am - 12 noon *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Molly Clark RIP*

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9am *Clarice Sophia Adams RIP (F)*

11am *Andrew Robertson RIP - 6th Anniversary*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

Parish Office Opening Times:-

Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 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, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Bernie O'Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Rita King, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

Lenten Extras

1. Friday Mass time Changes

On the Fridays of Lent Mass will be at the earlier time of 7.30am. This gives those going to work or to school the opportunity to start the day with a time of quiet reflection.

2. Stations of the Cross

On Fridays at 7pm why not come and walk the Way of the Cross as we recall Jesus' Passion and death?

3. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Extra Confessions will be available on Fridays from 6.30pm to 7pm and from 7.30pm to 8pm (following Stations of the Cross) and on Saturday 1st and 8th April from 11am - 12 noon.



Children's Liturgy

Please may we remind parents to complete the weekly slip each time your child attends the Children's Liturgy to aid in the registration process. We welcome all children in Year 3 and below however, please ensure any children younger than reception age are accompanied by an adult. If your child has recently joined Children's liturgy, please also complete the one off registration form so we have all of your details on record. Both forms are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please ask one of our liturgists.



LiveSimply - Do you have a sunny spot in your garden to welcome nature in? We'll be giving out **wildflower seeds** to parishioners after Easter to plant in 1 sqm of ground. Please see attached information on preparing your patch **now** or go to <https://rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/grow-wildlife-friendly-flowers/>

Don't forget **Earth Hour** this Saturday 25th March at 8.30pm. Find out more about **LiveSimply** in the parish after Masses this weekend.



Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 30th March

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 30th March after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. This will be led by the UCM and is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.

Calling all Altar Servers for Holy Week

Please remember to register your availability on the sheets in the Sacristy for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Canon Simon and Jeremy will be holding a Servers Practice on Maundy Thursday at 3.00pm, and it is important that if you wish to serve that you attend this practice, so that you will be familiar with your duties at the various services.

Wokingham Foodbank - Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives

Wokingham Foodbank is run by local people for local people - they rely on the community's support to ensure they can continue to stop people going hungry. Can you invest in the future of their project and help them provide much needed support to people in crisis in our community? The foodbank relies on your donations of food and finance and they are very grateful for your support! If you can donate money please click on the link <https://wokingham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> About half of the food that is needed comes from permanent collection points in locations like supermarkets, council offices and churches. The remainder is collected at Harvest Festival and at their regular special collections at the supermarkets.



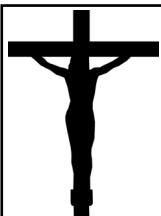
If you would like to donate to the Foodbank they are short of the following items:

*Toilet roll *Shaving foam *Washing up liquid * Antibacterial Cleaning Spray *Small packets of laundry detergent *Sponge puddings *Tinned cold meat and *Tinned fruit.

Please put donations in the collection baskets at local supermarkets or in the box in the church porch. Your generosity means that families, adults and children, who can't afford to feed themselves do not go hungry. Thank You.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions

Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 27th to Friday 31st March at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Zoom ID: 75856066069 Password for each day: [rosary](https://75856066069)



Holy Week and Easter Services Times

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday - 8.00pm
Friday 7th April - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm
Friday 7th April - Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm
Saturday 8th April - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 8.00pm
Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday - 9.00am and 11.00am



Important! 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.