



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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26th February 2023: First Sunday of Lent - Year A



If we imagine that temptation never seems to come our way, could it be that we're not worth the devil's attention? We tend to think of temptation as something that will lead us into a life of crime or immorality, but temptation is simply anything that threatens to take us away from God. If temptation never seems to come our way, perhaps it's because we are not trying to be close to God in the first place.

Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?" The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self-interest. Self-interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self-interest on a back burner and put in the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. After all, we can't be tempted away from our path in life if we've no idea what our path in life is. If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 25th February

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Justin Buttigieg RIP (F)*

Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

9am *Brian Ware RIP*

11am *Barry Bennett RIP*

Tuesday 28th February - of the 1st Week of Lent

7pm *Doyle Vas' Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 1st March - St David, Religious, Bishop, Feast

9.30am - *Franciszek Skrakowski RIP*

Thursday 2nd March - 1st Week of Lent

9.30am

Friday 3rd March - of the 1st Week of Lent

7.30am

6.30pm - 7pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

7.30pm - 8pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 4th March

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Norma Williams RIP*

Sunday 5th March - Second Sunday of Lent

9am *Maureen Goodall RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Bill and Nancy McCormack RIP*

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, 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).



Parish Panto raises over £2,000 for local Children's Charity



The Corpus Christi Parish Pantomime Group raised an amazing £2,258.12 for the First Days Children's Charity Wokingham this year with their version of Jack and the Beanstalk. Director Martin Robins, said: "I am so proud of the cast for the quality of the show they produced. We all put in a huge amount of effort and it really came out in the performance. Thank you to the entire cast and everyone who helped, both on the stage and off stage as well. It's amazing what you can achieve with a little silliness, powder, paint & song." If you are interested in joining in the parish panto next year, either on stage or behind the scenes, contact parishpantcc@gmail.com, the group will be starting to plan next years' panto very soon and anyone connected with the parish in some way is welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 8 and above

Any young person who would like to find out about the Sacrament of Confirmation please let us know by contacting the Parish office. We are aware of the age range of young people yet to be confirmed in our parish and the programme will be organised according to age.

We would also warmly welcome catechists to ensure that this can go ahead. Experienced or brand new to this - please get in touch: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



LiveSimply @ Corpus Christi - Our parish is starting out on a journey to show that we can live more simply, live more sustainably and live in solidarity with people who are poor – see *last week's introduction*. Do you have any idea of the size of your environmental footprint? Take a minute to find out at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> (N.B. scroll down for result without signing up to WWF) and record it anonymously on the chart in the Keenan Rooms! Can you think of ways to lower it? Are you interested in joining a **LiveSimply** group to help with our progress?



Calling all Musicians

A parish music morning will take place in the Keenan Rooms on Saturday 4th March from 9.30-11am. It is open to everyone who plays and/or sings (young, old and in-between) who may wish to contribute to the music ministry going forward.

Whether you have played in the past or not, we are looking to tap into the musical talent in our Parish. Sheet music and guitar chords will be provided. We will be playing a variety of hymns, some very well-known as well as newer ones, all suited to playing as a group on guitars with other instruments.

If this is of interest please contact Julie Evans with your name, the instrument you will bring and at what level you play (for example, any grades passed). Please bring a music stand if possible and a capo if you play the guitar. We look forward to seeing you there! 07786 230604 or jules27b@hotmail.com



Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give either today or in our collection next weekend using the fast day envelope or QR code or on-line at cafod.org.uk/give and please pray for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Thank you.

You can see more about Dristy and Rupali in Bangladesh at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU&t=34s>



Fast day Soup Lunch - please join us in the Keenan Rooms from 12.15pm on **Friday 3rd March** with donations to CAFOD.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27th February to 12th March. Look out for the Fairtrade symbol when you're doing your shopping. Fairtrade empowers farmers and workers in developing



countries with better prices and working conditions and fairer terms of trade. We are a Fairtrade church, so please make sure when serving refreshments in the Keenan rooms that you are using tea and coffee with the Fairtrade symbol.



Day of Recollection on Saturday 11th March 2023

The Union of Catholic Mothers, Corpus Christi, Wokingham Foundation invites you to A DAY OF RECOLLECTION. Where we were, where we are and where we are going - Feminist Theology, led by Dr. Judith Thomas and Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM. From 10:00 am on Saturday 11th March 2023 here in the Keenan Rooms. The programme for the Day includes Mass at 12:15 pm. The price for the Day is £10 per person and includes a Buffet lunch and coffee and tea at the beginning and end of the day. Parishioners from Corpus Christi can sign up for the Day using the sign up sheet on the UCM noticeboard.



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.



Ministry of Welcome

Conscious of how appreciative Parishioners were of the Stewards during the pandemic, we would like to set up a welcoming team for our weekend Masses. The role would involve being in the Church porch at least 15 minutes before the Mass begins to greet people as they arrive and to give out Mass books/Hymn books. Any new Parishioners could be identified and invited to register with the Parish. If you would be interested in exercising this Ministry, please email Hannah in the Parish office on wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0118 9780348. Welcomers must be 18 plus. (Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.)

The **Rosary** will now be said on Thursdays instead of Fridays after morning mass during Lent.



Little Flowers Baby and Toddler Group

We're looking for volunteers to help with the running of the playgroup on Wednesdays (term time only) in the Keenan Rooms. For more information please contact little_flowers@outlook.com



St David's Day - 1st March 2023

David's most well-known saying was, 'Do the little things in life.' It's easy to think that only the big things count. If everyone did little acts of kindness every day we would leave the world a better place.

Women's World Day of Prayer - 3rd March 2023

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March 2023. This year the women of Taiwan call us to worship together considering the words from Ephesians 1:15-19, "I Have Heard About Your Faith."

St Paul's Church, Reading Road, Wokingham will be hosting the World Day of Prayer Service. All are welcome to this ecumenical service which starts at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.



Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy Portsmouth Diocese

On behalf of the Nigerian Catholic Community in the Diocese of Portsmouth (NCCDP), Fr. Daniel Msugh-Agber, Chaplain of NCCPD and Parish Priest of Christ the King Catholic Church, would like to invite you to a Mass for all Nigerians and their friends in the Reading, Wokingham, Finchampstead, Bracknell, Basingstoke, Farnborough areas.

This event will mark the second of the bi-monthly Masses in the area. The special Mass will take place on **Sunday 12th March at 12 noon in Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley Reading, RG2 8NR.**

Please bring a plate of food to share with others for the refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to join this vibrant celebration of the Eucharist.

Please contact the parish office on **0118 9756954** for information.

Thank you very much for your anticipated positive response.

Fr. Daniel Agber and the Planning Committee NCCPD



a simple solution to world hunger

It has been two weeks since the devastating earthquakes in Syria. In this short space of time, we have worked really quickly to deliver food to those in need, which has allowed us to deliver much-needed food aid to those in urgent need.

On the ground, we are working with our local partner, Dorcas, to feed more than 5,000 children and families every day - and we will expand our emergency response as funds allow.

We expect some of the schools where we usually serve Mary's Meals to re-open soon. As well as continuing with our emergency response, we will return to feeding children in those schools in Aleppo. Safe in class with their friends, and relishing the routine that education brings, these little ones can learn their way to a better future.

No donation is too small - please give what you can to our [Syria Earthquake Appeal](#) today.



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