



# Corpus Christi

## Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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



### **2nd April 2023: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A**

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two-thousand-year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives. We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough? We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise. We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

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

##### **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 (P)*

**11am** *Andrew Robertson RIP - 6th Anniversary*

##### **Tuesday 4th April - of Holy Week**

**NO MASS**

##### **Wednesday 5th April - of Holy Week**

**9.30am** *Avelino Vas RIP - Anniversary*

*(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual*

#### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

##### **Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**8pm** *Francesca Vincent's Welfare*

*(Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm)*

##### **Friday 7th April - Good Friday**

**12.30am** *Stations of the Cross*

**3pm** *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

##### **Saturday 8th April**

**11am - 12 noon** *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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

**8pm** *Vivian Parry RIP - 50th Anniversary*

##### **Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**9am** *People of the Parish*

**11am** *In Thanksgiving from Farida Rodrigues and Lorna Lobo*

#### **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](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
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#### **Important Contacts**

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Fr Kevin Bidgood (Ascot) - 01344 620591

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

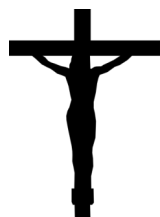
Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

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



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.



### 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



### Sacrament of Reconciliation - Last opportunity before Easter

Extra Confessions will be available on Saturday 1st and 8th April from 11am - 12 noon.

## Easter Triduum



The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. The Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.

### Easter Triduum

### Easter Offering

The Easter Day Collection supports our Parish Priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Canon Simon in his mission and ministry this Easter, please use the white collection buckets at the back of the Church at the Easter Masses or visit: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/wokingham-corpus-christi-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2023> Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### 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.

### St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions

Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 3rd to Friday 7th April at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.  
 Zoom ID: 74283922494  
 Password for each day: rosary



### OLN - Fundraiser

Parishioner Nick Gorton, who visited Our Lady of Nazareth school in Nairobi last year, is running a marathon for the Corpus Christi Africa Fund on the 7 May to raise funds for uji porridge. Some of the proceeds will also go to the MIND mental health charity. You can read more by using the following link: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nick-gorton?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=5ddR4PKDJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nick-gorton?utm_id=1&utm_term=5ddR4PKDJ) All donations go directly to the charities and are greatly appreciated.



### Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 48, who has won the March draw of £50.00.

### Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for April 2023

#### For a culture of peace and non-violence

Governments support the arms industry by arguing that it supports jobs and protects our security. Christians argue that security is not advanced by waging war and supporting repression, or by spending billions on nuclear weapons systems and aircraft carriers. It is advanced by building fairer societies that support the most vulnerable, and by investing in public services. Pope Francis urges us this month to build a safer world, where real human needs are prioritised. This month we are invited to join Pope Francis's prayer intention. **"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens."**



### Job Vacancy - Estates Manager/Building Surveyor

The Diocese of Portsmouth currently have an exciting opportunity for an Estates Manager/Building Surveyor with building surveying and asset management experience. Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for application: Thursday 6th April 2022.



**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.



# GOOD FRIDAY

## IN WOKINGHAM

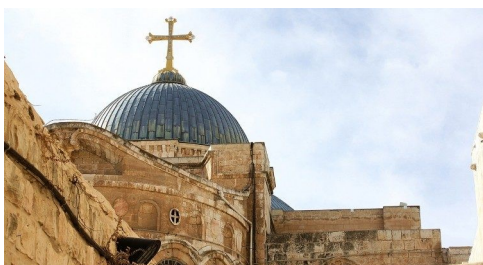
### JOIN US TO WALK WITH THE CROSS



**11.30** Hot cross buns, coffee and a short service at the Methodist Church, Rose Street

**12.00** Follow the Cross to the Market Place. Pause to worship and pray. Continue with the Cross to Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Rd

**12.30** Stations of the Cross service at Corpus Christi (30 mins)



#### Good Friday Holy Land Appeal - Second Collection

In most Catholic parishes around the world, a Good Friday Collection will be taken up to aid Christian parishes and their outreaches in the Holy Land. This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Blessed Pope Paul VI.

According to Paul VI, the collection was created “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

Today, there are approximately 150,000 Christians living in the Holy Land. As this Christian population struggles to survive in a volatile political environment, this appeal gives them a reason to remain in their homes, providing education, housing and humanitarian support, and thus safeguarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Good Friday Collection is the main source of funds for the maintenance of Christian life around these Sacred Sites. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, baskets will be in the porch after Mass or you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023>. You will be able to contribute via this page from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you for your support.

**Fasting and Abstinence** - Good Friday is to be observed as a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement.