



# Corpus Christi

## Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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### 5th March 2023: Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps, they say, he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem. What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

##### 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*

##### Tuesday 7th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

7pm

##### Wednesday 8th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

9.30am - *Maureen Goodall RIP - 1st Anniversary*

##### Thursday 9th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

9.30am *Alfred Kuczerawy RIP*

##### Friday 10th March - of the 2nd Week of Lent

7.30am

6.30pm - 7pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

7.30pm - 8pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

##### Saturday 11th March

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm

##### Sunday 12th March - Third Sunday of Lent

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *William and Winifred Sawyers 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](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
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#### Important Contacts

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#### St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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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).



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

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2023

#### For victims of abuse



Pope Francis tells us, "In response to cases of abuse, especially to those committed by members of the Church, it's not enough to ask for forgiveness. Asking for forgiveness is necessary, but it is not enough. Asking for forgiveness is good for the victims, but they are the ones who have to be "at the centre" of everything. Their pain and their psychological wounds can begin to heal if they find answers —if there are concrete actions to repair the horrors they have suffered and to prevent them from happening again. The Church cannot try to hide the tragedy of abuse of any kind. Nor when the abuse takes place in families, in clubs, or in other types of institutions. The Church must serve as a model to help solve the issue and bring it to light in society and in families. The Church must offer safe spaces for victims to be heard, supported psychologically, and protected." This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention **"...for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."**



### Lent Appeal

This Lent, our donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis such as those in Bangladesh and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. Please donate in our collection today using the fast day envelope or QR code or on-line at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) and please pray for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Thank you.

### 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 contact Hannah in the Parish office on [wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 0118 9780348. Welcomers must be 18 plus. (Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.)



**Chess Player?** Do you, or someone you know, play chess? SVP is looking for someone to give an elderly parishioner a game from time to time. Please contact Graham Powell 07940 812031.

### St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions

Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 6th to Friday 10th March at 1.30pm.

30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.

Zoom ID: **74278086315**

Password for each day: **rosary**



### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to 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.

### Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket Nos 61 and 52 who have won the January and February draws of £50.00 each.



**Live Simply** - as we continue our Lenten duties of fasting, prayer and almsgiving and make our donations following the CAFOD Fast Day, let us also remember the people in our local community who are in need by supporting the Wokingham Foodbank. The foodbank would particularly welcome donations of tinned meat, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, toilet rolls, shaving foam, small packs of washing detergent, or washing up liquid. Please place foodbank donations in the collection baskets at local supermarkets or in the box at the back of the church.



#### 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](mailto:little.flowers@outlook.com)

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



#### 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.



#### National Novena to St Joseph: 11th - 19th March 2023

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) at 10am; Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) at 11am; Monday - Friday (13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, telephone 01628 673178, or email: [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

#### 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**



#### Astra Recycling



St Teresa's have installed a textile recycling bin on the playground. As well as keeping unwanted textile out of land fill, the school will receive a payment for each kilo collected. Please help the school if you can, access to the bin will be at weekend Mass times when the carpark is open.

Below is a list of acceptable items. Please ensure that everything is securely bagged before putting it in to the bin. Thank you.

**Astra Recycling Recycle can take:**

**Clothes, shoes, bedlinen, accessories (such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves and handbags) as well as soft toys**

**They can't take:**

**Duvets or cushions, off cuts, used underwear or socks, carpets or curtains.**



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**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.

