



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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4th January 2026: Second Sunday after The Nativity

To Bear Witness About the Light

Jesus Christ, radiant centre of glory,
image of our God, the invisible Father,
revealer of his eternal designs,
prince of peace;
father of the world to come...

For our sake he took the likeness of a slave,
becoming flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
without intervention of man;
for our sake, wrapped in swaddling bands
and laid in a manger
adored by the shepherds
and hymned by the angelic powers, who sang:
Glory to God in the heavens
and on earth peace and good to men.

Make us worthy, Lord, to celebrate and to
conclude in peace the feast which magnifies
the rising of your light, by avoiding empty
words, working with justice,
fleeing from the passions and raising up the
spirit above earthly goods.

Bless your Church, formed long ago
to be united with yourself through your
life-giving blood.

Come to the aid of your faithful shepherds,
of the priests and the teachers of your
Gospel.

Bless your faithful whose only hope is in
your mercy; Christian souls,

the sick, those who are tormented in
spirit and those who have asked us to
pray for them.

Have pity, in your infinite clemency, and
preserve us in fitness to
receive the future, endless good things.
We celebrate your glorious nativity
with the Father who sent you for our
redemption,
with the life-giving Spirit,
now and for ever and through all ages.
Amen.

From an ancient Syriac Liturgy

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 3rd January

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm

Sunday 4th January - Second Sunday after The Nativity

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Edward Sirju RIP*

Tuesday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord, solemnity

9.30am *St Teresa's Catholic Academy School Mass*

7pm *People of the Parish*

Wednesday 7th January - St Raymond of Peñafort, Religious, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Derek Aburn RIP*

Thursday 8th January 2026 - Liturgy of the Day

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 9th January - Liturgy of the Day

11am *Funeral Mass for Etnea Shekuluwa RIP*

Saturday 10th January

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Joseph Myalil RIP - 5th Anniversary*

Sunday 11th January - The Baptism of the Lord, feast

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Mary Todd RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Derek Davey.

Thank You

From Canon Simon and Owen

Canon Simon thanks everyone for all the cards and gifts he received and especially for the generous Christmas Offering.

Owen also adds his thanks for the cards and gifts.

You are warmly invited to join the reception for the **Three Wise Men** on **Sunday 4th January 2026**, after the 9am and 11am Mass in the Keenan Rooms.



- The event is free of charge and especially designed for children.
- It will last about 15 minutes and is organised by the Wokingham Catenians.
- Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar will personally distribute sweets to the children.

We look forward to celebrating together!



***Mirror, mirror on the wall....
could this be the silliest show of all?***

Tickets are now on sale for the Parish Pantomime: Snow White. An adaptation of the classic fairytale, our family friendly parish panto returns in January. Full of pantomime characters you'll love, this year we are supporting local charity *The Cowshed*.

Show Times :

3pm or 7pm on Saturday 31st January 2026

3pm on Sunday 1st February 2026

Location: Caldwell Hall Theatre, Holme Grange School, Wokingham, RG40 3AL

Full details & Online box office:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish/event/snow-white>



WANT TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO SOMETHING GREAT?

Bishop Philip Egan invites you to find out more about the priesthood. Scan the QR code to join the discussion.



SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY

St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth, PO1 3QA

3PM



Corpus Christi 200 Club



The 200 Club is a monthly draw organised by the Parish, with a monthly £50.00 prize to the winning number. Annual subscriptions are just £12.00 per number and this helps provide a very useful additional income stream to the Parish as well as giving an excellent opportunity to win £50.00!

There are a number of unallocated numbers for 2026 and we urge you to take up these numbers to ensure the viability of the 200 Club. Application Forms are available at the back of the Church and from the Parish Office, please return to the office when completed.



2026 THEME:
THE GREATEST GIFT IS LOVE
The transformative power
of God's Love

God is Love

RELATING TO GOD AS "ABBA"
OUR PERFECT FATHER



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Please detail who the Mass is to be offered for together with your name and contact details. 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. 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.



Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal 24th January on Zoom
Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise; Prayer; Talk by Fr. Chris Thomas.

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2026
More information from www.altonrenewal.com

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.



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