



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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12th April 2026: Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 11th April

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Mary Fearon RIP*

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy

9am *Dominic Smith RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Sophie Proctor - In Thanksgiving for her 11th Birthday*

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th April inclusive.

Wednesday 15th April

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

Thursday 16th April

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 18th April

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

9am *Gillian Dunne RIP - 17th Anniversary*

11am *Norah O'Brien RIP (F)*

(F) *Foundation*

(P) *Perpetual*

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.



Gospel Reflection for Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy Moving Mountains

We live in an age where everything has to be 'seen to be believed'. If we haven't heard it on Breakfast News or read it on the front page of 'The Independent', then it can't be true. For a scientist to act in faith rather than on proven fact, or for a detective to make an arrest without hard evidence would be deemed negligent. Faith is the domain of the non-scientific. Faith is reserved for when we follow our hearts and our instincts. The solely scientific see no validation for faith, and yet we are told that faith has the power to move mountains.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is interesting in that it addresses doubt in the first place. If Jesus wasn't expecting us to suffer doubts, why address the subject in the first place? We are brought up to think of faith as good and doubt as bad, but would God really want us to bury our doubts and fake our religious experience? For all of us who do not have the benefit of Thomas's first-hand experience, the good news is that doubt and faith are opposite sides of the same coin. Honest doubt can ultimately lead to a stronger faith. Doubt leads to questions, and whereas questions don't always lead to answers, they almost always lead to spiritual growth.

Today we are encouraged to believe without seeing. No, we're not being asked to silence our doubts or to leave our brains at the church door! The reality of our faith boils down not to what we are able or not able to believe, but who we believe in. Can trusting Jesus give us faith enough to move mountains

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday and Thursday 09.30 to 12.00, and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator: Hannah Procter



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, Derek Davey and Carolyn Davies.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Martin Hallahan who passed away on Monday 30th March, and for his family at this time of sorrow.

Thomas' Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 24th April at 10.30am followed by burial at St James Churchyard, Finchampstead.



***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this day we are invited to develop our trust in God's mercy, however difficult that might sometimes seem. Life has a habit of throwing curveballs, and some weeks we feel we're barely keeping up. Divine Mercy Sunday gently reminds us that we don't have to have everything sorted before we turn to God. His mercy meets us exactly where we are. Perhaps this week, take a quiet moment to breathe, say a simple prayer, or reach out to someone who might need a bit of kindness. Small steps open big doors, and God's mercy does the rest.

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast 2026 Celebrations at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE on **Sunday 12th April 2026 at 2:30pm**. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, Talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All Welcome to celebrate this glorious feast. Please call Millie on WhatsApp **07957594646** for more information.

Mass of Anointing

On **Saturday 25th April** we will be holding a Mass of anointing at 10.30am. The Mass is intended especially for those who are in need of physical, mental health and spiritual support or are of advanced years. We also pray for healing, comfort and strength for each other. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift please call the SVP on 01182 114130 and leave a message or email suzettesymons@gmail.com.

Curious about the Catholic faith?

You are warmly invited...

Are you wondering about the Catholic faith, or feeling drawn to explore something more? Perhaps you're considering baptism, returning to church after some time away, or simply have questions you've never had the chance to ask.

We warmly invite you to a relaxed and informal **"Come and See"** evening on: **Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7:30pm, St. Joseph's Hall, Bracknell**. Come and meet others, ask questions, and hear a little about the journey ahead - all in a friendly and welcoming space.

Whether you are just curious, searching for something more, or feel ready to take a next step, you will be very welcome. *This is the beginning of a journey - a chance to explore at your own pace.*

Open to everyone across our Pastoral Area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch: rcia@bracknellcatholicchurch.org



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated so far to the 2026 Africa Fund Lent appeal.

Following the appeal and collection weekends we have received donations, in cash, by cheque, and either direct to the bank, or by contactless, and including gift aid, of **£15,000** towards the target of £20,000 to provide uji to the 3000 plus pupils at Our Lady of Nazareth School in Nairobi in 2027.

Thank you very much.

31st March 2026

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form.

Bank Details:

A/c Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi,

Sort Code: 30-93-04,

A/c No: 00891666

Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, please consider using the digital collection plates or the QR code.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Newsletter Deadline

To ensure we have ample time to review and finalise the newsletter on a Friday we kindly request that all materials be submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.

**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

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 co-operation

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Life in the Spirit Seminars - Starting April 2026

Are you looking to deepen your faith and experience a renewed relationship with God? Join our **Life in the Spirit Seminars** - a guided journey into a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit, rooted in Catholic teaching and Charismatic Renewal.

Sessions are held **mostly online, every Thursday at 7.15pm**, featuring world-renowned speakers including Fr Chris Thomas, Daniella Stephens, Gerry Penfold, Ros Powell, Allegra Mutanda, and Charles Whitehead.

To register for the course, please follow the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ontyh8dxTF6b72BXv1LByg>

PORTSMOUTH CDSC LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

23-Apr	God's Love	Chris Thomas
30-Apr	Salvation	Gerry Penfold
07-May	New Life	Daniella Stephens
14-May	ASCENSION DAY	NO SESSION
21-May	Receiving God's Gift	Abhy Thomas
HOLY SPIRIT DAY		
23-May	Live at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX	Allegra Mutanda
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL		
28-May	HALF-TERM	NO SESSION
04-Jun	Baptism in the Holy Spirit catch-up session	Video
11-Jun	Growth	Ros Powell
18-Jun	Transformation	Charles Whitehead

To register for the course, please follow the link below.

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We have limited places in St Bede's Hall. Preference will be given to those attending the whole course.



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

The Liturgy Project

FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)



10 am to 2 pm

St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

3rd

May 2025

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Includes a session on taking Holy Communion the "sick and the housebound".

18th

October 2025

Day for Readers

Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fire. SAFETY NOTICE



Important Fire Safety Notice
Choir Loft Access

Please do not block the choir loft door located in the church porch with yourself, prams, or any personal belongings.

This doorway must remain clear at all times as it serves as an essential access and exit route for members of our choir. Obstructing it presents a fire safety hazard and could delay safe evacuation in an emergency.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.



Churches Together Wokingham

Christian Aid week this year will be between 10th and 16th May 2026. As part of the fundraising events, people from Churches Together Wokingham (CTW) are taking part in various events. Parishioners are encouraged to please join in and give witness to our Christian faith, showing support and unity with our fellow Christian churches. Dates for your diaries are below:

- 1) The Bix Walk (north of Henley) is on Saturday 25th April. Christian Aid will organise this, with options of a 5- or 10- mile route. Consider being part of a small Corpus Christi group and join in the fun, walking together in our beautiful countryside, raising funds for a good cause. The village hall is open from 9.00am. A packed lunch is suggested.
- 2) The St Paul's Coffee Morning event is on Saturday 16th May (10.30am – 12.30pm) in St Paul's Parish Rooms. Look out for posters and start saving your Bric- a- Brac for the Corpus Christi stall.
- 3) Leaflet delivery Monday 11th to Friday 15th May. Volunteers are required to deliver Christian Aid leaflets to various houses in our community. No follow-up or collection is required. You could offer to help on 1 or more evenings. Meet at 7.30 pm each evening from a designated meeting point. Please contact me if interested. I have a Christian Aid meeting on Wednesday 15th April, so it would be helpful, but not essential, to know if we have any volunteers. (dougleary91@gmail.com)

Christian Aid was formed in 1945, founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. For over 80 years, the charity has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights. Let us join our fellow Christian churches in Wokingham to raise funds and help some of the poorest people in the world.