



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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26th April 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 25th April - St Mark, Evangelist, feast

10.30am Mass of Anointing

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Jim Dimond RIP (F)

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am John and Julia Harrington RIP

11am Alberto Estares Jr RIP

Tuesday 28th April - of the 4th Week of Easter

11am Funeral Mass for Terry Rodgers RIP

7pm Patrick Gallagher RIP - 1st Anniversary

Wednesday 29th April - St Catherine of Sienna, Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, feast

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am Rajam Ramamoorthy RIP (F)

10am Praying the Rosary

Thursday 30th April - of the 4th Week of Easter

9.30am Yvonne Weedon RIP

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 1st May - St Joseph the Worker, memorial

9.30am John McCormack RIP

Saturday 2nd May

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Michael Barrett RIP (F)

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am Mike Hendy RIP - 1st Anniversary

11am Richard Diffenthal RIP



Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter - 'I am the door of the sheep.'

Who wants to be likened to a sheep! Sheep are seen as silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather his is

asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the headteacher. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day to day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day to day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life.

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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.

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.



Second Collection - Sunday 26th April Clergy Training Fund 2026



The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination.

Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually.

These are the men who will baptize and catechize the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to this Fund.

Please use the DONA machines, baskets in the church porch, QR code or the following link to donate: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-2026>

Thank you for your support.



Safeguarding Drop In - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A this **Sunday, 26th April** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



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



Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 30th April

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 30th April after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. The coffee morning will be run by the UCM and is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



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

CAFOD - The Big Lent Walk

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our parish Youth Group who walked 1,611km and their sponsors. They raised **£1,543.00!** And **THANK YOU** to our 3 (more mature)

Walking Women, Ann, Kathy and Maureen, who walked 400km between them and raised **£670.00** from sponsors - congratulations. Funds raised will be used by CAFOD to help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. Perhaps more parishioners will be tempted to take up the challenge in Lent next year...



**A better world
needs all of us**



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.



St Mary's College, Oscott

The visit to St Mary's College on Sunday was a great success. Everyone had a joyful day and were thoroughly delighted to be reunited with Owen, who, by all accounts, was an excellent host. Many thanks to Owen for his fantastic tour, and to Simon Spilsbury for organising such a memorable trip.

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 by submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.



Polite Request

Please do not place notices or flyers on the pinboard, or leave leaflets and literature on the cupboards in the church porch, without first seeking approval from the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 82, Mary Ann Froude, who has won the April draw of £50.00.



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.

Christian Aid

Bric - a - Brac Sale - Saturday 16th May



We are appealing for donations of unwanted items that we can sell on the Corpus Christi stall at this year's Coffee Morning, taking place on **Saturday 16th May** at St Paul's Parish Rooms, in support of Christian Aid.

We would be very grateful for items such as toiletries, toys, games, kitchenware, unwanted gifts, ornaments, and similar goods. All items should be clean and in good, usable condition.

Any unsold items will be distributed to local charity shops during the following week.

Donations can be left in the box at the back of the church after each Mass on the following weekends: 25th/26th April, 2nd/3rd May, and 9th/10th May.

International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis and First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis



An International Exhibition, 'The Eucharistic Miracles of the World' is coming to Corpus Christi from the 23rd May to 7th June 2026. We warmly invite you to visit the exhibition. Bring your friends and neighbours. All are welcome. Free Entry.

This exhibition was designed and created by St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), an Italian teenager and computer whiz kid, referred to as the "patron saint of the internet".

The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days.

More details can be found on our website: www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi

Why not join Bishop Philip on a special pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi this summer from **Monday 20th July until Sunday 26th July?**

Join us on a pilgrimage to Turin in northern Italy and Assisi in central Italy to learn about and experience the lives of our two newest saints - St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Beginning in Turin where St Pier Giorgio Frassati was born, lived and died at the age of just 24 in 1925. We will visit his parish church and the family summer house in the foothills of the alps very close to the Marian shrine at Oropa. Then to Assisi to visit the tomb of St Carlo Acutis, the modern day saint using the internet to spread the Good News of the Gospels before his death in 2006 aged 15.

What's Included?

- Flights
* Outbound: London Gatwick to Turin. * Return: Perugia to London Heathrow
- Accommodation in central Turin and central Assisi
- Breakfast and dinner
- Local transfers in and around Turin and Assisi
- Long distance coach day with stops along route
- Visit Marian shrine in Oropa
- Visit Royal Palace in Turin - site of The Shroud
- Visit to tomb of St Carlo Acutis

Click [here](#) for more details and a booking form or [contact Canon PJ Smith](#).

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Philip has announced the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. The pilgrimage will start at London Heathrow on **Monday 6th July and run until Friday 10th July**. If you would like to know more about joining the Bishop in Lourdes this year click [here](#) for a booking form or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



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.