



Corpus  
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### Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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Link for live streamed Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-Wokingham-100445488273222/>

**24th May 2026: Pentecost Sunday - Year A**

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

##### **Saturday 23rd May**

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

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

**5.30pm** *Canon Roger Daley RIP (F)*

##### **Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Sunday, solemnity**

**9am** *Ciaran Sliman RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

**11am** *Jennifer Lewis RIP and Deceased Members of the D'Brass Family*

##### **Tuesday 26th May - St Philip Neri, Founder, memorial**

**11am** *Funeral Mass for Marie Naughton RIP*

**7pm**

##### **Wednesday 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, feast**

**9.30am**

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

##### **Thursday 28th May - Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, feast**

**11am** *Funeral Mass for Joan Black RIP*

**8 - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

##### **Friday 29th May - Feria**

**9.30am** *John Milner RIP (F)*

##### **Saturday 30th May**

**10am** *Mass of Welcome for the Relic of St Carlo Acutis*

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

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

**5.30pm** *Josef Dahmann RIP on his 100th Birthday*

##### **Sunday 31st May - The Most Holy Trinity, solemnity**

**9am** *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

**11am** *Nkolika Deborah Okoye - For Healing*



#### **Gospel Reflection for Pentecost Sunday**

**'The Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.'**

It is clear that we are not all born the same. We look at people who have achieved great things and imagine that they must have been born with a better brain or more talent. We look at people who do extraordinary things and

imagine they must possess greater depths than we possess. These extraordinary people must have greater courage, greater determination or a clearer vision than we have. Is it just possible that we are not getting the full picture?

It is clear that we are not all born the same, and it is also clear, that as human beings, however hard we work we will always come up against our own limitations. As human beings there will always be times when we are hindered by fear, doubts and inadequacies. It's at times such as these that the Holy Spirit can step in and fire our humble human efforts. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, great things are going to happen. Faith in the Spirit can't help but move us in the right direction. People like Mother Teresa of Calcutta would never have put her success down solely to her own human endeavour. Any praise she might have received would have been sent straight back to God.

On this, the Church's birthday, we share a very exciting link with those very first disciples. We are each given gifts and talents which we must share to best advantage. At Pentecost we are given tremendous insight into God's plan. We were not all born the same but we are all given the same twenty four hours in a day. All we need to do to overcome our limitations is to ask the Holy Spirit to galvanise our human effort and involve us in Jesus' saving deeds.

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

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Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

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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, Carolyn Davies and Trudi Whelan.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Sarson who passed away on Monday 11th May, and for her family at this time of sorrow.  
Sheila's Funeral will take place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Monday 1st June at 10am.



*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.*

### Happy Birthday Church - The Feast of Pentecost



The Feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth. Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover. In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because on this day new Christians used to be baptised. Often they wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday. White Sunday was then shortened to Whitsun. To celebrate Pentecost, read the Acts of the Apostles. Find out what happened to the Church following the events of Pentecost.

### Church Car Park



Sadly, a member of the music group who gave her time at both the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday returned to find that her car had been damaged in the church car park. It was particularly disappointing that no note or contact details were left.

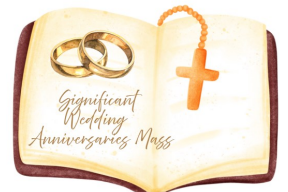
We kindly ask everyone to take extra care when using the church car park or school playground for parking and to be considerate of fellow parishioners and visitors. If an accident does occur please do leave your details. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



### Coffee Morning Cancelled

Please note that the coffee morning on Thursday, 28th May has been cancelled due to a Funeral Mass taking place that morning. Thank you for your understanding.

### Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass Saturday 20th June



Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend and we will send you a form to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), at the Bishop's Office. Thank you.

**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. Mass can be offered for any good intention. 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.



### Calling all Bakers!



On Sunday 31st May, there will be refreshments on offer at 4pm as part of the Saint Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. If you would like to make or donate a cake, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Donations can be left after the Sunday Masses that morning. Thank you very much in advance for your support.



UCM

The next meeting of the **Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** will be on **Thursday 28th May at 1:30 pm** in the Keenan Rooms. Our Speaker will be Mike Brook. His subject is "Shelf Life: My Glamorous Career in Libraries". All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



### Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 38, Doug Cleary, who has won the May draw of £50.00.

### Job Vacancies

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



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.

**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 **23<sup>rd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days. More details can be found below or on our website: [www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org](http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org)

**Exhibition Opening Hours**

23 May	Saturday	11am - 5pm
24 May	Sunday	1pm - 4.30pm
25 May	Monday	1pm - 4.30pm
26 May	Tuesday	2pm - 7pm
27 May	Wednesday	10.30am - 1pm and 5pm - 8pm
28 May	Thursday	5pm - 8pm
29 May	Friday	10am - 1pm and 5pm - 8pm
<b>30 May</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Exhibition is closed for general viewing but the Church will be open for the Relic Veneration Programme (see below).</b>
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Exhibition is closed for general viewing but the Church will be open for the Relic Veneration Programme (see below).</b>
1 June	Monday	2pm - 5pm
2 June	Tuesday	2pm - 7pm
3 June	Wednesday	10.30am - 1pm and 5pm - 8pm
4 June	Thursday	10am - 1pm and 5pm - 8pm
5 June	Friday	<b>Exhibition Closed</b>
6 June	Saturday	11am - 5pm
7 June	Sunday	1pm - 4.30pm

**Parking** at the front of the Church on Sturges Road, RG40 2HE is limited. From 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June only, extra parking will be available at St Teresa's school. Access is via Easthampstead Road, RG40 2EB.

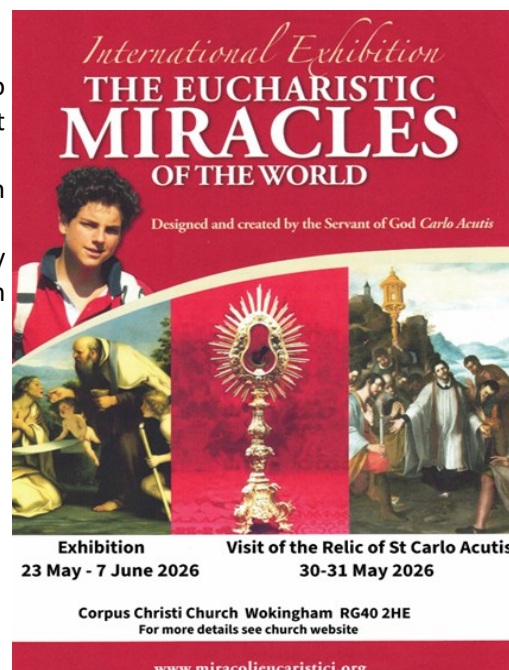
**Relic Veneration Programme - Saturday 30 May**

10:00am	Mass of Welcome for the Relic
10:30am	Guided Tour of the Exhibition and Talk on St Carlo given by Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis family (see <a href="http://www.ukmiracles.com">www.ukmiracles.com</a> ).
11:30am	Veneration of the Relic
12:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Relic
1:00pm - 2.30pm	Lunch in the Keenan Rooms ( <b>please bring your own packed lunch</b> ) with "Abide in Me Session 1" led by Anna Johnstone.
4:45pm - 5:20pm	Confessions
5:30pm	Vigil Mass
6:25pm	Short talk on St Carlo by Anna Johnstone
6:30pm	Veneration of the Relic

**Evening Youth Event**

**Location: Keenan Rooms**

7:00pm	A talk on St Carlo with Q&A given by Anna Johnstone
7:40pm	Veneration of the Relic
8:00pm	Youth Social – Pizza and refreshments
8:30pm	Finish



**Relic Veneration Programme - Sunday 31 May**

9:00am and 11:00am Mass  
Each Mass will end with a short talk on St Carlo given by Anna Johnstone, followed by veneration of the Relic

**An afternoon with Jesus and St Carlo**

3:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3:30pm	Benediction and Veneration of the Relic
4:00pm	Tea and Cake in Keenan Rooms
4:30pm	Rosary led by Anna Johnstone (Optional)

**Relic visiting local schools**

2 June: Visit of the Relic to St Teresa's Catholic Academy



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Philip invites you to join him on this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July**. It will give you the



opportunity to pray for the Church, for Vocations to the priesthood, for the world, for peace, for the sick of our Diocese and all visitors and pilgrims to the Sanctuary.

The pilgrimage will take place from **Monday 6th July** when you will gather at Heathrow airport for a morning flight to France and end when you return to Heathrow on **Friday 10th July**. In Lourdes you will reside (full board) at the 4 star Hotel La Solitude where all rooms are ensuite, and fitted with tea/coffee making facilities. The pilgrimage will follow a full program of events led by Bishop Philip and Canon PJ Smith including visits to places of importance to St. Bernadette, the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, International Mass and opportunities to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, as well as take of the water as Mary instructed.

The cost of the pilgrimage this year is £949.00 per person for a shared room, youth pilgrims can travel at £895.00. To find out more and to book a place please [email](#), telephone 07780 221686 or write to Canon PJ Smith at St. Edmunds House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA. Click [here](#) for a booking form.

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### 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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### 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.

