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## Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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### 10th May 2026: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions

##### **Saturday 9th May**

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

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

**5.30pm** *Ann Purvis RIP*

##### **Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9am** *Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

**11am** *Richard Bennett RIP*

##### **Tuesday 12th May - of the 6th Week of Easter**

**7pm** *Patricia Kerton RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

##### **Wednesday 13th May - Our Lady of Fatima, memorial**

**8am** *Marie Doria's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

##### **Thursday 14th May - The Ascension of the Lord, solemnity**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**9.30am** *Colin Cooper RIP*

**7.30pm** *People of the Parish*

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

##### **Friday 15th May - of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension**

**9.30am**

##### **Saturday 16th May**

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

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

**5.30pm** *For the Special Intentions of the St Carlo Mission*

##### **Sunday 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**9am** *Sylvia Saunders RIP*

**11am** *Shirley Dale RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual



#### **Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter - 'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.'**

Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam.... packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone." Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to 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.*

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

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

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 and Carolyn Davies.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Naughton who passed away on Thursday 30th April. Marie's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 26th May at 11am followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.

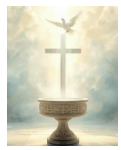


Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Black who passed away on Tuesday 5th May. Joan's body will be received at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 27th May at 4pm and her Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 28th May at 11am followed by burial at All Saint's Churchyard.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick McGovern who passed away on Tuesday 5th May. Details of Patrick's funeral are still to be confirmed.

Please pray for their families at this time of sorrow.

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



### Baptisms


We warmly welcome Kushinga Browning, Sofia Pugliese and Saoirse Hill as they are Baptised into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 10th May**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.

**Safeguarding Drop In** - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A this **Sunday, 10th May** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



### Relational Hearts Project

Would you like to deepen your knowledge of scripture and develop a closer relationship with Jesus?

Deacon Ben is running Zoom meetings on a Sunday evening between 7 and 8pm. All are welcome to join to look at a passage of scripture together and discern the message that Jesus wants to give you. A great way to wind down the weekend and commence a new week grounded in scripture. Please see the Zoom link : 



### For Our Younger Parishioners

Over the coming days and weeks, many of our younger parishioners will be preparing for and taking exams. Please keep them in your prayers at this important time. We pray that they may be blessed with clear minds, calm hearts, wisdom, guidance, and confidence in all they do.

### Christian Aid Bric-a-Brac Stall – Final Weekend for Donations



We are very grateful for the donations already received. However, we still do not have enough items to fully stock the stall, so we would greatly appreciate any further contributions.

If you have any unwanted household items or unwanted gifts in good condition, please have a look through and bring them along after any of the Masses this weekend. All donations will be very gratefully received.

### Churches Together Wokingham

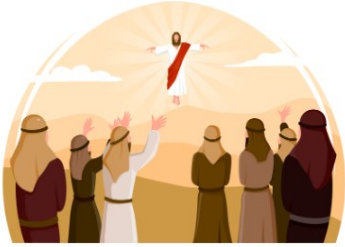
Please note there are some updates from previous weeks' notices. Some dates for your diaries:

- 1) **Leaflet delivery - Monday 11th to Friday 15th May.** Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but it's not too late to support Christian Aid Week. Volunteers **are still welcome** 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 **7.00pm** each evening from a designated meeting point. Please contact me if you can help and give witness to our Christian faith, showing support and unity with our fellow Christian churches.
- 2) The **St Paul's Coffee Morning** event is on **Saturday 16th May** (10.30am – 12.30pm) in St Paul's parish rooms. Please continue to save your Bric- a- Brac for the Corpus Christi stall and leave it in at the back of the church where it will be collected.
- 3) **CTW AGM and Christian Aid service.** Christian Aid week will culminate with a service at All Saints Church on **Sunday 17th May** at 6.30pm which will include a short presentation on the projects and people Christian Aid are supporting. This is an opportunity for a shared moment to come together across churches, communities and households to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world. This will be followed by the AGM for Churches Together Wokingham. All are welcome.



Doug Cleary ([dougcleary91@gmail.com](mailto:dougcleary91@gmail.com))

**The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity - Holy Day of Obligation  
Thursday 14th May**



On this day we imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, to some faraway place beyond death. But if the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives.

**Mass will be held at 9.30am and 7.30pm**

**Coffee Morning**

Refreshments will be available in the Keenan Rooms next **Thursday 14th May** from 10am. Please join us for a catchup with old friends and/or come and make some new ones.



**CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.**

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](https://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)



**A Million Acts of Hope - 13th - 20th May**

Many charities (including CAFOD), faith groups and communities have come together to show that "HOPE is LOUDER than hate" in our society by acknowledging acts of hope and kindness. We are encouraged to carry out one or two of our own. *For example:* donating a fair-trade item to our local food bank (*supporting the people who grow the food and the people in the UK who need it most*), helping in Christian Aid week by attending the coffee morning at St Paul's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May or donating to the Corpus Christi bric a brac stall, supporting the CAFOD Sudan Appeal, taking steps to reduce our waste or use of fossil fuels or doing something of our own choice. <https://millionactsofhope.org/>

**Laudato Si' Week** takes place between **17th and 24th May** and is a worldwide celebration of prayer, reflection and action for our Common Home, commemorating the anniversary of Pope Francis's historic encyclical on the Care of Creation in 2015. This year's theme is *From Hope to Action*. We are called to be part of the Church's response by choosing our own appropriate action to act with our fellow Catholics in listening and responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor.

**Fr Jim**

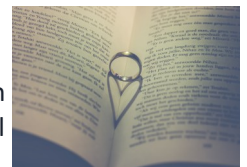
Fr Jim's ashes will be interred and a memorial stone laid at St Thomas More Church, Twyford on Friday 22nd May following the 10am Mass. His family have said that all are welcome to attend.

**Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass**

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 your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.



**The Chosen**

The Chosen, starring Jonathan Roumie as Jesus, is the first multi-season TV series about the life and ministry of Jesus and those who knew him. It is free to watch via The Chosen App or here: <https://watch.thechosen.tv> You can also watch it on [Amazon Prime Video](#) or [YouTube](#).

**Natural Fertility**

Are you getting married soon? Hoping to start a family? Would you like to know more about the Natural Fertility Cycle in women? Here are 2 links that will help you find out more.

- Natural Family Planning Teachers Association - NFPTA - [www.nfpta.org.uk](http://www.nfpta.org.uk)
- A list of associated organisations can be access via this link, there may be a need to register - <https://www.nfpta.org.uk/forum/list-of-nfp-websites/list-of-nfp-websites/#post-90>



**Job Vacancies**

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

## 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 if you wish to attend 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 if you wish to attend 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.

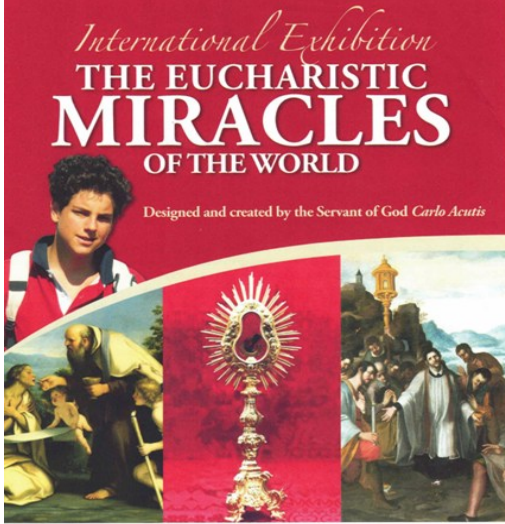
### Relic Veneration Programme - Saturday 30 May

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



International Exhibition  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES  
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Designed and created by the Servant of God Carlo Acutis

Exhibition 23 May - 7 June 2026  
Visit of the Relic of St Carlo Acutis 30-31 May 2026

Corpus Christi Church Wokingham RG40 2HE  
For more details see church website  
[www.miracolieucaustici.org](http://www.miracolieucaustici.org)



First Class Relic Visit  
**Saint Carlo Acutis**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
Relic visiting local Schools 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Corpus Christi, Wokingham**  
60 Sturges Road Wokingham, RG40 2HE

The visit is being organised by [www.ukmiracles.com](http://www.ukmiracles.com) in collaboration with Corpus Christi, Wokingham. The speaker will be Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis Family. See BBC Songs of Praise 24<sup>th</sup> August.  
Enquiries to: [wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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