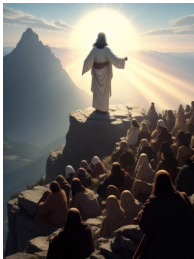




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**1st February 2026: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

Today we listen to Jesus' most famous sermon; a list of promises to the poor, the meek and the merciful that we now call 'The Beatitudes'. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," promises Jesus, "Blessed are the meek, blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Is Jesus telling us we can only be blessed if we make ourselves poor? Is he telling us to sit back meekly and let others walk all over us? Is Jesus encouraging us to go out and actively invite persecution and insult?

It's difficult to embrace Jesus' values because we have been brought up to value everything that Jesus does not. From an early age we have been taught to work hard at school so that we will get a good job and earn lots of money. We are scolded for not speaking up for ourselves and applauded for pushing ourselves forward. Our culture is all about winning, prestige and material success.

The challenge we find in the Beatitudes is to work contrary to our human instincts in order to find true happiness and fulfilment. Our instincts are to amass wealth, earn fame, and bask in our perceived self-importance. It is often our cowardly instinct to turn a blind eye to injustice or to fail to stand up for what we believe because we are afraid of ridicule. It is the instinct of governments to engage in conflict in the pursuit of material gain and power.

In his sermon, Jesus was not suggesting we live in dire poverty or become human doormats for the sake of it. Rather Jesus is asking us to look again at our values. We are asked to look at the things that we think will bring happiness. Jesus challenges us to think again.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 31st January**

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

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

**5.30pm** *Vincent Philip RIP*

**Sunday 1st February - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Charlotte Molin RIP*

**11am** *Nora Dowling RIP*

**Monday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord, feast**

**9.30am** *Canon John Cooke: Good Estate*

**12 noon** *Funeral Mass for Vito Catalano RIP*

**Tuesday 3rd February - St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, memorial**

**7pm**

**Wednesday 4th February - Feria**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**9.30am -**

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

**Thursday 5th February - St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial**

**9.30am** *Maureen Meatcher - 50th Anniversary of UCM*

*Membership*

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

**Friday 6th February - St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial**

**9.30am**

**Saturday 7th February**

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

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

**5.30pm** *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 8th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am**

**11am** *Mary Todd RIP*

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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 and Derek Davey.

# ACTION REQUIRED

## Parish Database Update – Action Required

All parishes across the Diocese are currently migrating to a new parish database called ChurchSuite. After this weekend, we will no longer be using our current system, PAMIS.

As part of this change, **all parishioners are required to re-register**. Please use the links or QR codes below to complete your registration. **There are separate forms for [adults](#) and for [children](#) – please ensure you complete the correct form.**

Without re-registering, you will no longer receive the parish newsletter digitally or any other parish communications, including important updates such as Mass cancellations.

If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact the parish office.



Adult Parishioner Registration Form



Child Parishioner Registration Form

## *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 **this weekend**. 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>



## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for February 2026

### *For children with incurable diseases*



This month's prayer intention gently reminds us how precious and fragile life can be. We are invited to hold close in prayer the children facing incurable illnesses and the families who walk beside them daily. May they feel surrounded by love, supported by care, and strengthened by hope, even in the hardest moments. This month, Pope Leo invites us to join in his February prayer intention, **"... that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope."**

**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 cooperation.



### Presentation of the Lord - Monday 2nd February - Candlemas

Monday 2nd February is Candlemas Day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, and the end of the Christmas season.

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

Traditionally this is the day on which the year's supply of candles for the church is blessed. By the fifth century we were lighting candles on this day to symbolize that Jesus Christ was the light, the truth and the way.

[Image: Psephizo]



### World Day for Consecrated Life

#### Monday 2nd February

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life.

This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

### St Blaise

#### Tuesday 3rd February

St. Blaise's name is invoked for throat ailments. Blaise earned this reputation for saving a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. The blessing of throats takes place on his Feast Day, February 3rd.

### Praying the Rosary

From Wednesday 4th February, the Rosary will be prayed after Morning Mass each Wednesday (rather than Friday), whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis. All are warmly welcome to attend.



### St Mary's College Oscott

Owen Dugan who was recently with us is continuing his studies at the Seminary in Oscott which is in Sutton Coldfield. The College building itself was built in 1838 and has an interesting chapel, library and museum. The college itself offers the opportunity for Parish group visits and we are thinking of a visit from Corpus Christi to see what the life of a seminarian entails and to enjoy a tour of the building. If this is something that may be of interest please contact the parish office before 15<sup>th</sup> February with your email address. If there is enough interest, we can investigate transport options and possible dates. The website for the college is: <https://www.oscott.org/>

### 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.



### 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.



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

## The Liturgy Project FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections

(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)



9 am to 1.30 pm

Pastoral Centre, Winchester



### Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May 2026 commencing with Mass at 9 am.

There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the eucharist?". All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



# Families of Faith

† February †

## Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for this new day,  
For our family, our friends, and all  
the love around us.  
Thank you for the saints we  
remember this month,  
Who teach us to pray, be brave,  
and care for others.  
Help us to be kind, share our gifts,  
And shine your light wherever we  
go.  
Amen

## Saints to Inspire



### 14 February - St Cyril

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius helped teach the Slavic people about God and made the first Slavic alphabet called Glagolitic. They also translated the Bible so people could read it in their own language. Today, St. Cyril is remembered for helping people learn to read and for creating the Cyrillic alphabet.



### 10 February - St Scholastica

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, devoted her life to God and led a community of women. She is remembered for her deep faith and prayer, including a famous story where God sent a storm so she could spend more time with her brother.

## Family Faith in Action

The feast of **Candlemas** is celebrated on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of February**. This day celebrates when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple (*Luke 2:22-40*). Here are some ideas to do at home:

- Children could decorate candles with symbols of light (stars, suns, hearts).
- Light candles and talk about Jesus as "the Light of the World."
- Say a simple prayer: "Jesus, help us to bring your light to others."

## Good News from the Gospel



### Week 1 - Matthew 5:1-12

We listen to the Beatitudes. How can you be a peacemaker?  
How can you promote peace at home or at school?

### Week 2 - Matthew 5:13-16

We think about how salt brings out the best things. What good deeds can you do today? How can you bring light to the world?

### Week 3 - Matthew 5: 17-37

Teaches us about following laws and commandments. What would you like to say sorry for? How can you show you are sorry?

### Week 4 - Matthew 4: 1-11

We have begun Lent and hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert. What are you giving up for Lent?

## National Inventors' Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Research an inventor. Find out more about what they created



## National Random Acts of Kindness Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Offer words of encouragement or make a donation to a local cause

## National Love Your Pet Day 20<sup>th</sup> February

Our relationship with our pets are part of our call to Stewardship. Genesis 1:25



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