



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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25th May 2025: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C



Our world is complex and demanding. The daily pressures on us all are immense, and that is when stress can take over and affect us in all sorts of negative ways. Stress can make us perform less well, it can make us difficult to live with, it can even make us ill. Finding peace can just seem like a bit of a naïve idea. We think we might find peace if we finish that mountain of work or sort out a money problem, but somehow there is always another problem just around the corner and peace eludes us yet again. Could it be that we are looking for peace in the wrong places?

In today's gospel reading, Jesus bids farewell to his friends and gives them some parting promises. One of his promises is that he will leave us his peace, but it will not be a peace found of this world. We will not find Jesus' peace in being marooned on a desert island, in the freedom of a bank holiday Monday or in a pension plan. We will not even find peace in the absence of hostility conflict or war. We will only find peace by living in God's love, and living in God's love means sharing his mission. Jesus' peace is found in integrity and justice and wholeness. Peace is found when we stop thinking about ourselves and think about others.

In Jesus' farewell it is easy to sense the abandonment the disciples must have felt; easy, because there are times when we too feel alone and abandoned. There will almost definitely be times when the inner peace we thought we'd found isn't enough! There'll almost definitely be times when we are afraid and our friends and family seem ill equipped to help us. Jesus reminds us that in times such as these we have the Holy Spirit ever present and dwelling within us to give us strength, comfort and guidance. In these weeks before Pentecost we celebrate that while life is dishing out its unfair share of relentless challenges, the Spirit is always there to encourage and remind us.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 24th May

10.30am Mass of Anointing

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Annie Gonnon RIP

Sunday 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am Ciaran Sliman RIP

11am Bruce Robertson RIP - 4th Anniversary

Tuesday 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury

6pm In Thanksgiving - The Catenians 500th Meeting

Wednesday 28th May - of the 6th Week of Easter

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am Simone Simon RIP

Thursday 29th May - The Ascension of the Lord

9.30am John Milner RIP (F)

7.30pm People of the Parish

Adoration will follow after Mass

Friday 30th May - of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

9.30am Alfred and Stephanie Kuczerawy RIP

10am Praying the Rosary

Saturday 31st May

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Terry Laydon RIP - 50th Anniversary

Sunday 1st June - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am Bernard Lee RIP

11am Richard Diffenthal RIP

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Jean Blackwell, Bill Hogston, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King and Fr Jim Joyce.

Mass of Anointing

On Saturday 24th May 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.



The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday 29th May

On this day Jesus tells us, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch the garden will soon be a small paradise!

LiveSimply – Let's mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*, responding to the *Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor*, by reviewing those Pledges we hung on our parish TREE in 2023! Have our Carbon Footprints grown or shrunk? Are we better repairers, re-users and recyclers? Have we increased our support for those in need? Should we be doing more?



Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 29th May

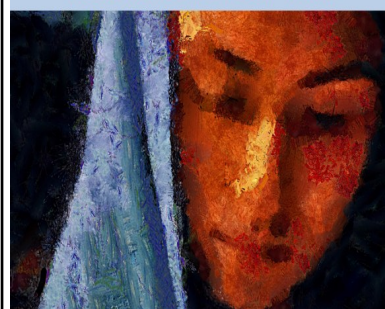
We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 29th May after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. The coffee morning will be led by the Ladies Prayer Group and is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 18, Nicola Cleary, who has won the May draw of £50.00.

LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD



HOW MARY HELPS US
TO BE FILLED WITH GOD

INSPIRATIONAL FIVE SESSION CaFE COURSE + BOOK

Let it Be - CaFE Course

You are invited to attend LET IT BE, an inspirational five week course compiled by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) in the Keenan Rooms at Corpus Christi from Thursday 19th June to Thursday 17th July starting at 7.30pm until 9pm. Each week a short film will be shown about the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a discussion. There is a handbook to accompany the course which costs £5.00 per copy for anyone wishing to purchase it. Please have cash with you. Whilst it is ideal to attend all the sessions, they do stand alone. Refreshments will be available. Please register by using the following link: "[Let it be](#)" CaFE Course



On behalf of Christian Aid, very many thanks for all your support this year. Whether you stuck stickers to envelopes, put envelopes through countless doors, took part in fund raising events or supported others who did so, donated or bought items for our Coffee Morning sale, we are very grateful. We do not have the final total raised just yet but will be sure to let you know when we do. It makes a huge difference to the people they serve in the poorest communities of the world.



All are welcome on the **Corpus Christi Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage** to St James' church in Reading on Sunday 22nd June. Our sign-up list is now open! It will help the organisers if you leave your name, the number of people you will be bringing and your choice of route either on the list in the church or Keenan Rooms lobbies or on our website <https://bit.ly/CCPilgrimageOH> where you can find details of the routes and a timetable.



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.

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



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.



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