



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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25th January 2026: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John, "How do you see yourself in five years from now?" Do you think they might have replied, "Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!" Not likely! The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay and they understood the urgency of Jesus' ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us? "Where do you see yourself in five years time?" Do you see yourself doing the same thing you do right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse?

Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with bill boards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door. We have a 'live and let live' ethos today that doesn't sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn't really Jesus' style either.

Being a fisher of men doesn't have to be about notching up conversions. Being a 'fisher of men' is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth. Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely.

Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 24th January

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Kathleen and John Connolly RIP*

Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Martin Rowley RIP*

11am *Vincent Philip RIP*

Tuesday 27th January - Feria

7pm *Alfred and Stephanie Kuczerawy RIP*

Wednesday 28th January - St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am - *Trista Foy's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Thursday 29th January - Feria

9.30am *Canon Peter Wilkie RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 30th January - Feria

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

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*

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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.

Dear Parishioners,

As I come to the end of my placement here at Corpus Christi, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have made it such an enjoyable and beneficial experience. It has been both a pleasure and privilege for me to have spent these past few months here with you all, getting to know many of you, serving the parish community in different ways, and having had the opportunity to have shared something of myself with you all. I am most grateful for the way in which you have welcomed and supported me over these past months, taking me to your own and making me feel at home here in Wokingham. In particular, a huge thanks to Canon Simon who has generously welcomed me into his home, and from whom I have learnt much over this period. I know I will look back on my time here with many fond memories. I will be returning to St. Mary's College, Oscott this coming week where I will resume my studies and will be based there until December of 2027 when, God-willing, I will be ordained Deacon and then return to the Diocese. I'm sure this is not the last time we shall see each other, but until then please do keep me in your prayers as I enter these last couple of years of preparation for the priesthood, that the Lord may grant me the grace to become a holy priest for His Church. I in turn will remember you in my prayers, that the Lord may bless you all abundantly to be joyful witnesses of His Gospel.

*In the Heart of Mary,
Owen.*

Second Collection for St John's Cathedral

The Second Collection for St John's Cathedral will take place this Sunday, 25th January.

A message from Canon James McAuley:

Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the Diocese of Portsmouth. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. I fully appreciate the financial pressures we are all experiencing, but I would appeal to you to support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 25 January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us. Thank you.



For more information about how you can also support the Cathedral150 Appeal, please follow this link: [Cathedral150 Appeal - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-cathedral-second-collection-2026)

Online donations for the Second Collection can be made at the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-cathedral-second-collection-2026> or by scanning the QR code with a Smart Phone



Holocaust Memorial Day - 27th January 2026

Bridging Generations

The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, Bridging Generations, emphasises the importance of carrying memories forward through action. With the number of survivors decreasing, it's more important than ever to remember the atrocities, and to commit to a future shaped by empathy and understanding.

Holocaust Memorial Day serves as a powerful reminder not only of the six million Jewish lives taken, but also of the Roma, disabled people, LGBTQ+ individuals, political opponents, and many others who suffered under Nazi persecution.

Bridging Generations invites us to listen to those who bore witness, to honour their courage, and to ensure their stories are not lost to time. By engaging with history, challenging prejudice, and fostering compassion within our communities, we can help build a world in which hatred has no place.

Remembering is an active choice - and the responsibility now lies with us



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY TRUST**

*Learning from genocide -
for a better future*

Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 29th January

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 29th January after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. The coffee morning 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.



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.





***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 month. 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>



Please Help!!!

Our lovely Baby and Toddler Group has been closed since the summer, please consider helping so we can restart this wonderful little group!

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group



We are looking for volunteers to help run the playgroup every Wednesday (9.30am - 11am term time only). For more information please contact: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



CAFOD A better world
needs all of us

New Year, New You... New Hope for Others - CAFOD Parish volunteers welcome here at Corpus Christi
What better time than now to get fired up about making some changes not only in your own life, but for others too. Why not act on those good intentions and inspire others to act for global justice. As a CAFOD volunteer, you can help our parish to connect with communities overseas and empower our sisters and brothers in the poorest places to lift themselves out of poverty. Could 2026 be the year to put your faith into action with CAFOD? Please see our website for more information on volunteering: www.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Briefing meeting for volunteers in our diocese (and interested parishioners) will take place in our parish Keenan Rooms on **Saturday 14th February** from 10.30 - 1.30, with refreshments beforehand and a soup lunch to finish. This is an opportunity to meet volunteers from other parishes and to find out more about the theme for this year's Lent Appeal - how communities are adapting their methods for growing food in climates affected by long-running drought and regular flooding. The focus will be on three countries - South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. ALL WELCOME - to help with preparations, please book either with our diocesan coordinator Andrea Hoyland by emailing her at ahoyland@cafod.org.uk or parishioner Cathy at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com or add your name to the list on our noticeboard.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? How about walking 200km over 40 days? Walk anytime, anywhere and raise funds through sponsorship for life-saving water. Either walk it all by yourself or with others in a small group. Find out more at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> and sign-up for the challenge.



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 110, Gerry McCormack, who has won the January draw of £50.00.



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.

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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