



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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21st June 2026: Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 20th June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Eamon Dolan RIP (F)*

Sunday 21st June - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Philomena Banks RIP*

Tuesday 23rd June - Feria

7pm *Joseph Noonan RIP (F)*

Wednesday 24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist, solemnity

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Hannah Procter's Intentions*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 25th June - Feria

8am *Michael and Frankie Chard's 60th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 26th June - Feria

11am *In Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Mark McGrath and World Peace*

Saturday 27th June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *James (Jim) Steven RIP (F)*

Sunday 28th June - Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles, solemnity (transferred)

9am *Renee Hall RIP (F)*

11am *Reverend Canon RT Arscott RIP (P)*

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Gospel Reflection for Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Do not fear those who kill the body.'

Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries.... but we are not those people. Some people fundraise

tirelessly day in and day out for those who are ill or poor.... but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty... but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer.... no excuses, no exceptions.

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

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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, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

Day For Life Second Collection 2026

Sunday 21st June 2026

On Sunday 21st June 2026, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising Awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for Day for Life 2026, please visit: [Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#). Please use the DONA machines, baskets in the church porch, or the following link to donate: [Day For Life Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

Thank you for your support.

Loneliness awareness week - 15th - 21st June

We all feel lonely at some point in our lives, but chronic loneliness can impact both physical and mental health with overwhelming feelings of being unloved and unimportant.

Seven per cent of the UK population - that's 3.9 million people - report feeling lonely always or often, according to the Office of National Statistics.

There are times in life when we are at a higher risk of being lonely, including bereavement, living with illness or disability, being a carer, as a single parent, a new parent or living away from friends and family.

It's a common misconception that loneliness is limited to older people. Research suggests 16-24-year-olds are the loneliest age group in the UK.

Consider how you can reach out to someone who might be struggling with loneliness today. Someone does not have to be on their own to be lonely.

For ideas about how your parish might help, contact caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

'Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty'
St Teresa of Calcutta



Tuesday 23rd June 2026

National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. St John Paul II



Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist

Join us each month in Prayer and Fasting:

Fasting

Fast from all food except bread and water for the day

Or

Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV.

Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

Prayer

We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already).

You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.

And He said to them; This kind (of demon) can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. (Gospel of Mark 9:29)

On Tuesday 23rd June, the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least... God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it. (Jonah 3:5,10)

This poster was produced by *Sackcloth and Ashes* at The Good Counsel Network



Stop assisted suicide being brought back!

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill.

Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

Parish Coffee Morning

Thursday 25th June

Why not join us for our Parish Coffee morning on Thursday 25th June in the Keenan Rooms from 10am to 12 noon?

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass that morning; Mass will be celebrated at 8am instead but the coffee morning will still go ahead as planned.

Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



Relational Hearts

The Relational Hearts Project

Please visit the website over the coming weeks as new content will be added.

www.relhearts.org.uk

The QR code is for the RHP website where you will find a link to the Sunday evening Zoom meetings which run from 7pm until 8pm.



At the end of Masses next weekend, **27th/28th June**, we will be collecting signatures for a **petition** to send to our government about the global **debt crisis** which is causing terrible suffering for our sisters and brothers around the world. Please see <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/the-global-debt-crisis> or our noticeboard in the Keenan Rooms for further details. Thank you.

Online retreat with School of Synodality

The School for Synodality is holding a unique retreat day on **Saturday 27th June 2026**, held online and open to all those who wish to explore knowing themselves 'beloved by God'.

The School invites you to rediscover the joy of your baptism, unpacking that gift with inspirational Catholic speaker David Wells, and a mixture of personal reflection and the opportunity to share prayerfully with others.

Date: Saturday 27th June 2026

Time: 12 noon - 4pm BST

Venue: On Zoom

[Register your attendance here.](#)

The [School for Synodality](#) exists to support the Church's synodal journey of openness to the Holy Spirit through listening, sharing, and discernment. In partnership with dioceses, religious congregations, parishes, communities, and individuals, we create resources, workshops, and opportunities to reflect together, as well as speaking, writing and offering formation on synodality.



Red Box Mission Mass Saturday

4th July



Corpus Christi is hosting a special Diocesan Mission Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box.

On **Saturday 4th July at 11am**, we will welcome Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director), the Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio volunteers & supporters from across the diocese.

Fr Chantry will celebrate Mass alongside Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru (Missio Diocesan Director) followed by a shared lunch in the Keenan Room. All are welcome! For more information or to offer your support for this event, please contact the parish office or Pia Drake, Parish Missio Local Secretary.

CURRY NIGHT
fundraiser

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Sandhurst

Saturday 11th July 7.00pm - 10.00pm

£15 per person for a two-course buffet-style meal.

- Please bring your own tittle and glasses (a selection of soft drinks will be available).
- Kindly bring your numbered ticket with you. Cash for a themed Raffle.

Plenty of free parking is available after 7:00pm.

Come along for a relaxed and sociable evening - we look forward to welcoming you!

For tickets or enquiries, please contact **Sherrie on 01344 776884** or the **Crowthorne and Sandhurst Parish Office on 01252 876820**.



Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst warmly invites you to our

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
10AM - 4PM

Immaculate Conception Hall Sandhurst GU47 9BS

"Everything to do with the the garden and plants too"

Raffle and refreshments too!

Look forward to seeing you.



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.



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 35, Sue Nind, who has won the June 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.





South Berkshire Pastoral Area
(Bracknell, Crowthorne and Sandhurst, Wokingham Parishes)

Are you currently involved with or have an interest
in helping with Sacramental Preparation?

The Pastoral Area is organizing a Sacramental (Catechesis) Day
from 11.00 am until 3.30 pm

Saturday 25th July 2026

At Corpus Christi Church Wokingham
(60 Sturges Road RG40 2HE)
(Caf Park St Teresa's School Easthampstead Road, RG40 2EB)

Please Come and See

Please send your acceptance to this invitation to your parish office so we can be
aware of numbers:

Bracknell – 01344 425729 ;

email: office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

Crowthorne and Sandhurst – 01252 876820 ;

email: crowsand@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Wokingham – 01189 780348 ; email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

(Tea and coffee, soft drinks will be provided , please bring a packed lunch)

Leaving a gift in your will

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future. These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

GENTLE REMINDER



Mobile Phones

Parishioners are kindly asked to ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off or set to silent before Mass begins. 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.



If you don't feel safe at home call

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247

Run by Refuge

If in immediate danger call 999



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