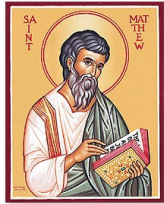


**MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL 4th February**  
6.30 pm Clíodhna Thornton RIP

**SUNDAY 5th February**  
9.00am For Vocations to the Priesthood

11.00am People of the Parish



Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Confessions will follow 09.30 mass on  
Saturday morning or by appointment

**Monday 6th February**  
**St Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs**  
No mass

**Tuesday 7th February**  
09.30 Philomena Llewellyn RIP

**Wednesday 8th February**  
**St Josephine Bakhita**  
09.30 Marie Cashman RIP

**Thursday 9th February**  
09.30 Margaret Andrews RIP  
(Tipperary)

**Friday 10th February**  
09.30 John & Julia Harrington RIP

**Saturday 11th February**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
09.30 John King RIP



Corpus  
Christi

**Corpus Christi**

**Wokingham**

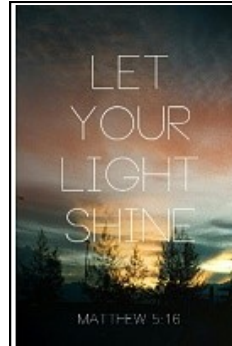
**South Berkshire Pastoral Area**



Corpus  
Christi

Parish Priest: Fr David O'Sullivan  
Telephone: 0118 978 0348 Mob 0755 442 7063  
Office e-mail: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
Fr David's e-mail: dosullivan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**5th February 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Yr A)**



**Salt of the Earth and Light of the World**

Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith we his disciples will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thing ..... something just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues. It's too easy to turn a blind eye to injustice. It's too easy to side with selfish politics. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief. Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.

**Important Contacts.**

**Safeguarding:** Richard Roberts 0118 978 9059 e-mail: richard.x.roberts@gmail.com

**Other Priests in the area :** Fr Marcus Brisley 01252 876820

Fr. Danny Mc Avoy 01344 425729 Fr. Kevin Jones 01344 620591

**Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion, Baptism Preparation**

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on 0118 978 0348 or call Fr. David.

Baptisms—see Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday for further details

**Parish Office Opening Times :-** Tuesday to Friday, 09.00 to 13.00

The Parish Office is closed all day Monday

Your Parish Administrator, Una Smith, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email , wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*Please remember to switch off your mobile phone before Mass  
God deserves all our attention Thank you.*



**In your prayers, please remember all those who have recently died . Also pray for all those who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eileen Hendy, Pam Sheridan, Mary Ann Froud, Daniel Sutton, Ruth Murphy, Miriam Terry, Joseph Nemeth and Michael Sigwasa**

**World Day for the Sick—11th February** In his world message for World Day of Prayer for the Sick, Pope Francis invited the sick, healthcare workers, and volunteers to turn to Mary in prayer. “...Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. The humble maiden of Lourdes tells us that the Virgin, whom she called “the Lovely Lady”, looked at her as one person looks at another. Those simple words describe the fullness of a relationship. Bernadette, poor, illiterate and ill, felt that Mary was looking at her as a person. The Lovely Lady spoke to her with great respect and without condescension. This reminds us that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case.”

**National Marriage Week - 'Celebrating Commitment' - February 7th-14th** Marriage Week is a great annual focus for couples to take time to pause and learn some new skills to take their marriages from good to very good! This year's theme is 'Celebrating Commitment'. Most couples would define commitment as sticking together through thick and thin, but how does that work out in practice. Use 'National Marriage Week' as an opportunity to discuss what commitment means to you.

**Saint Josephine Bakhita—8th February—Victims of Human Trafficking** On this feast day, we are asked to combat human trafficking and modern day slavery. Human trafficking and modern day slavery affects men, women and children. It is amongst the fastest growing of international crimes and one of the largest sources of income for organised crime. And yes... it's happening in the UK!

**WALKING THE CAMINO** from Reading, 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.  
Flight: Stanstead – Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Info evening on Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Feb in St James RG1 3FD at 7.30pm.

**Children's Liturgy—Week 4—**our teams of catechists are available to take children into the Keenan Rooms during the 09-00 and 11-00 Sunday masses for the Children's Liturgy. If you would like your child to take part and he or she is school age (4-7), they may attend unaccompanied. Children below school age may attend with their parents. For unaccompanied children please take a signing in slip from the back of the church, complete and hand to the catechist in the Keenan Room.

**If you would like to join the team of Catechists and take part in the next training session, the parish office will be pleased to hear from you.**

**Youth Mass—**The next Youth Mass will be on **Saturday 18th February at 4.30pm.** Come and join our young people for an uplifting, musical celebration. This mass will fulfil your Sunday obligation

**Parish Quiz , Saturday, March 4th at 7.30 pm.** Tickets are £5.00 , to include cheese and biscuits plus a glass of wine. Quizzers to bring their own extra refreshments if required. **Do sign up for this fun evening!** the form is at the back of the church and drop the money into the Parish Office in an envelope containing names of participants and labelled 'Parish quiz.' Everyone is welcome , don't worry if you are not In a team as you can join one on the night.

All ladies in the Parish are warmly invited to the next meeting of the **UCM** which is at **7.30 pm on February 9th** in the Keenan Rooms. “Inspiring a Generation” is a talk by Sally Wilson whose journey from breaking her back in 2008 led to her raising funds for Help the Heroes, and carrying the Olympic Torch in 2012.

**200 CLUB – JANUARY WINNER** The winning number for January was 180. Congratulations! There are still numbers available for 2017. To join in for a chance to win, please contact either the Parish Office or Jeremy Best

This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a **camp for boys of secondary school** age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from **Sun 23rd to Sat 29th July**. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or [bcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)