



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area



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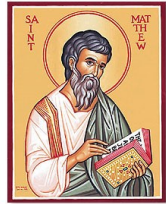
MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 4th March

6.30 pm Paddy Breslin RIP

SUNDAY 5th March

9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Marie Naughton—Intentions



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

Monday 6th March
Sts Perpetua and Felicity
No mass

Tuesday 7th March
09.00 Exposition
09.30 Ester Brophy RIP
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 8th March
09.00 Exposition
09.30 Eduardo Doria RIP
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 9th March
09.00 Exposition
09.30 Lucia Brunetti RIP

Friday 10th March
09.00 Exposition
09.30 Patrick Gavin RIP
09.50 Rosary

Saturday 11th March
09.30 Elizabeth Robinson RIP

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 Bidgood 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.*

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5th March 2017 First Sunday in Lent (Yr A)



The trouble with the devil is that we don't always recognise him. If temptation gave us obviously poor choices we would easily resist, but the biggest problem with temptation is that it finds us at our most vulnerable and presents us with seemingly attractive choices. It sounds obvious that we should make good choices over sinful ones, yet we are extraordinarily good at justifying poor decisions. "Having a fling with the person in the next offices is okay," a cheating partner might remark, "as long as no one gets hurt." "Working on the side and claiming benefits is okay," reasons the benefit fraud, "I'm not exactly raking it in, and in any case, everyone else seems to be doing it." We are good at making the wrong decision in the face of temptation and finding ways to justify our choices. At the root of most temptation is an option for us to take the easy way out. To make the right choices often involves discomfort, hard work, sacrifice and will power. Often making the right decision seems beyond us.

Lent is a time for us to grapple with the temptations in our own lives. Lent is a time for us to get to know ourselves better. A helpful exercise is to use our imaginations to picture the sort of people we would like to become. Few of us would picture ourselves as weak or incapable of making good decisions. Picturing ourselves making good decisions is a healthy start... all we need now is the will power to put our lives on the right track. That's where Jesus steps in. In today's gospel, Jesus models how to behave in the face of temptation. Jesus shows us that compromise can play no part in our purpose. During Lent we pray to Jesus for help in overcoming temptation and becoming the people we want to be.



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, Michael Sigwasa and Hugh Dwan

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Christians are facing growing persecution around the world, fuelled mainly by Islamic extremism and repressive governments, leading the pope to warn of “a form of genocide” and for campaigners to speak of “religio-ethnic cleansing”. The scale of attacks on Christians in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America has alarmed organisations that monitor religious persecution, with most reporting a significant deterioration in recent years. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for March, “.....That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.”

Berkshire Group Mega Jumbulance Younger Traveller Trip to Berlin

If you or someone you know can help by donating, you can visit David's JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Shillibierjumbulance1830 to find out more. Further details on our notice board

TRAIDCRAFT stall next weekend 11/12 March. Mini olive wood crosses at £1 each and Easter cards available

CAFOD Lent Fast day Friday 10th March

Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD’s partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Many thanks.



Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February – 12 March provides a reminder that millions of farmers in developing countries are paid prices too low to provide for their families and are trapped in poverty. Not enough companies are buying on Fairtrade terms and not enough of us are buying Fairtrade products. When shopping, look out for the FAIRTRADE mark on a variety of goods. **Our next Traidcraft stall will be after Masses on 11th/12th March** – please join us on 12th for Fairtrade refreshments.

Corpus Christi Africa Fund—This, the First Sunday of Lent, sees our annual Lent Appeal for our two African beneficiaries, Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi, and Suubi Children's Home in Entebbe. Please take a handout as you leave Mass, and help us continue to support the great work that the Parish has achieved over the past decade.

Collections will be taken over the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Lent.

The next meeting of the UCM will be on Thursday March 9th when Tony Weston will be coming to give us an illustrated talk about the Royal Albert Hall. Meetings begin at 7.30 pm in the Keenan Rooms and all ladies of the Parish are welcome. You are also invited to sign up for our Day of Recollection to be led by Fr David speaking about “The Women of St Matthew’s Gospel; What can they tell us for Lent?” Details on UCM Notice Board outside Keenan Rooms.

Lenten Soup Lunch—Friday 3rd March at 12.15 in the Keenan Rooms

Next Prayer and Share—Morning Prayer, Mass then Bacon Butties in the Keenan Rooms on Saturday 11th March from 09.00 til 11.00

Babes in the Wood DVD screening: For all cast & crew and anyone else who would like to come along, we will be screening this year’s fabulous panto in the Keenan Rooms from **3pm on Sunday 12th March**. Bring drinks and nibbles to make a little party of it (although it’s in Lent...). Afterwards there will be a short meeting to start the planning for next year! All are welcome.

Syrian Families in Wokingham—The new families that you have so kindly helped with items for their homes on their arrival here, are now themselves taking part in a fund raiser ‘Hand in Hand for Syria’ on Sunday 5th March. If anyone would like to bake a cake and take it along for sale, that would be most appreciated! Please see the local press and our outside noticeboard for more details.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries if you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years this year and you wish to attend the Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede’s Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 24th June at 11am please e-mail anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register or complete the online form at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/index.php>

200 Club—The winning number for the February Draw was 25—Congratulations!