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Fr Phillip writes...

Today, is the celebration of Corpus Christi – the celebration of the gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present at every Mass. This is a fundamental and essential part of our faith as Catholics.

The Gospel today describes the Last Supper with the disciples and tell us that Jesus “took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. ‘Take it,’ he said ‘this is my body.’ Then he took the cup... and he said to them, ‘This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many...’” So, when the priest at Mass takes the bread in his hands and says the words of Jesus over it and the chalice of wine in the same way, we know that we are being given that same amazing gift: Christ’s own Body and Blood. Bread and wine are no longer bread and wine but Jesus himself, Jesus who out of his love for us, gives his Body and Blood as the one true Sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus now truly present among us in the Blessed Sacrament: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

After the 10am Mass this Sunday, our young people who made their First Holy Communion a couple of weeks ago, will join a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to give thanks to God for his amazing love shown to us in Jesus who gives himself to us in such a wonderful way and to open our hearts to him and adore him.

*O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine.*

*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st June, 5.30 pm: CORPUS CHRISTI (People of the Parish)

Sunday 2nd June, CORPUS CHRISTI
8.30 am (Frances Wilde, 1st Anniversary R.I.P.)
10 am* (Cathie Bithrey R.I.P.)

Monday 3rd June NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS

Tuesday 4th June, 6.30pm: 9th Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 5th June, 10am: St Boniface (Marty Madden, R.I.P.)

Thursday 6th June, 6.30pm: 9th Week in Ordinary Time (Holy Souls)

Friday 7th June, 10am: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Private Intention)

Saturday 8th June, 10am: The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Cathie Bithrey, R.I.P.)

Saturday 8th June, 5.30pm: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Private Intention)

Sunday 9th June: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am (People of the Parish)
10am (Ernest Deighton, Anniversary R.I.P.)



✠ Confession after the 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER, MALGORZATA CORDOBA & ANNE WEATHERALL.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431



"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"

- Dom Helder Camara, Brazilian Archbishop



Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

We wish you all a good half-term and we will resume activities on **4th June**. During term time, every **Tuesday** from **11am to 12.45pm**. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy will resume on 9th June

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex. For further queries, email **Sue Roche** on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

AFTER 10AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

SVP TABLE SALES!



SVP - Table Top Sale - Lots of Bargains. Wednesday to Sunday in the Narthex. Thank you for your support. Donations gratefully received.

The New Lectionary Books

From **Advent 2024**, the new Lectionary (the book we take the readings from at all Masses) is being introduced in every Catholic parish in England and Wales. We will need to purchase the new copies in time for this in St Francis. The existing books will no longer be able to be used. The new Lectionary books come in several volumes: Vol.1 Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord; Vol.2 Weekdays – Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Proper of Saints (I); Vol.3 Weekdays – Ordinary Time, Proper of Saints (II); Vol.4 Ritual Masses, Various, Votive, Masses for the dead; the Book of the Gospels also will need replacing.

Please would you consider making a donation towards these? The cost of the **Ambo edition** (the books the readers read from at Masses) is **£695** for all 4 volumes and the cost of the **Book of the Gospels** (which the priest proclaims the Gospel from at Sunday Masses) is **£275**.

There's a button named "**Lectionary Books**" at the **DONA** Terminal in the back of the church for those donating by card. You can also donate by cash using the designated envelopes available at the Church porch.

There will also be People's editions coming out, so if you usually like to have your personal **Daily or Sunday Missal**, you can order the new version and, if you know someone who might appreciate one, buy one for them too as a gift. Details of these can be found at: www.newlectionary.org/#peoplesmissals

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

✠ **Kathleen Berry R.I.P.**, whose Funeral Mass is on **Tuesday 11th June at 11.30 am**.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Dates to save in your Diary!

Wednesday, 5th June at 7 pm - Narthex of St Francis, Ascot

Fr David and Fr Phillip with members of the joint pastoral council will have an open meeting to discuss the way forward for the joining together of Windsor and Ascot as one parish. Please make a real effort to come to this meeting.

Saturday 15th June, Day of Catechists, St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor

All involved in sharing the faith in St Francis are invited to attend the Day for Catechists for the parish. Sister Hyacinth, a Dominican Sister from the New Forest, will lead us in reflecting on the importance of what it is to be a teacher of the faith in the parish and in prayer. Saturday June 15th, 9:30am ending by 12 noon (lunch will be available for those who wish). Just so we can cater for numbers, please confirm via email to Sharon Cole, youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Parish Outreach Group

We are hoping to form a small group of people between the communities of Ascot and Windsor to reach out to every household in our parishes. To achieve this We will focus on three or four roads every week and will deliver a card to every home.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting Mission in the life of our parishes then please either come to the information evening on the **25th June** at St Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor. (The follow-up meeting will be in Ascot) It would be a short meeting beginning at 7 pm. (There is the option coming to mass at 6:30 pm before). If you cannot make this date, but would like to be a part of the group, please contact either parish office or just turn up at the meeting.

Vacancy - Organist

St Edwards seeks an organist to play at the Parish Church, and build and support music in the churches of the Parish. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist with experience of playing in a church setting.

This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months. Application forms and full details are available from spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 7th June 2024.



Presential Safeguarding Training Event

Date: 22 June 2024 - **Time:** 10 am to 3.30 pm.

Location: Parish of Corpus Christi, in Wokingham.

To book, email: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk