



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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19th July 2026: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 18th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *For the newly Ordained Fr Jack Ryan*

Sunday 19th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *The Catenians President's Sunday Mass for The Wokingham Catenians and their families*

11am *Sue Nind's 60th Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Tuesday 21st July - Feria

7pm *Joe O'Farrell RIP*

Wednesday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalene, feast

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 23rd July - St Bridget of Sweden, Foundress, Patron of Europe, feast

9.30am *Canon Simon's Intentions*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 24th July - Feria

9.30am *For St Mary's Parish, Hexham*

Saturday 25th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Pat McGovern RIP*

Sunday 26th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Kathleen Boardman RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual



Gospel Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Let both grow together until the harvest.'

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps Heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards, home improvements, fame, social acceptance, and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Today Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

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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.



CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.



Priestly Ordination

Everyone is welcome to the Ordination Mass of Deacon Jack Ryan at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth this **Saturday, 18th July at 11am**. If you can't make it and want to follow online, click here [St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth - Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, England](#)



Corpus Christi 200 Club - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 136, Anne Clark, who has won the July draw of £50.00.

The **Children's Liturgy** team will now be taking a break for the summer holidays. We thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year and look forward to welcoming the children back when we resume in September.

Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026

*Fanning the Flame Summer Camp for 11-17 year olds is happening once again from 17th - 21st August, in the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is **Allegiance** - "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).*

As the baptised faithful, we are already aligned with Christ. Through an examination of the lives of the saints and fostering a growing love for the sacraments we will look at how we can come closer to Christ and stand up joyously for the life He invites us to, especially in such challenging times. The camp runs from 17th - 21st August, for 11-17 year olds and is £195. The camp includes daily sacraments, prayer of the Church, age-appropriate teaching, sports, team activities, craft, workshops and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and make friends in Catholic fellowship - and the camping is easy! For more information or get in contact please visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk. Please keep the camp in your prayers!



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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.



Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.



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.



GENTLE REMINDER



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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 Africa Fund (CCAF)

CCAF Committee Member Visit to OLN

Parishioner and CCAF Committee Lead Nick Gorton and his wife Renata recently visited OLN during a trip to Kenya. They were made very welcome by OLN staff and pupils who provided a very full day of activities. Nick spoke at assembly to the school, and also to teachers and grade 9, passing on messages of support and encouragement on behalf of CCAF.

OLN is located in the Mukuru slum area and is managed by the Marianist Society. It depends heavily on donations and charitable support. The school supports 3000 students – having grown significantly over recent years to accommodate education into grade 9.

The Corpus Christi Africa Fund has supported OLN with an 'Uji' programme for the past 20 years – providing a highly nutritious breakfast for every student at the school every day of the school year. For most students this is their first meal of the day, and this continues to be CCAF's highest priority – aiming to raise £20,000 per year to cover this. That's less than £10 per child for breakfast every day of the school year. Following the Lent appeal and the generosity of parishioners, we are making good progress to achieving the target for 2027.

OLN also receives contributions donations from various donors, including some within our Parish, to support the growth of its infrastructure. These donations and support really are making a difference, with the recent growth of students and years taught OLN has been able to build a 5-classroom permanent block for grade 9 students and a science lab for the junior school. The special education unit has also been extended, and new roofs installed for the existing temporary classrooms.

Donors also support scholarships into further education, with many success stories.

The school is also in the process of purchasing much needed computer equipment following the local Catenian group fundraising last year led by parishioner Stefan Dahman.

As you may be aware, there are many options for donating, including via bank transfer and card machine, which can in most cases allow us to claim an extra 25% through gift aid. Further details are available on the parish website and as a reminder, 100% of donations go directly to the school.

If you have any questions please do get in touch with Nick Gorton via the contact details on the website.



Serving and enjoying uji



Planting a mango tree for Corpus Christi



Corpus Christi Music and Drama Block