



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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30th August 2026: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 29th August

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 30th August - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Fr Jim Joyce RIP

11am Canon Simon's Intentions

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Monday 31st August and Friday 4th September inclusive.

Thursday 3rd September

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 5th September

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 6th September - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

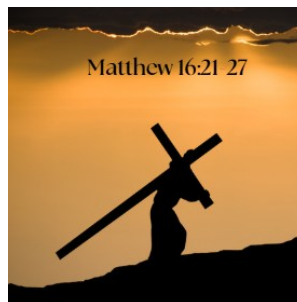
9am Margarette Anne Moore RIP

11am Gill and Graham Powell's 50th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual

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.



Gospel Reflection for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief

priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Parish Steering Group:

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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, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

Thank you and Farewell

"On Sunday afternoon after a final check around the presbytery, I will place my keys on the dining table and pull the front door shut behind me. I have always found this a very poignant moment each time I have left a parish to move on to another (or now others!). This time will be especially so as I reflect that I have had the great privilege and honour to serve as parish

priest in the parish where I spent my formative years both as a parishioner and pupil at St Teresa's. I will always treasure my seven years at Corpus Christi as your parish priest. Thank you to everyone for your kindness, warmth and generosity. I have assured Fr Benjamin that you will give him the warmest of welcomes and take him to your hearts. Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to take up the challenge of my new role. From the number of people who have told me that they are regular visitors to Lymington and the New Forest I think this is going to be Arrivederci rather than goodbye! May God bless you." *Canon Simon*

Vocations

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2026

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Next Seeker Saturday - 12th September 11am-3pm.

To find out more about this regular event or to enquire about attending (as booking is required) please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A Call out of the Blue

Four catholic seminarians in Allen Hall, London, open up about what has brought them to the seminary. In this video, they share how they were called to embark on this journey towards the priesthood. Watch to learn about the day to day life, what they do in their downtime, how they worship and why this was the right decision for them.

Painting a real picture of the struggles and the joys, these men reveal how they follow a Call out of the Blue. Follow the link to watch <https://youtu.be/mfxckBHLu-o>



**GOD CALLS US ALL
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?**

**Vocation
Seeker Saturdays**
For those discerning God's will

Monthly meetings - contact us for the next date
**11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church
Fareham PO16 0NQ**
Fellowship, Formation and Food
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.portsmouthvocations.org    



RIDE and STRIDE - Saturday 12th September

The national annual event raising funds for our historic churches. Any mode of transport is fine - you could walk, cycle, ride or jog. Simply choose a route (in Berkshire OR outside the county) and find sponsorship from friends and family or [make a donation](#). Go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open, some offering refreshments. See <https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/>. Parish contact Cathy, email jandchill@dsl.pipex.com for more details.

Get involved with the Parish Pantomime

Help us create our next parish panto "The Little Mermaid"

Script read through/open audition: Sunday 20th September 4:30-6:30pm at St Teresa's School, Wokingham RG40 2EB.

Show dates: 29th, 30th, & 31st January 2027

Rehearsals: Sundays and Tuesdays

Contact parishpantocc@gmail.com for details.

Newcomers welcome!





VOLUNTEER WITH MARRIAGE CARE!



Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference?

Join us in continuing to make the world of difference to thousands of couples – many of whom say our service helped them rebuild their relationship and keep their family together. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or much more, and whether you want a front-line role or prefer to work 'behind the scenes', there is a volunteer opportunity for you, and a welcoming community to be a part of.

Why Marriage Care?

Marriage Care is a national Catholic charity committed to strengthening relationships by making support accessible to all. We provide affordable marriage preparation and relationship counselling – across 40 centres in England, Wales and Gibraltar – with financial support available for those facing hardship. We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to build a strong, healthy relationship, and that healthy couple relationships help nurture children, strengthen families, and build stronger communities.

For more info or to sign up **scan the QR code** or email: volunteersmarriagecare.org.uk



Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, *"Go therefore and make disciples..."* (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 17 October: Formation day for Readers (Winchester) Email the [Liturgy team](#) to book.



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.

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:

Account Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi,
Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 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.



Gift Aid

In recent months some Parishioners will have received an email requesting a new gift aid form to be completed. This is because the change of trust name means existing forms are no longer valid. Thank you to those who have already completed a new form. If you have not been contacted and would like to continue to gift aid or indeed to start gift aiding your donations please scan the QR code to do this electronically. Many thanks for your continued support.



CORPUS CHRISTI RC CHURCH



NEW WEEKDAY MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Starting week commencing
7th September 2026

Weekday Masses †

Monday - 9:30am
Tuesday - 9:30am
Wednesday - No Mass
Thursday - 7:00pm
Friday - 9:30am

Confession Times †

Confession is available for 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, and for one hour before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

A Warm Welcome †

Whether you are a regular parishioner or joining us for the first time, you are always welcome at Corpus Christi. We look forward to worshipping together.



ALL ARE WELCOME

We are delighted to share our updated Mass schedule with the parish community. Please take note of the new times, which will come into effect from Monday 7th September 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

