



Corpus Christi

Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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3rd August 2025: Eighteen Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



There's an old saying that goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted."

In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then because none of us

are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 2nd August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 3rd August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9am *Catherine Menezes RIP*

11am *Philip and Barbara Blair's 50th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Tuesday 5th August - Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome

7pm *Maria Delfina de Noronha (Boio) RIP - 1st Anniversary*

Wednesday 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord, feast

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Trista and Tom Quash's Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Thursday 7th August - Feria

9.30am *Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 8th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Religious, Martyr, Patron Saint of Europe, feast

9.30am *Jean Blackwell RIP*

Saturday 9th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Christine McClements RIP*

Sunday 10th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9am *James Mullally RIP - 3rd Anniversary*

11am *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

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

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Bill Hogston, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover and Fr Jim Joyce.



As it is the first weekend of the month we welcome Fr Danny McAvooy, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Bracknell. He will be celebrating the Masses whilst Canon Simon will be at Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst.

Papal Prayer Intention for August 2025 For Mutual Coexistence

This month we are reminded that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of respect, dialogue, and compassion. We are asked to resist the temptation of confrontation and instead seek understanding across lines of difference - be they ethnic, political, religious, or ideological. We are invited to become peacemakers in our communities, cultivating spaces where all can live with dignity. We are asked in our actions and our conversations to plant the seeds of unity in a fractured world. This month, we are invited to join the papal prayer intention, **"...that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons."**



Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 7th August

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on **Thursday 7th August** after 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. The coffee morning will be run by the Catenians and is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

The Liturgy Project FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)

10 am to 2 pm
St Bede's Church, Popple Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Diocesan Formation Days for Ministers of Children's Liturgy

Formation for Ministers of Children's Liturgy will take place on 6th September, at St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10.30am to 1pm. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice;

working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; Music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers.

Anyone wishing to attend should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.



Could You Serve the Church as a Trustee on the Diocesan Finance Council?

Bishop Philip is seeking new Trustees to support the delivery of our 10-year Mission Plan, You Will be my Witnesses. We're looking for people who are passionate about the Catholic church and have significant professional experience in any of the following areas: finance, especially investment management, safeguarding or social work, or strategic planning and who feel called to offer their time and skills in service of the Church.

This is a meaningful opportunity to help guide the Diocese's work across our parishes, schools, and communities, using the gifts God has given you for the good of His Church.

Closing date: Monday 1 September 2025

To find out more or request an information pack, please contact: Deacon Tony Darlison, Secretary to Trustees email: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For a more detailed advert, please click [HERE](#)

Barn Dance

The Wokingham Catenians would like to invite you to join us for a Barn Dance on Saturday 4th October 2025. We have run this a few times before as a Parish event and is always great fun for ages 5 - 95! No dancing skills required as full instructions are provided. :-)

Date: Saturday 4th Oct 2025

Time: 7:30pm – 11pm

Venue: Barkham Village Hall, RG40 4PL

Band: Saxon Drain

Cost: Just £5 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

To book tickets please email Martin Robins:

martin.robins71@gmail.com



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 97, who has won the July draw of £50.00.

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



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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 cooperation..