



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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9th August 2026: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 8th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Purificacion Mendoza RIP*

Sunday 9th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Patricia Murphy RIP*

11am *Judy Kearney RIP*

Tuesday 11th August - St Clare, Foundress, memorial

7pm *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

Wednesday 12th August - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Molly Clark RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 13th August - Feria

9.30am *Patrick and Anastasia Maher RIP (F)*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 14th August - St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest, Martyr, memorial

9.30am *Mary MacDonald RIP and Shaun Steele RIP*

Saturday 15th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Veronica Pizer RIP*

Sunday 16th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity (transferred)

9am *Jane Rowley RIP*

11am *Ann Purvis RIP - 1st Anniversary*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual

Matthew 14:22-33



**Gospel Reflection for the
 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 'Command me to come to you on
 the water.'**

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt

about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered or initiate a local community project a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't had obeyed the call to walk on water, he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all; the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!

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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.

Baptisms

We warmly welcome George Westhorpe and Leo Correia into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi as they are Baptised on **Sunday 9th August**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.



Vocations - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call **01329 318 869**.



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 would you fill in the attached form and return to the parish office. Alternatively you can use the QR code below to do this electronically. Many thanks for your continued support.

Tears of Saint Lawrence

The name "Tears of St. Lawrence" comes from Catholic tradition, linking the meteor shower to Saint Lawrence, a 3rd-century deacon of Rome who was martyred on August 10, 258 AD by being roasted alive over a gridiron. The fiery meteors were poetically imagined as the saint's tears falling from heaven, and this association has been recognized in Catholic communities for centuries. The meteors originate from the constellation Perseus, giving the shower its modern name, the Perseids, and are caused by debris left by Comet Swift-Tuttle entering Earth's atmosphere. The shower is active from mid-July to late August, with its peak activity expected around 11th - 13th August. This year it will occur on the same day as the total solar eclipse on 12th August, offering a spectacular double feature in the sky.

Coffee and Chat

Refreshments will be available in the Keenan Rooms next **Thursday (13th August)** from 10am. Please join us for a catchup with old friends and/or come and make some new ones.



polite Request

Please do not place notices or flyers on the pinboard, or leave leaflets and literature on the cupboards in the church porch, without first seeking approval from the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.



St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Friday 14th August

In 1941, Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and was eventually transferred to the prison at Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to his fellow prisoners in secret. In order to discourage attempts to escape, the prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July of 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"
John 15:13

One of those chosen, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was especially devastated because he had a wife and family, and he had hoped to return to them someday. Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. His offer was accepted.

Maximilian Kolbe is honoured as the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II called him "The patron saint of our difficult century."

Save the Date

TO SAY FAREWELL TO

Canon Simon

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
29 August	30 August	31 August

AFTER THE 11AM MASS

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.



OPPOSE



ASSISTED SUICIDE

Please contact your MP to Oppose Assisted Suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on **Friday, 11th September 2026**. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: bccew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide and righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

Vocation Seeker Saturday For those discerning God's Will 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

ART ROADSHOW

Multi-media art by Survivors of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

An event curated by Medaille Trust and Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Saturday 12th September | 11am-2 pm

Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way,
Portsmouth PO1 3QA

- Multi-media art work created by survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking
- Space for reflection on the importance of art as a healing modality
- Chance for networking and learning more about the support provisions for survivors
- Light refreshments will be provided.

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

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



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.

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



**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
PHONE IN CHURCH**



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