



**Corpus Christi**  
**Wokingham**  
**South Berkshire Pastoral Area**  
**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**



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**24th and 31st August 2025: Twenty First and Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 23rd August**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*  
**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**  
**5.30pm** *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 24th August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Maria de Lourdes Noronha RIP - 3rd Anniversary*  
**11am** *Kathleen Boardman RIP*

**Tuesday 26th August - Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious**

**7pm**

**Wednesday 27th August - St Monica, memorial**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*  
**9.30am** *Carlos Bonfante RIP*

**Thursday 28th August - St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**9.30am**  
**8 - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Friday 29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist, memorial**

**9.30am** *Ann Ashcroft who is very ill*  
**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

**Saturday 30th August**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*  
**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**  
**5.30pm** *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 31st August - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am**  
**11am** *Helen Power RIP - 5th Anniversary*

**N.B. Please note there will be no weekday Masses between Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th September inclusive.**

**Wednesday 3rd September**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**Thursday 4th September**

**8 - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Saturday 6th September**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*  
**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**  
**5.30pm** *George McCormack RIP*

**Sunday 7th September - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Johanna Kooyman RIP*  
**11am** *Norah O'Brien RIP (Norah and Michael's 68th Wedding Anniversary)*

*(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual*

**St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310  
Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters  
Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)



**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  
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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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Purvis who passed away on Friday 15th August, and for her family. Ann's Funeral Mass will be held on Friday 12th September at 12 noon followed by burial at All Saints Churchyard at 1.30pm.



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



### **Gospel Reflection for the Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

#### **No Meal Tickets**

How do you imagine the gates of Heaven? Perhaps you imagine a fine set of pearly gates and a welcome committee flanked by all of the relatives who have gone before. Perhaps Saint Peter will be there, and a couple of harp-playing cherubs. Imagine instead a narrow door heavily locked and bolted! Imagine knocking on the door only to be told, "I do not know where you come from," and to be turned away. It wouldn't matter how much we insisted that we were baptised and regular churchgoers, our pleas would be ignored.

So where are we coming from? We're baptised as Christians and we know what we're supposed to be doing, but is that enough? God of course isn't making it difficult on purpose for us to be with him in Heaven. God loves us and wants us to be with him, but he doesn't want us to become complacent. The last thing that God wants is for us to feel that because we are baptised Christians, we have some sort of meal ticket into Heaven. The last thing we should do is opt for comfort over commitment or self-indulgence over self-sacrifice. Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving to be better. We should never think that we have achieved all that is expected of us just because we go to church and give to charity now and then.

However well we think we are doing we could be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front.

#### **Youth Group**

If you would like to find out more and receive a copy of the job description please contact the parish office on:  
[wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## **CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS**



*20-30 of our young parishioners (11-17 years old) attend our Youth Group every fortnight. It is a space to meet new and old friends, have some fun and speak about faith aspects that interest them the most.*

#### **We need more volunteers to help run it!**

if you would like to be a part of the team that animates and organises our YG please have a look at the job description and consider applying!



#### **Please Help!!!**

Our lovely Baby and Toddler Group is in danger of closing, please consider helping so this doesn't happen!

## *Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group*



We are looking for volunteers to help run the playgroup every Wednesday (9.30am - 11am term time only). For more information please contact:  
[wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



#### **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.



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church  
**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**

**Women's Equality Day**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Globally, women are less likely to be involved in decision-making, to own land or property or to have access to education and employment than men. Violence against women is one of the most widespread abuses of human rights globally. Confronted with this reality and with a mission to serve the poorest and most disadvantaged, CAFOD has prioritised its work with women and girls. Our vision needs to be of a world where women are safe and respected and where women and men share equally in shaping their societies.

**To do:-** Contribute to the work of CAFOD, Trocaire and SCIAF in their work to give women equal opportunities.

**Saint Monica - Patron of Victims of Abuse**  
**Wednesday 27th August**

On the feast of St Monica we pray for all those who have suffered abuse of any kind including domestic violence... whether it be men, women or children.



If you don't feel safe at home call

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline**  
**0808 2000 247**

Run by Refuge

If in immediate danger call 999



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**The Passion of St John the Baptist**  
**Friday 29th August**

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.



**March for Life**

A coach is going to the March for Life in London on Saturday 6th of September from the Church of St. William of York in Reading, where there is parking. Contact David Joyce at [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com) or use <https://tinyurl.com/spuccoach2025>. The important thing is to go: the contribution to the cost is not.

**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](mailto:tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**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 cooperation..

**Missio Supporters/Red Box Holders**

If you have a Red Box which needs emptying, please could you hand it in to the Parish Office. If you are not currently using your Red Box, but would like to continue your donations to Missio, there are several methods you could use, such as giving online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox) or setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. You can use the parish DONA machines for Missio donations throughout the year. Money from the Red Boxes is supporting missionaries around the world in igniting God's hope and love wherever they are needed the most. This includes the training of future priests as well as the education and protection of over 4 million children worldwide.



**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.







## Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

### God's Seating Plan

How do we define 'humility'? What is our perception of a humble person? Perhaps our idea of a humble person is someone self-effacing, someone who never pushes themselves forward or blows their own trumpet, somebody who is overly modest. In a society where we need to push ourselves forward to succeed, 'humility isn't a quality we value. In fact, we often consider the 'humble person' as a bit of a doormat. Fortunately this isn't Jesus' perception of humility and he certainly isn't asking us to behave like doormats?

Today Jesus uses an invitation to a dinner party to give a lesson in humility. Jesus notices that the guests at the dinner party seat themselves in positions of honour at the table. It's clear that some of Jesus' fellow guests are so puffed up with pride that they assume the top places at the table. Jesus tells them that things will be just the opposite in God's Kingdom. "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Despite our preconceptions humility isn't about being a doormat. True humility isn't about thinking less of ourselves but thinking of others more. True humility is about serving others without expecting anything in return. True humility is not about seeking to rub shoulders with the rich and influential, but rubbing shoulders with everyone whether they are a king or a pauper. Humility is about sharing time and money unconditionally without expecting repayment, admiration, accolades or long letters of thanks. When we approach God's table, we must remember to be first to put others first.

### Weekday Mass



If you would like to attend weekday Mass in Canon Simon's absence, please see the schedule below for the churches in the Pastoral Area:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst and 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst and 12 noon at St Joseph's, Bracknell

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# QUIZ NIGHT

Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

**SATURDAY**  
13 SEPTEMBER, 2025

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19:15 – 21:45

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### Cathedral150 Appeal

Canon James McAuley VG, Dean of St John's Cathedral writes.....

In 2032, the cathedral and the diocese will mark their 150th anniversary. As the seat of the bishop, the cathedral is the liturgical and theological "heart" of the diocese. Recent inspections by a conservation architect and other specialists have identified work which needs to be done to the cathedral's roofs, upper nave windows, organ, heating and electrical systems. This will cost more than £2 million. Funds permitting, we hope also to develop the site to make it more fit for mission and outreach in the most socially deprived part of our diocese. The Cathedral150 appeal will be launched in Advent 2025. In the meantime, any donation, no matter how little, to the Cathedral150 appeal, may be sent to: CDP Cathedral 150th Fund; Sort Code 309304; Account Number 00900347. It is also possible to set up a regular standing order. For more information, including how to gift aid your donation, please [contact us](#).

