



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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23rd August 2026: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 22nd August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Delphine Ekpote-Mukete RIP - 1st Anniversary*

Sunday 23rd August - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Tim Lamb RIP*

Tuesday 25th August - Feria

7pm *For the People of Columbia*

Wednesday 26th August - Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

11am *Funeral Mass for Rita King RIP*

Thursday 27th August - St Monica, memorial

9.30am *John Proctor's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 28th August - St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial

9.30am *Helen Power RIP - 6th Anniversary*

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*

(F) *Foundation*

(P) *Perpetual*

Matthew 16:13-20



Gospel Reflection for the

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children God is a kindly father figure who lives in

Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults, we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached.

It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.

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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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julia McKillop who passed away on Saturday 8th August, and for her family at this time of sorrow.

Julia's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 14th September at 11am followed by burial.

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.



Saint Monica - Patron of Victims of Abuse

Thursday 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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Farewell Celebration for Canon Simon

A quick update regarding the farewell celebration for Canon Simon, which was previously advertised as a BBQ. Following recent guidance regarding BBQs and fires after the recent heatwave, the event will now be a buffet rather than a BBQ. We hope you will still be able to join us as we celebrate and give thanks for Canon Simon's time with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date

TO SAY FAREWELL TO

Canon Simon



AFTER THE 11AM MASS



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](https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/). 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.

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.



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.



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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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.