



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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16th August 2026: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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*

Tuesday 18th August - Feria

7pm *Barbara Cossey RIP (F)*

Wednesday 19th August - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Krystyna Skrakowska RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 20th August - St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, memorial

9.30am *Helena Cleary's 30th Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 21st August - St Pius X, Pope, memorial

NO MASS

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*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual

Luke 1:39-56



Gospel Reflection for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

'He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.'

Catholics are a little different from other Christians. We are the ones with a very special place in our hearts for Mary. Our devotions might seem a little sentimental to others, but this is not the case. Mary, often depicted as meek and mild, was in fact a woman of great strength and insight. More to the point, Mary is on the side of ordinary men women and children everywhere.

Today Mary tells us about a liberating God who is all about turning human values upside down. We may look up to the rich the successful and the glamorous but God doesn't. We may aspire to be like our TV idols but this isn't the Christian aspiration. Of God, Mary tells us, "He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly." "The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away."

Mary voices God's opposition to oppression, injustice and greed. Mary, herself a 'lowly servant', is on the side of all those who find life a daily struggle. Is it any wonder we so often pray for her intercession, particularly in these days of difficulty?

Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings, but by the sixth century, Christians had already begun to speculate about the nature of Mary's death. They could not believe that Mary's body underwent decay after the unique role she had played in history. The dogma of the Assumption, founded in the origins of popular faith, was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

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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.

Save the Date

TO SAY FAREWELL TO

Canon Simon

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
29 <i>August</i>	30 <i>August</i>	31 <i>August</i>

AFTER THE 11AM MASS

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



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](http://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.

Medjugorje September 2026

I have arranged a small pilgrimage to visit Medjugorje from Friday 18 to Friday 25 September 2026. The group consists of 16 people (some parishioners, former parishioners and some friends). Unfortunately, one of our party is now unable to go, so there is a space available for one adult. This is a group booking with British Airways and I have until the end of August to assign names to seats. The return flight cost from Heathrow to Dubrovnik is £295 (far cheaper than the current price of £555). Accommodation is a guest house at €45 (euro) per person per night in a single room with en-suite and includes breakfast and one meal. In addition, there are minibuss transfer costs from Dubrovnik to Medjugorje of approximately €40 (euro) return. You will need a valid passport and, depending on nationality, an appropriate visa (no visa required for UK passport holders). I am happy to answer any questions, but it would be great to fill the space - this may be the call you have been waiting for. Please contact me at dougleary91@gmail.com. Thanks Doug



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.



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.

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.



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.

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

**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

Vocations

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary's faith is a model for consecrated life, trusting God's promises completely. Is there an area of your life where you could trust God more? Might He be calling you to follow her example? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869



Natural Fertility

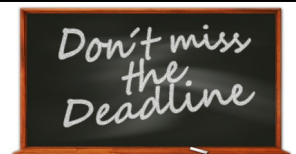
Are you getting married soon? Hoping to start a family? Would you like to know more about the Natural Fertility Cycle in women? Here are 2 links that will help you find out more.

- Natural Family Planning Teachers Association - NFPTA - www.nfpta.org.uk
- A list of associated organisations can be access via this link, there may be a need to register - <https://www.nfpta.org.uk/forum/list-of-nfp-websites/list-of-nfp-websites/#post-90>

GENTLE REMINDER



**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
PHONE IN CHURCH**



Newsletter Deadline

To ensure we have ample time to review and finalise the newsletter on a Friday we kindly request that all materials be submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.

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/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Please refrain from bringing food and drink, including water bottles, to Mass. Church is a place for prayer, reflection and worship

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



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.