



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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5th July 2026: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 4th July

11am Diocesan Mission Mass (*Missio*)

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Patrick McGovern RIP

Sunday 5th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am In Thanksgiving for Anna Johnstone and the Community of the Transfiguration, of Saint Carlo Acutis.

11am The Catenian Association and the Visiting Members & Wives

Tuesday 7th July - Feria

7pm Peter Ohiare RIP - 22nd Anniversary

Wednesday 8th July - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am Arthur Park RIP (F)

10am Praying the Rosary

Thursday 9th July - Feria

NO MASS

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10th July - Feria

9.30am Francesca Vincent RIP - 2nd Anniversary

Saturday 11th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm In Thanksgiving for Andrew and Gosia Figura-Nyonyintono on their 20th wedding Anniversary, asking for God's continued blessings upon them and their children.

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Jim Dimond RIP (F)

11am Peter McDonagh RIP - 8th Anniversary



Gospel Reflection for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'I am gentle and lowly in heart.'

How often do we laughingly say, "... Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and

white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we? When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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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, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

CAFOD **A better world needs all of us**

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Two devastating earthquakes have struck northern Venezuela, killing and injuring scores of our neighbours there and bringing down buildings.

Our local partner, Caritas Venezuela, is ready to help the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter.

Many of our neighbours in Venezuela were already struggling with basic needs and services, so your support will be needed beyond the vital search and rescue work happening right now. A monthly donation to our emergency fund will help us to support survivors of this disaster and other emergencies around the world.

To read more and donate please click [here](#).

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CAFOD Debt Crisis Petition

Thank You to all who added their names at our signing after Masses last weekend - 156 in all! These will be added to the national petition asking our government to act by passing a Debt Justice law and using their influence when hosting the G20 in 2027. You can still add your name online using this QR code.



UCM

The next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) will be on **Thursday 9th July at 1.30pm** in the Keenan Rooms.

Our Speaker Marcia Watson will talk about her experiences in Nepal. She will also have some Nepalese items to sell in aid of charity. The meeting is open to all members of the parish.

To all Missio and Red Box supporters:

There are new Summer 2026 Mission Today magazines at the back of the church. Feel free to help yourself to a copy and read updates describing missionary work happening in Malawi, Cambodia and The Democratic Republic of the Congo. Please remember that you can use the parish DONA machine for Missio donations throughout the year, or you can donate via your usual method.



Red Box Mission Mass Saturday 4th July

Corpus Christi is hosting a special Diocesan Mission Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box.

On **Saturday 4th July at 11am**, we will welcome Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director), the Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio volunteers & supporters from across the diocese. Fr Chantry will celebrate Mass alongside Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru (Missio Diocesan Director) followed by a shared lunch in the Keenan Room. All are welcome! For more information or to offer your support for this event, please contact the parish office or Pia Drake, Parish Missio Local Secretary.

Congratulations to Matthew Shepherd and Megan Watterson, who will celebrate their wedding at Corpus Christi on **Saturday 11th July at 1.00pm**. We wish them a wonderful day and many happy years together.



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.



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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2027

Any young adult (school age year 10 to 13) who wishes to be considered for Confirmation in 2027, please send an email to the office (wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to register your interest before **17th July 2026**. This will allow us to plan for the 2026/27 Confirmation programme.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Priestly Ordination



Everyone is welcome to the Ordination Mass of Deacon Jack Ryan at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Saturday 18th July at 11am**. If you can't make it and want to follow on line, click here [St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth - Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, England](http://St.John's.Cathedral.Portssmouth.Bishop's.House.Bishop.Crispian.Way.Portssmouth.England)

South Berkshire Pastoral Area
(Bracknell, Crowthorne and Sandhurst, Wokingham Parishes)

Are you currently involved with or have an interest in helping with Sacramental Preparation?

The Pastoral Area is organizing a Sacramental (Catechesis) Day from 11.00 am until 3.30 pm

Saturday 25th July 2026

At Corpus Christi Church Wokingham
(60 Sturges Road RG40 2HE)
(Car Park St Teresa's School Easthampstead Road, RG40 2EB)

Please Come and See

Please send your acceptance to this invitation to your parish office so we can be aware of numbers:

Bracknell – 01344 425729 ;

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Crowthorne and Sandhurst – 01252 876820 ;

email: crowsand@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Wokingham – 01189 780348 ; email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

(Tea and coffee, soft drinks will be provided , please bring a packed lunch)



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.

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