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### Wokingham

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### **7th July 2024: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**



Hands up .... did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountain-top we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking, they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### **Saturday 6th July**

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Jackie Norcutt RIP*

#### **Sunday 7th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Käthe and Josef Dahmann RIP*

**11am** *Mary Carter RIP*

#### **Tuesday 9th July - Feria**

**7pm** *Arthur Park RIP (F)*

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

#### **Wednesday 10th July - Feria**

**9.30am** *Robert Bedwell RIP*

**Thursday 11th July - St Benedict, Founder, Patron of Europe, feast**

**8am** *Amara Gonsalves*

#### **Friday 12th July - Feria**

**9.30am** *Jim Dimond RIP (F)*

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

#### **Saturday 13th July**

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Mary Philbin RIP*

#### **Sunday 14th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

**11am** *Blanca Cecilia Mancipe de Sanabria RIP*



### **St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.

Valerie Gallacher's funeral Mass will be held on Friday 19th July at 11.30am followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 1.00pm

***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.***



# WELCOME

Please welcome Fr Danny McAvoy, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Bracknell, this weekend as he will be celebrating the Masses whilst Canon Simon will be at Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst.



### Pope Francis Prayer intention for July 2024 For pastoral care of the sick

Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July 2024, and in particular for those thinking about requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The problem comes when people mistakenly feel that this sacrament is only for the dying. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, says the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. "Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit," says the Pope. We are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention. **"We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."**

### Book now for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Annual

# LOURDES

Pilgrimage 2024

22nd - 26th July 2024



This year's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes is from **Monday 22nd - Friday 26th July**. Why not join Bishop Philip and fellow pilgrims for this wonderful week...If you would like to know more about the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year [click here](#) for a booking form or [email](#).



### Life In The Spirit Seminar

The sixth "Life In The Spirit Seminar" will be running on Thursday 11th July. Please join us in the Keenan Rooms for a group session where we watch the Seminar talks together.

## · LOST & FOUND ·

Please claim any lost property in the box in the porch. All items not collected by 14th July will be disposed of.



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.



### Christian Aid

As promised, we are now able to announce that the final total for this year's Christian Aid collection in Wokingham, which includes the donations from the House to House collections, and various other dedicated fund raising activities, came to £5,439. Thank you so very much to everyone who helped this year's efforts in whatever way you were able, knowing that we are helping some of the poorest people in this world.



### Save the Date - Tuesday 23rd July

Please save the date and join us on Tuesday 23rd July at 7pm for a Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Canon Simon's Ordination. Fizz and cake to follow in the Keenan Rooms, all are welcome.



### Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.



Please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form.



### International Picnic 2024

Following the success of the international summer picnic last year, we are holding it again this year! It will take place on Sunday 15th September after 11am Mass in the church and school grounds. All are welcome! Once more we are asking parishioners if they would like to contribute a national dish for sharing. Please click [here](#) to sign up. The social committee would like to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at this event in September.

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