



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

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## 4th August 2024: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



It's tempting for us to think of God as some kind of sugar daddy who might grant us all our materialistic wishes if we just ask nicely enough. Too often we are in danger of praying for a long list of things that we are convinced will make us happy. That money doesn't bring happiness is just a tired old cliché, we remain firmly convinced that a bigger house, a better car and a foreign holiday will make us content. Yet even if God could be persuaded to answer this sort of prayer, we would probably still ask for more. It seems a sad truth that we are always striving for something beyond our reach. Enough it seems is never enough. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent. This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 3rd August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Nilsa Sirju's 50th Birthday in Thanksgiving*

#### Sunday 4th August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Wendy Trust - In Thanksgiving*

11am *The Family Intentions and Good Health of Esra Gonsalves*

#### Tuesday 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord, feast

7pm *John Connolly's Welfare*

#### Wednesday 7th August - Feria

9.30am *Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)*

#### Thursday 8th August - St Dominic, Founder, memorial

9.30am *Teo Brejza RIP*

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

#### Friday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe, feast

9.30am *Elaine Murphy's intentions*

#### Saturday 10th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *David and Rosaline Ferguson - For a Speedy Recovery*

#### Sunday 11th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

11am *Joe and Aurelia Lobo 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, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Maggi Fletcher and Fr Jim Joyce.

Kathleen Boardman's funeral Mass will be held on Friday 23rd August at 12.30pm followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.00pm



***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**

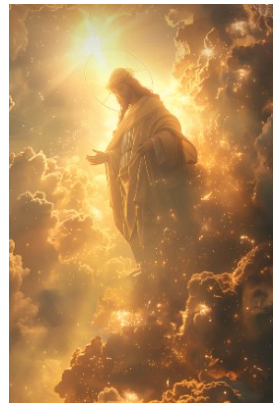
Please warmly welcome back Fr Marcus Brisley, Parish Priest of Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, this weekend as he will be celebrating the Masses whilst Canon Simon will be at St Joseph's, Bracknell.



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2024 - For Political Leaders**

Pope Francis acknowledges that "politics does not have a very good reputation." Nonetheless, he says, politics properly so-called – as opposed to "politicking" – "listens to what is really going on... is at the service of the poor... is concerned for the unemployed." "If we look at it in this way," the Pope says, "politics is much more noble than it appears." "Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good," says Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

Political leaders are who we make of them. Instead of fuelling contempt for them with our words and our thoughts, let's help them to be the men and women we would like them to be. Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for August that **"...that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs."**



**Feast of the Transfiguration  
Tuesday 6th August  
Vision and Motivation**

Life without vision is like a ship without a rudder. As Christians we might have a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply the vision to improve the life of one other person. Vision is important if we want to stay motivated through life's 'lows'. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

**St Lawrence's Tears - 10th August**

The feast of St Lawrence's martyrdom falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon was known in past times as the "burning tears of St Lawrence". **This year the best nights to view St Lawrence's Tears are on the 12th and 13th August.**



If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.



**Visit by four OLN pupils and their teachers to the UK from 22<sup>nd</sup>/30th September**

Are there any Parishioners who might be able to accommodate either of the two adults who are accompanying the pupils. One is a male teacher, and the other is a lady from the OLN Office. The trip is being organised by Holme Grange School who like Corpus Christi Africa Fund support Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi.

If you are able to do so, please let Jeremy Best know at [best@borauk.com](mailto:best@borauk.com)

**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. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: **St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX**. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.



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.



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# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

14<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPT.  
2024

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### 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.

### VOLUNTEER



### Parish Volunteer Fair

There will be a Parish Volunteer Fair on the weekend of 28th and 29th September after each Mass. Information will be available about the various groups in the Parish. The purpose of the fair is to advertise the groups and hopefully to recruit more members to support them. Any group wishing to participate, please contact Hannah in the Parish Office. Thank you.

*"The gifts God gave you is the key*



*to knowing what he wants you to do!"*

1 Peter 4:10



**Coming Soon:** an opportunity to begin a journey to discover the unique call God has for you and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life! It all starts with the Called & Gifted Live Teaching Day on Sat 19th October. Everyone over 18 is invited to participate. To find out more, please contact the parish office.





# EARTH FAYRE

**Saturday 28th September**

**10am – 3pm**

**All Saints Church, Wokingham**

*sharing green initiatives amongst the community*



*Stalls*

*Speakers*

*Children's Activities*



*Visit our website for an up to date  
programme of speakers  
[allsaintswokingham.org.uk/earth-fayre-2024](https://allsaintswokingham.org.uk/earth-fayre-2024)*