



Corpus
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Wokingham

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18th August 2024: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp

fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 17th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *In Thanksgiving for the 90th Birthday of Terry Lynes*

Sunday 18th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Barbara Cossey RIP (F)*

11am *In Thanksgiving - Regina Dias and Gladstone Gonsalves*

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

7pm *Karen Gannon RIP*

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

9.30am *Maria Delfina (Boio) de Noronha RIP*

Thursday 22nd August - The Queenship of Mary, memorial

9.30am *For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

8-9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 23rd August - Feria

12.30pm *Funeral Mass for Kathleen Boardman RIP*

Saturday 24th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Rymon Albert Rahme RIP*

Sunday 25th August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Mr and Mrs Ramos RIP*

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Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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 and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maggi Fletcher, who passed away on Saturday 10th August, and for her family. Maggi's funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 1.00pm followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.30pm

**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.**



Called and Gifted

Canon Simon, would like to invite you to join the Called and Gifted Programme and the Live Teaching day on Saturday 19th October 2024 at Corpus Christi Church from 9:00am.

Learn more about your spiritual gifts and your unique mission in God's plan as you are guided by a trained team. **For more details and to sign up, follow this link** <https://bit.ly/CCCGP>

Please note, the last date for sign-ups is Sunday 22nd September. Each attendee will have to pay £41. However, the cost should not be an obstacle to signing up, so if you need help with the cost, please contact the parish office.



CAFOD Meeting - On Saturday 7th September from 10:30am to 12 noon, please join us at the Newman Centre, St John Bosco Church Woodley Reading RG5 3BH to hear about CAFOD's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Everyone is welcome but please **book a place** by contacting Jo Lewry on jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447 so that we have an idea of numbers. Come and find out about the difference your generous donations make.



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.

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.



Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Saturday 7th September

On Saturday 7th September the diocese is holding a significant wedding celebration Mass at St Bede's in Basingstoke at 2pm. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Alternatively, contact Hannah in the Parish office.



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.

Visit by four OLN pupils and their teachers to the UK from 22nd/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



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.



To Hope and Act with Creation

Environmental Conference

Join us as we listen and respond to the cry of Creation

Speaker: John Paul de Quay

from the Ecological Conversion Group who run the Journey to 2030 project, inspiring parish communities to build a better future for all.

'Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home'

Update of COP 28 and preparation for COP 29

Actions in our parishes

Saturday 14 September

10am-1pm

Join us for Mass at 9am followed by coffee

St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs

Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8RY

