



Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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25th August 2024: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a decision, and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask, "would make our decision easier to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point. The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative to the promise of eternal life. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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*

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Tuesday

27th and Friday 30th August inclusive.

Thursday 29th August

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 31st August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Maria de Lourdes Noronha RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Sunday 1st September - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Patricia Ann Johnson RIP - 4th Anniversary*

11am *Helen Power RIP - 4th Anniversary*

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St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

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.

Weekday Mass

If you would like to attend weekday Mass in Canon Simon's absence next week please see the schedule below for the churches in the Pastoral Area:

Monday 26th August: 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

Tuesday 27th August: 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

Wednesday 28th August: 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst and 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

Thursday 29th August: 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

Friday 30th August: 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst and 12 noon at St Joseph's, Bracknell



Canon Simon is inviting you to take part in the Called and Gifted process. There will be a Teaching day on Saturday, 19th October 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham.

God has a purpose for your life and has equipped you for your mission. In your baptism and confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? Learn more about your gifts and your unique mission in God's plan as you are guided through a 3-step process by a trained team.

Who can benefit from this process?

- **Anyone** asking, "What does God want me to do?"
- **Parents** who want to help their children live their faith and recognise their charisms.
- **People in transition** who might be changing jobs, adjusting to an empty nest, returning to the workplace or retiring.
- **New or returning Catholics** who want to explore what it means to live their faith fully as an adult.
- **People** wondering, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life, in this time and place?"

For more details and to sign up, follow this link <https://bit.ly/CCCGP>

Please register by Sunday, 22nd Sept to reserve your space. The cost is £41 per person and includes the 3-step process, a resource book and 6 months of online access. We don't want the cost to be a barrier to taking part, so if you need help with the cost, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you.

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



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.



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.

