



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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<https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-Wokingham-100445488273222/>

## 12th May 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B



Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact, for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe over two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 11th May - of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

11am First Holy Communion Mass

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm For all the children in the Parish who have made their First Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am People of the Parish

11am Dave Williams RIP

#### Tuesday 14th May - St Matthias, Apostle, Feast

7pm Bernadotte Saint Pierre RIP

#### Wednesday 15th May - of the 7th Week of Easter

9.30am For all the Young people in the Parish who are to be Confirmed this weekend

#### Thursday 16th May - of the 7th Week of Easter

9.30am For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Friday 17th May - of the 7th Week of Easter

8am Alfredo Mendoza - In Thanksgiving

10am Praying the Rosary

#### Saturday 18th May - of the 7th Week of Easter

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm For all Parishioners

#### Sunday 19th May - Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity

9am John and Julia Harrington RIP

11am Bruce Robertson RIP

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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

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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, Pat Kerton, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernie O'Keeffe who passed away on Saturday 4th May and for her family and friends. Bernie's funeral Mass will be held on Monday 20th May at 10.30am.



***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.***



**First Holy Communion - Saturday 11th May**

Please pray for the boys and girls from our parish making their First Holy Communion this Saturday. May they be blessed on this special day and in the future.

**Singers needed at 9am Mass**

The group that leads the singing at 9am Masses on Sundays would very much welcome more singers. There is a degree of commitment (but quite a lot of fun!) as we meet every two or three weeks in the choir loft on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, and members are expected to attend practices whenever they can. If you are interested, please come up to the choir loft after 9am Mass on any Sunday and speak to a member of the choir.



**Second Collections Sunday 12th May 2024  
World Communications Day**

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? You can read the full message here (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>). The Second Collection for World Communications Day assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world. If you would like to donate please use the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024>, the baskets in the porch or the digital collection plates.

**Christian Aid Week (May 12-18<sup>th</sup> 2024)**



Just a reminder that there will be a box at the back of the church at all masses this weekend for requested donations of small, unwanted items, which we hope to sell on the Corpus Christi table, at the charity sale at St Pauls Parish Rooms on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. All money raised will be donated to Christian Aid. Everybody welcome to come along 10.45am - 12.45pm.

We would also like to appeal again for volunteers to spend ¾ hour or so delivering envelopes around our local streets, as part of a group, during C.A.Week. (Full details in the Newsletter of 28<sup>th</sup> April). Please get in touch if you have any queries (Frankie Chard - 0118 9784630) Thank you so much.



**LiveSimply** – Looking for help in reducing your Carbon Footprint? Find out how our local council is progressing in **their aim to reach 'net zero'** by 2030 at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/climate-emergency> and for lots of ideas for residents, schools and businesses.



**Missio Supporters/ Red Box Holders**

If you have a Red Box which needs emptying, please could you hand it in to the Parish Office. If you are not currently using your Red Box, but would like to continue your donations to Missio, there are several methods you could use, such as using the Digital Collection plates in the church porch, giving online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox) or setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order.

Money from the Red Boxes supports missionary dioceses and the spread of the Gospel overseas as well as supporting the formation and training of future missionaries. This includes helping to build churches and aiding the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children in mission dioceses.



THANK YOU for your support for the CAFOD **Sudan Crisis** collection (with cash and card tapping) or online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>. Your donations will help CAFOD's partners to feed more families facing extreme hunger.

**Mass Intentions**



If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. 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. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? 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.



**For Our Younger Parishioners** - Over the next days and weeks some of our younger parishioners will be busy taking tests and exams. We pray that they will negotiate them free of anxiety and stress and that they will be able to do their best. Please remember to keep them in your prayers. We pray for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm.





### Do you work from home?

Many people do but miss the interaction and connection with colleagues.

On Friday 7th June, the Keenan Rooms here at Corpus Christi will be open between 12pm & 2.15pm, for those who work from home to eat their lunch in the company of others and have an opportunity to chat.



Please come along with either your own packed lunch or have our homemade lentil soup served with bread. Tea and coffee will be provided. We are planning to run this once a month if there is demand, so please do support it if you can.

Any queries, call Hannah in the office at Corpus Christi on 0118 978 0348. Please sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/CC-soup-lunch> or the QR code. Thank you.

### Kenya Flood Disaster

You may be aware from recent news reports of the devastating floods in Kenya? This has been caused by the El Nino weather pattern changes, as well as cyclones in the Indian Ocean effecting the East African Coast, and then moving inland.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Please take a look at the updates on the CCAF notice board that Jeremy Best has received from Our Lady of Nazareth School regarding the situation. The President of Kenya has ordered all schools across the country to remain closed.

This is a very serious situation, and many people have perished in Kenya, but fortunately it seems none in the OLN community. The floods follow many months of drought in the whole of the region. Please pray for all those effected by this terrible disaster.



**Save The Date! Called and Gifted** is coming to Corpus Christi on Saturday 19th October.

“God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me that He has not committed to another” *St John Henry Newman*

Please click below for more details of the Called and Gifted process. Further information to follow in the coming weeks...

[Called and Gifted - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



### Leave your mark – Do something amazing today by supporting your family, friends & faith with a Gift in your Will

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to easily write or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free.

Whether you would like to write your Will in person, online or over the 'phone you will be expertly supported through the process. You are under no obligation to leave the Diocese a gift in your Will, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to God and His Church.

Making or updating a Will is an expression of profound confidence that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; it is a mature and thoughtful way of acknowledging our own mortality. Making provision for the Church in our Will is a continuation and crown of the service we ourselves may have offered over many years, in terms of our time, our talents and our treasure. It is following in the footsteps of all those whose generosity in generations past has bequeathed us the Church we know and love today.

It reminds us that through baptism we belong to the great communion of saints, united with the Lord as a member of His Church both on earth and in heaven. Once you have considered your loved ones, you may choose to leave a legacy to a specific cause, Pastoral Area or parish in the Diocese; or, as good stewards, we will apply any gift given for the Diocese's general charitable purposes where there is the greatest need. Do please get in touch if you would like further information by emailing [fundraising@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Claim your free will today:

We've partnered with expert will writers, Octopus Legacy, to make giving a gift in your will to the Church even easier, though of course in claiming your FREE Will, you are under no obligation make provision for the Diocese or your particular parish.



### Alzheimer's Society - Dementia Friends

Caritas Portsmouth is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café,



looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. Everyone welcome. The session will be held online on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm**. Please register in advance [HERE](https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk). For more information please contact us at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>



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.

