



# Corpus Christi

Wokingham

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## 2nd July 2023: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of a Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The advice in today's gospel is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. No love should be greater than the love we have for God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway? The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "...And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 1st July

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Cecil and Edwina Culver RIP (F)*

#### Sunday 2nd July - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Sally Lynch RIP*

11am *Peter McDonagh RIP - 5th Anniversary*

#### Monday 3rd July - St Thomas, Apostle, Feast

7pm *Confirmation Mass*

#### Tuesday 4th July - Feria

NO MASS

#### Wednesday 5th July - Feria

9.30am *Breda's Welfare (D and S Davey)*

#### Thursday 6th July - Feria

8am *Jackie Norcutt RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

#### Friday 7th July - Feria

9.30am *In Thanksgiving (M Crawley)*

#### Saturday 8th July

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Peter McDonagh RIP - 5th Anniversary*

#### Sunday 9th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Arthur Park RIP (F)*

11am *Armando Rodrigues RIP*

(F) *Foundation (P) Perpetual*

### Parish Office Opening Times:-

Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 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](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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### Important Contacts

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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, Bernie O'Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Mary Dobson, Teresa Skeet, Neil Harman, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

**Vocation Visit - Canon John Cooke and Clare Ryan (Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July)**

“Have you asked yourself who is responsible for ‘finding’ your next priest? Is it Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is it down to Bishop Philp or maybe even a task for Canon Simon to plan for his own succession? It may surprise you to realise that the duty of fostering and supporting vocations lies with the whole Christian community. What do you do at the moment to foster and support vocations? Whilst it is important that each one of us comes to a realisation of our own personal vocation through God’s plan for each one of us; our call to holiness & discipleship in Jesus’ name, - it is good to focus on the need for priestly vocations in our Diocese. I hope that our visit to you highlighting vocations will be memorable, that it stirs up a fresh enthusiasm in the parish for praying for vocations, for actively encouraging vocations & for being open to the possibility of exploring a God-given call. And who knows, it may be the start of a journey towards the priesthood for one of your parish members sat in the pews this weekend. We can all play a part in God’s Divine plan because the Holy Spirit works through each one of us.”

**Welcome into the family of the Church** - Please pray for Emilia Steady who will be baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 2nd July.



**Second Collection Sunday 2nd July  
Peter's Pence**

The Second Collection this Sunday is for Peter's Pence. This collection is offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself. Parishioners may use the baskets in the porch or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2023>. The collection will be open until 11th July. Thank you.



**Confirmation 2023**

**Please pray** for our candidates on their **Confirmation Day**: Gabriel Akowuah, Sheville Carvalho, Emilia Casu-Lukac, Lola Exell, Janelle Ezinmo, Tobenna Ezinmo, Chibuikem Ndubuisi, Ikenna Nwahiri, Joed Paranal, Andrei Perez, Isabella Purvis, Rebecca Pye, Lily Rodrigues, and Jadyr Sirju. The candidates will be confirmed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Corpus Christi by Bishop Philip Egan. May they be blessed on this special day and in the future. Please also pray for Olivia Kennedy and Chisom Ndubuisi who will be confirmed on Saturday 8th July during the Vigil Mass at Corpus Christi by Canon Simon who has been granted a special faculty to do this.



**Welcomers Needed**

Our parish Welcoming Ministry is going really well - and now we need a few more people to join us. If you would like to help out every few weeks, please let the Parish Office know: your name, email address and phone number, and which weekend mass you normally attend. (We are particularly short of volunteers at 11.00)

“All aboard” with Noah and his floating zoo, folk songs and spirituals at All Saints Church Saturday 8th July at 7.30pm. South Berkshire Singers and St Teresa’s School Choir. Tickets at the door - £10 for adults, children are free. Proceeds to Space for All.



**Living sustainably** – Little changes can make a big difference. Did you know: cycling rather than driving 3 miles saves about 2kg of carbon? The first **Corpus Christi LOW CARBON Travel to Mass Weekend** will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July. Can you **walk, cycle** or arrange to **car-share** to church? Or, if too far, drive **some** of the way and then **walk**. Put the date in your diary and plan the journey!

We welcome photos of your **Wildflowers** and ideas and comments on our [LiveSimply Facebook page](#)



**St Francis Ascot Fatima Devotions KSC Home Prayer Group**

30 minutes of praying the Rosary as requested by Our Lady. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm. Zoom ID: **78218587375** Password for each day: **rosary**



**Parish Picnic/International Food – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

We would like to celebrate the diversity in our parish by inviting parishioners to bring a dish from their home country to share. If you would like to contribute a dish please could you let Hannah in the parish office know as soon as possible. The picnic will start after the 11am Mass. All are welcome!

**Important!** 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.

