



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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12th July 2026: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 11th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *In Thanksgiving for Andrew and Gosia Figura-Nyonyintono on their 20th wedding Anniversary, asking for God's continued blessings upon them and their children.*

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Jim Dimond RIP (F)*

11am *Peter McDonagh RIP - 8th Anniversary*

Tuesday 14th July - Feria

7pm *Ozohu Adoh's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 15th July - St Swithun, Bishop, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Margaret and Thomas Eddleston RIP*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 16th July - Feria

9.30am *Natividad Ramos RIP and Gorgonia Valenton RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 17th July - St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop

St Teresa's Catholic Academy Leavers Mass

9.30am *Rev John Keenan RIP*

Saturday 18th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *For newly Ordained Fr Jack Ryan*

Sunday 19th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *The Catenians President's Sunday Mass for The Wokingham Catenians and their families*

11am *Sue Nind's 60th Birthday - In Thanksgiving*



Gospel Reflection for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'A sower went out to sow.'

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently? It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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

Parish Administrator: Hannah Procter



Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.



Farewell to Canon Simon

For those of you who have not yet heard, it is with great sadness that we share the news that Canon Simon will be leaving Corpus Christi. Bishop Philip has asked him to take up a new appointment in the New Forest at the beginning of September.

Canon Simon's final Masses will be on Sunday **30th August**. After the 11am Mass everyone is warmly invited to a farewell gathering to celebrate his time with us, say goodbye and wish him every happiness in his new parish. Please keep the date free and join us if you can. Further details about this together with information about a farewell collection and the opportunity to sign a card will follow in the coming weeks.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe O'Farrell who passed away recently,
and for his family at this time of sorrow.

Joe's Funeral Service will take place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



Baptism

We warmly welcome Matteo Roque Dos Santos and Stella James into the family of the Church at Corpus Christi as they are Baptised on **Sunday 12th July**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.

Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A this **Sunday, 12th July** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea Second Collection

Sunday 12th July 2026

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Conflicts around the world are increasing risks to their safety, especially for crews travelling through regions such as the Strait of Hormuz. Many also face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress, and poor mental health.

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [Sea Sunday Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.



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Sat 11th July 2026

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HOLME GRANGE
SCHOOL
WOKINGHAM
RG40 3AL

MIDSUMMER Music

TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026

FOOD SERVICE 4.45-5.30PM **EVENT STARTS** 5.30PM

Join us for an evening of music and summer celebrations!

MUSIC FROM OUR SCHOOL INFANT CHOIR & CHAMBER CHOIR
AND PERFORMANCES FROM THE WINNERS OF **ST TERESA'S GOT TALENT**

★ BBQ FOOD ★
Pre-order your food options by 9th July via ParentPay
SERVICE ONLY 4.45-5.30PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
• Bar
• Snacks
• Ice Pops

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Cash and card payments accepted at the event

Please bring your **CHAIRS AND BLANKETS**

BAR

Raising awareness of domestic abuse during the World Cup

As the 2026 FIFA World Cup continues and emotions run high, it's important to remember that this period can also see an increase in domestic abuse incidents. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, support is available.

For local support in South Berkshire, Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA - www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk) can help. BWA provide emotional and practical support to all people experiencing domestic abuse, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexuality or background.

- A 24/7 helpline: 0808 801 0882
- Refuge accommodation
- Outreach/Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) support
- A dedicated worker in the Council's Contact, Advice and Assessment Service within Children's Services
- Safety planning
- Financial, legal, housing and other advice

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men | Men's Advice Line UK - 0808 801 0327

If you don't feel safe at home call

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
Run by Refuge

If in immediate danger call 999




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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation 2027



Any young adult (**school year 10 to 13**) who wishes to be considered for Confirmation in 2027, please send an email to the office (wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to register your interest before **17th July 2026**. This will allow us to plan for the 2026/27 Confirmation programme.

South Berkshire Pastoral Area
(Bracknell, Crowthorne and Sandhurst, Wokingham Parishes)

Are you currently involved with or have an interest in helping with Sacramental Preparation?

The Pastoral Area is organizing a Sacramental (Catechesis) Day from 11.00 am until 3.30 pm

Saturday 25th July 2026

At Corpus Christi Church Wokingham
(60 Sturges Road RG40 2HE)
(Car Park St Teresa's School Easthampstead Road, RG40 2EB)

Please Come and See

Please send your acceptance to this invitation to your parish office so we can be aware of numbers:

Bracknell – 01344 425729 ; email: office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org
Crowthorne and Sandhurst – 01252 876820 ; email: crowsand@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Wokingham – 01189 780348 ; email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
(Tea and coffee, soft drinks will be provided , please bring a packed lunch)

Join the Catholic Medical Association!

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional – if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together.

For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>



The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form.

Bank Details:

A/c Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi,
Sort Code: 30-93-04, A/c No: 00891666

Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, please consider using the digital collection plates or the QR code.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Please detail who the Mass is to be offered for together with your name and contact details. 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. 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.



Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.



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 co-operation.

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



Families of Faith

✝ July ✝

Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,
Thank You for coming to Mary and Martha's home.

Martha worked hard to get everything ready, and Mary sat and listened to You.

Please help me to be like both of them - to work and help others when it's needed, but also to stop and listen to You with my heart.

Amen.

Dear Jesus,
Please help me to be like Pier Giorgio - to smile even when things are hard, to help others with love, and to always put You first in my life.

Amen.

Saints to Inspire

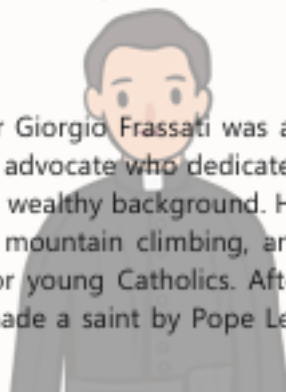


29 July - Saints Martha, Mary of Bethany, and Lazarus

Saints Martha, Mary of Bethany, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. Martha is known for her active service and hospitality. Mary is celebrated for her devotion and for anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Lazarus is famous for being raised from the dead by Jesus. Together, they are recognised for their love for Jesus, and their feast day is celebrated on July 29.

4 July - Pier Giorgio Frassati

"Jesus is with me, I have nothing to fear". Pier Giorgio Frassati was an Italian Catholic youth activist and social justice advocate who dedicated his life to helping the poor and sick despite his wealthy background. He was known for his joyful personality, love of mountain climbing, and strong faith, and he is considered a model for young Catholics. After dying from polio at age 24 in 1925, he was made a saint by Pope Leo XIV in September 2025.



Good News from the Gospel



6th July - Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus invites everyone who feels tired or has worries to come to him for rest. He teaches us that being gentle and humble brings peace. *When do I need to rest in Jesus' love?*

12th July - Matthew 13:1-23

God's Word is like a seed: when we hear it with open hearts, it can grow and bear lots of good fruit in our lives. *How can I make my heart good soil for God's Word?*

19th July - Matthew 13:24-43

The Kingdom of God might start small or hidden, but it grows into something amazing - we are invited to be part of it. *How can I help goodness grow in the world?*

26th July - Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure worth giving everything for; when we truly find it, we joyfully accept and live in it. *What treasures do I want to find in my life with God?*

Family Faith in Action

- Invite a friend to dinner
- Make the tart of St Martha
- Spend time with your brothers and sisters
- Exercise
- Pray a walking rosary
- Call a family member to say they love them
- Make a rice crispie chocolate mountain using Fairtrade chocolate



World Chocolate Day - 7th July

Enjoy a Fairtrade bar of chocolate

