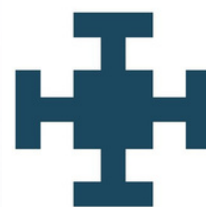




CORPUS CHRISTI WOKINGHAM

NEWSLETTER



*13th September 2026 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A*

Fr Benjamin writes....

Thirteen years ago, as I lay prostrate on the ground at my priestly Ordination, hearing the Cathedral around me asking for the prayers of the saints, I remember a phrase from St Paul came into my mind: "What I received I passed onto you of first importance" (1 Cor. 15:3). I remember being daunted by the fact that, being consecrated as a Priest of God, I was about to receive the Holy Spirit in a very beautiful way. My hands were about to be anointed so that they were no longer my hands, but the Lord's. From then on, they were to do His work, bring His healing and give people what they desire most. Through the sacraments, they were to give people God. That is all a Priest is to do. He is to bless, and by blessing, he is to give people God.

I recall being profoundly aware of the bishop about to lay his hands on my head to give me the Holy Spirit in order to fulfil this sacred and awesome task. I prayed, "Lord, what you are about to give me, let me give to the people I am to serve." Thirteen years later, that is still my heartfelt prayer, and it is my prayer for us all as I begin ministering at the Parish of Corpus Christi, Wokingham. It is my fervent hope that, like a relay race, I pass on what has been handed on to me. I have been blessed to have experienced the love and mercy of God, and so I am determined to hand it to all of you, as a matter of first importance, so that you too can also hand it on to others.

This is the principal lesson of today's Sunday Gospel. Our Blessed Lord teaches us the way in which God loves us is through forgiveness, and that having experienced this love, the disciples are to pass it on to others, also through mercy and forgiveness. It is as if they were taught the secret of God's love and were told to hand it on to all others – as a matter of first importance.

Please pray for me as I begin ministering in this place where I have already felt the love of God through the welcome, smiles and kindness of so many. I assure you of my daily prayers, and I look forward to experiencing the love of God with you and among you in this next chapter of our lives together.

God bless you all, now and always.

Parish Office and Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times

Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am to 12.00, and Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm



St Teresa's Catholic Academy

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 12th September

4.30pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Tony Bland RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Sunday 13th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Maureen Harman RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

Monday 14th September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

9.30am *St Teresa's School Mass - For Blessings on the New School Year*

1pm *Funeral Mass for Julia McKillop RIP*

Tuesday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

9.30am *Special Intention*

Thursday 17th September - Feria

7pm *Helen Lewin RIP - 40th Anniversary*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 18th September - Feria

9.30am

10am *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Saturday 19th September

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 20th September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Monica and Tom Eddleston's 50th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is also available for 30 minutes before each weekday Mass

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. Mass can be offered for any good intention. 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.



Please pray for Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially we can take digital donations via the Dona collection plates at the back of the porch, by scanning the QR code or via the Parish Bank Account. Thank you for your continued support.

CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00891666



Parish Notices

Ministry of the Word - Call for Parish Readers

We are looking for parishioners to join our Ministry of the Word, proclaiming the readings at our 5.30pm Saturday and 11.00am Sunday Masses.

We are seeking Readers with strong, clear voices, a strong faith, and a commitment to serving our parish community.

Guidance and support will be provided. If you feel this ministry may be for you, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10th October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Volunteers and Helpers Welcome!

Part of living our faith can be as simple as giving a few minutes of your time.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day appeal. There are several ways you can help:

- Welcoming parishioners and handing out Fast Day envelopes
- Supporting the collection
- Giving a short talk at Mass

None of these roles are time-consuming, but each one can make a real difference to communities facing poverty and the challenges of climate change.

If you can help in any way, please speak to our parish CAFOD contact, Cathy Hill, email her at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com, or contact the Parish Office.

Together, we can make this year's appeal a success. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Get Involved with the Corpus Christi Parish Pantomime!

Come and help us bring our next parish pantomime, "The Little Mermaid", to life!

Important Dates:

- Script read-through: Sunday 20th September 4.30pm - 6.30pm, St Teresa's Catholic Academy, Wokingham
- Main Parts Auditions: Tuesday 22nd September 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Keenan Rooms, Corpus Christi Church
- Rehearsals: Sundays and Tuesdays
- Show Dates: 29th, 30th and 31st January 2027

Newcomers are very welcome!

For more information, please contact parishpantocc@gmail.com.



The Union of Catholic Mothers

The UCM's first meeting of the Autumn term will be held on **Thursday 17th September at 1.00pm** in the Keenan Rooms.

We will be enjoying a Cheese and Wine lunch, along with a Bring and Buy sale.

We would be delighted to welcome former UCM members and any ladies of the parish who would like to join us.

Come along, meet some friends, enjoy a lovely afternoon and find out more about the UCM!

Sacrament of Confirmation 2027



Any young person in school years 10–13 who wishes to be considered for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 is invited to register their interest.

Please email the Parish Office at workingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk before **30th September 2026**.

We look forward to hearing from you

Concert for Berkshire Cancer Centre

Saturday 17th October - 5pm

Berkshire Cancer Centre in the Royal Berkshire Hospital provides cancer care and support for people across Berkshire and South Oxfordshire. The centre offers a wide range of cancer treatments, rehabilitation services, practical advice and support for patients and their families throughout their cancer journey.

By attending this concert, you are helping to improve the experience of local people undergoing cancer treatment while enjoying an evening of inspiring choral music performed by Reading Phoenix Choir. Refreshments will be available during the interval, and there will be an opportunity to make additional donations in support of Berkshire Cancer Centre.

Please come to the concert and help us make a difference to the lives of local cancer patients and their families. Please go to www.readingphoenixchoir.com/berkshirecancer for tickets and more information.

Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 90, Adria Park, who has won the August draw of £50.00.

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



ATTENTION
PLEASE

Please remember that 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.

Catholic Diocese of
PORTSMOUTH

