



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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26th July 2026: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 25th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Pat McGovern RIP*

Sunday 26th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Kathleen Boardman RIP*

Tuesday 28th July - Feria

7pm *Tom and Trista Foy's Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 29th July - Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Deceased members of Doria Mendoza and Bautista Family*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 30th July - Feria

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder, memorial

9.30am

Saturday 1st August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Philomena and John Banks RIP*

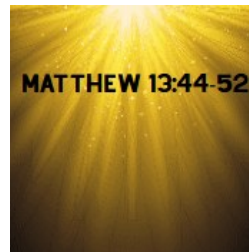
Sunday 2nd August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

(F) *Foundation*

(P) *Perpetual*



Gospel Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'He sells all that he has and buys that field.'

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

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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.

World Day of Prayer
for Grandparents



World Day of Prayer for Grandparents

Sunday 26th July is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the sixth World Day, which always takes place on the Memoria of SS. Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for this year is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). It reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord

knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone - especially young people - to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated.

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Vocations

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thursday 30th July

Why not join us for our Parish Coffee morning on **Thursday 30th July** in the Keenan Rooms after 9.30am Mass until 12 noon?

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide



The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide and righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026

*Fanning the Flame Summer Camp for 11-17 year olds is happening once again from **17th - 21st August**, in the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is **Allegiance** - "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).*

As the baptised faithful, we are already aligned with Christ. Through an examination of the lives of the saints and fostering a growing love for the sacraments we will look at how we can come closer to Christ and stand up joyously for the life He invites us to, especially in such challenging times. The camp runs from 17th - 21st August, for 11-17 year olds and is £195. The camp includes daily sacraments, prayer of the Church, age-appropriate teaching, sports, team activities, craft, workshops and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and make friends in Catholic fellowship - and the camping is easy! For more information or get in contact please visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk. Please keep the camp in your prayers!



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Next Seeker Saturday - 12th September 11am-3pm

To find out more about this regular event or to enquire about attending (as booking is required) please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Fr Jack Ryan**, who was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Bishop Philip at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Saturday 18th July**.

We also offer our congratulations to **Rev Ryan Hawkes**, who was ordained to the Diaconate by Cardinal Arthur Roche at Palazzola, Rome on **Saturday 5th July**.

Both Fr Jack and Deacon Ryan spent time with us on pastoral placement during their seminary formation. Please keep them both in your prayers. *Ad multos annos!*

[Images from Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth e-News Issue 540 and 541]



**GOD CALLS US ALL
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?**

**Vocation
Seeker Saturdays**
For those discerning God's will

Monthly meetings - contact us for the next date

11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church
Fareham PO16 0NQ

Fellowship, Formation and Food
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.portsmouthvocations.org

Diploma in Spiritual Theology & Formation

The St John Diploma in Spiritual Theology & Formation - delve deeply into the truths of the Spiritual Life – begins **Wednesday 16th September**.

Claritas Spiritual Theology offers flexible online learning with our two-year *Diploma* (or for personal enrichment without assignments). We explore the workings of grace, the virtues, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the mystical life, the path of prayer, Lectio Divina, meditation and contemplative prayer, (primary text: St Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*). We also examine the three stages of the spiritual life, the dark nights, discernment of spirits, concomitant phenomena, spiritual direction and more. Live weekly two-hour sessions (with notes, audio recordings are provided if you cannot attend live).

To register or to find out more, please visit: www.claritas-st.com or email: info@claritas-st.com

Please click the image above to watch the brief introductory video.

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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.



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.

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.



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