



**Corpus Christi**  
**Wokingham**  
**South Berkshire Pastoral Area**  
**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**



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



**17th August 2025: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave? Could we imagine him on the parish council raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins or driving the church mini bus? Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians... not by a very long chalk? Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our

Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild. The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time. He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.

Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is not about hymn practice on a Saturday night or hot pot suppers. Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation.

There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or hot pot suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 16th August**

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Sally Harvey RIP*

**Sunday 17th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**9am** *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

**11am** *Richard Bennett RIP*

**Tuesday 19th August - Feria**

**7pm** *Barbara Cossey RIP*

**Wednesday 20th August - St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, memorial**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**9.30am**

**Thursday 21st August - St Pius X, Pope, memorial**

**9.30am**

**8 - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Friday 22nd August - The Queenship of Mary, memorial**

**9.30am**

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

**Saturday 23rd August**

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *People of the Parish*

**Sunday 24th August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**9am** *Maria de Lourdes Noronha RIP - 3rd Anniversary*

**11am** *Kathleen Boardman RIP*

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**St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)



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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

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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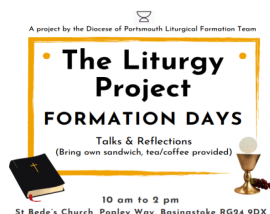


Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Bill Hogston, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover, Ann Purvis and Fr Jim Joyce.

## EXAM RESULTS 2025

### Exam Results

Many of our young parishioners will have received or about to receive their exam results. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst passing an exam can open doors, not passing an exam doesn't necessarily mean that the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.



### Diocesan Formation Days for Ministers of Children's Liturgy

Formation for Ministers of Children's Liturgy will take place on Saturday 6th September, at St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10.30am to 1pm. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice; working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; Music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers.

Anyone wishing to attend should register via [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Barn Dance

The Wokingham Catenians would like to invite you to join us for a Barn Dance on Saturday 4th October 2025. We have run this a few times before as a Parish event and is always great fun for ages 5 - 95! No dancing skills required as full instructions are provided. :-)

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

**Time:** 7:30pm – 11pm

**Venue:** Barkham Village Hall, RG40 4PL

**Band:** Saxon Drain

**Cost:** Just £5 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

To book tickets please email Martin Robins: [martin.robins71@gmail.com](mailto:martin.robins71@gmail.com)



### Catholic Basics - The Eucharistic Fast

Catholics are required to abstain from food and drink (except water) for at least an hour before receiving Holy Communion. (N.B. Those who are sick are not required to fast before receiving Holy Communion and medication can be taken).

## RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

### HELP SAVE OUR CHURCH HERITAGE

13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2025

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day!

Cycle, ride or walk to help save our churches. Through sponsorship or a donation you will be supporting your local heritage



Berkshire Churches Trust



Contact: [rideandstrideberks@gmail.com](mailto:rideandstrideberks@gmail.com)

Support Berkshire's churches by donating at [www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust](http://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust)

Find out more at [www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk)

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Years for good.



# QUIZ NIGHT

Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow



**SATURDAY**

13 SEPTEMBER, 2025

Cash prize for the winner!

Raffle



**START AT**

19:15 – 21:45

Entry for groups or individuals (max of 6)



**TICKET PRICE**

£5 / PERSON  
NIBBLES PROVIDED  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!

**JOIN NOW**

<https://forms.gle/LNUfJLKppJPCNNvc6>



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### 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 giving online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox) or setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. You can use the parish DONA machines for Missio donations throughout the year.

Money from the Red Boxes is supporting missionaries around the world in igniting God's hope and love wherever they are needed the most. This includes the training of future priests as well as the education and protection of over 4 million children worldwide.

**Praying the Rosary** - The Rosary will be said after morning Mass each Friday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis.

### Please Help!!!

Our lovely Baby and Toddler Group is in danger of closing, please consider helping so this doesn't happen!

## Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group



We are looking for volunteers to help run the playgroup every Wednesday (9.30am - 11am term time only). For more information please contact: [wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



### Could You Serve the Church as a Trustee on the Diocesan Finance Council?

Bishop Philip is seeking new Trustees to support the delivery of our 10-year Mission Plan, You Will be my Witnesses. We're looking for people who are passionate about the Catholic church and have significant professional experience in any of the following areas: finance, especially investment management, safeguarding or social work, or strategic planning and who feel called to offer their time and skills in service of the Church.

This is a meaningful opportunity to help guide the Diocese's work across our parishes, schools, and communities, using the gifts God has given you for the good of His Church.

**Closing date: Monday 1 September 2025**

To find out more or request an information pack, please contact: Deacon Tony Darlison, Secretary to Trustees email: [tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

For a more detailed advert, please click [HERE](#)



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..



### Finding Mass Times On Holiday

The purpose of the "Mass Times" ministry is to help Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. They do this by hosting and sharing the most comprehensive database of Catholic churches and worship times in existence. Dioceses, parishes, and many volunteers help keep the database current.

It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when travelling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. It is not always easy to find the right diocesan or parish websites. Mass Times makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. ([www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org))



### 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.

### 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.



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