



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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13th July 2025: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the criminal, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the down-and-out or the anti-social resident who plays his or her music too loud and at all times of the day? Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 12th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Jim Dimond RIP (F)*

Sunday 13th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Michael Follows RIP*

Tuesday 15th July - St Swithun, Bishop, memorial

7pm *Gus Van Cauwelaert RIP*

Wednesday 16th July - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *In Thanksgiving for Rochina Holman's 90th birthday*

Thursday 17th July - St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop

12 noon *Funeral Mass for Jean Blackwell RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 18th July - Feria

9.15am *Rev John Keenan RIP (F)*

Praying the Rosary will follow the Mass

Saturday 19th July

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Yvonne Corrigan RIP*

Sunday 20th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9am *Canon Gerard Flynn RIP*

11am *Annakutty Abraham RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Important Contacts

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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

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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 and Fr Jim Joyce.

Baptism - Please welcome Aziel Henry Daniel and Diana Yakuhin into the family of the Church. The children will be Baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 13th July, please pray for them and their families.



Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) Second Collection 2025 Sunday 13th July 2025

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Seafarers and fishers are essential to our daily lives, yet they often endure challenging and dangerous working conditions. The number of crews being abandoned by their employers remains alarmingly high. Ongoing global conflicts are putting seafarers at greater risk, and many are facing increased stress and declining mental health.

Stella Maris, formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's maritime ministry. Its dedicated chaplains offer both practical assistance and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers across the UK and around the world.

This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Parishioners who would like to give a gift to this collection please use the baskets or digital collection plates in the porch or donate online at: [Stella Maris \(Sea Sunday\) Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Safeguarding Drop In - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' on Sunday 13th July after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



Corpus Christi Parish Pilgrimage 22nd June 2025 - Were you a Pilgrim of Hope and took some memento photographs ?

If so, you are invited to submit **up to 3** of your photos by email to the parish email:

wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Submission deadline **Friday 18th July**. A selection of 10-20 will be used on the Parish website page with a dedicated Pilgrims of Hope webpage so we can all share this joyous event. It is assumed that all people in your photos have given **their consent** for them to be shown on a public website, albeit without any reference to names.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th - 11th July 2025

Our young Parishioners, Austin and Finn, have had an amazing time in France where they joined Bishop Philip and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thank you once again for all your kind donations that made this trip possible for them.



LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD



HOW MARY HELPS US
TO BE FILLED WITH GOD

INSPIRATIONAL FIVE SESSION CaFE COURSE + BOOK

Let it Be - CaFE Course

You are invited to attend LET IT BE, an inspirational course compiled by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) in the Keenan Rooms at Corpus Christi. The fifth, and final session, will take place on Thursday 17th July starting at 7.30pm until 9pm. A short film will be shown about the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a discussion. There is a handbook to accompany the course which costs £5.00

per copy for anyone wishing to purchase it. Please have cash with you. Refreshments will be available. Please register by using the following link: ["Let it be" CaFE Course](#)

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.



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

The Liturgy Project FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)



10 am to 2 pm

St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Diocesan Formation Days for Ministers of Children's Liturgy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – 6th September & 18th October

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, will be running a formation day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and will include a session on taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

Formation for Ministers of Children's Liturgy will take place on 6th September 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. The days will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke.



FULL PACKAGE

- Return Flights from Gatwick
- Return Airport Transfers
- Senior Tour Guide
- Fully Guided Itinerary
- 7 nights half board (breakfast and 3-course main meal)
- Shared ensuite rooms
- 1 checked-in and 2 cabin bags

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Get involved with the production of the Parish Panto Wokingham

The Parish Pantomime Group is a social group from Corpus Christi Wokingham. *It has been described as one of the most fun ways to get to meet other parishioners.*

We're already working towards next year's panto (show date in January) and over the next few months will need help on the production side of things such as painting scenery, making props and planning costumes.

To help with any of these production tasks you must be over 16 years' old - there is no maximum age. Previous production teams have included members of the same family who take part together, as well as people on their own or new to the Parish and want to meet others – all are welcome. If you think you could help, or want to have a chat first about what is involved, contact parishpantocc@gmail.com and we'll be in touch. Carmel Smith (Parish Panto, Corpus Christi)



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. 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.



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