



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



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**27th July 2025: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**



Have you ever prayed really really hard for something and not had that prayer granted? Have you ever looked back in life at a prayer you once made and thought thank goodness God didn't grant it? This week's gospel reading is a lesson in prayer, but more importantly, it's a lesson in having faith that God is a parent who will not let us down.

Let's face it, we pray hardest to God when we want something. We pray hardest when something seems beyond our human means and we need some kind of miracle, this often leads us to make inappropriate prayers. How many of us pray that the love of our life will notice us in the launderette? How many of us pray to win the lottery and make secret deals with God that we will donate half the winning to charity in return? How many of us pray to God for our football team to score a winning goal in the closing minutes of a match? Worse... we lose faith when such prayers aren't answered! We find it difficult to believe that unanswered prayers might mean that God knows better or has a different purpose for us.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples shared some of our frustration when they say, "Lord teach us to pray." In response Jesus gives us a model by which to pray. It's important to recognise it as a model and not a prayer as such. Reciting a prayer is not the same as praying. The model prayer Jesus gives us, 'The Lord's prayer', invites us to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread', in other words, for the things we genuinely need. Pray for forgiveness and promise to forgive others. Pray with persistence. Prayer is about building a relationship with God, speaking to him often throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. What father, reasons Jesus, would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 26th July**

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

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

**5.30pm** *Natividad Ramos RIP and Gorgonia Valenton RIP*

**Sunday 27th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**9am** *Peter D'Brass RIP*

**11am** *Fr Don Clements RIP*

**N.B. Please note there will be no weekday Masses between**

**Tuesday 29th July and Friday 1st August inclusive.**

**Wednesday 30th July**

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

**Thursday 31st July**

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

**Saturday 2nd August**

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

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

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

**Sunday 3rd August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**9am** *Catherine Menezes RIP*

**11am** *Philip and Barbara Blair's 50th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

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**St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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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

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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.

## WELCOME BACK

Please give a warm and friendly welcome to Fr Tom McGrath who will be joining us again at Corpus Christi this weekend and will be saying Mass in Canon Simon's absence.

### Weekday Mass

If you would like to attend weekday Mass in Canon Simon's absence next week, please see the schedule below for the churches in the Pastoral Area:

**Monday 28th July:** 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne

**Tuesday 29th July:** 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Wednesday 30th July:** 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Thursday 31st July:** 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and 10am at St Joseph's, Bracknell

**Friday 1st August:** 9.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst and 12 noon at St Joseph's, Bracknell



A better world needs all of us

**CAFOD are hiring.** Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested.

**Closing date 27 July 2025.** See [cafod.org.uk/work-with-us](https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us)

### 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.



### 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..



### Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 7th August

Please be aware that there will be no coffee morning at the end of this month (July). However we invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on **Thursday 7th August** after 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. The coffee morning will be run by the Catenians and is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



### Home-Start Wokingham

Parenting can be tough. Do you have one or more children under 5? Are you struggling to cope with the physical and emotional challenges of parenting? Do you feel overwhelmed, isolated or depressed? Home-Start supports vulnerable families by providing compassionate one-to-one support for 3-6 months. No judgement, just friendly, confidential help and guidance.

To get help, please feel free to email: [admin@home-startwd.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startwd.org.uk) or call/text/WhatsApp 07742 012962.

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



Please refrain from bringing food and drink, including water bottles, to Mass. Church is a place for prayer, reflection and worship.



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