



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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7th September 2025: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Today Jesus gives us a lesson in commitment, and a bit of practical advice. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Are we inspired by this advice? Are we queuing around the block to become disciples? Well no, probably not! Even for those of us who have a genuine desire to be disciples, these demands seem much too hard.

So how are we supposed to take Jesus' advice? It's worth remembering that everything we've ever achieved in life has begun with some kind of commitment. However small a goal, we have first had to commit and may even have sacrificed something in order to achieve the desired result. For those of us who have ever committed to anything, we will already know that commitment doesn't just mean an involvement, it means laying everything on the line. Jesus' words may seem harsh, but what he is saying is that to be his disciple we must first understand the magnitude of the commitment that is required, and that we must be prepared to be totally single minded in our pursuit of results.

Later in the same reading, Jesus gives advice for those of us who make a commitment, but are not able to keep that commitment. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?" Jesus is giving very practical advice on weighing up the costs before making a commitment. Jesus does not need quitters! Each of us has individual God given talents that we need to apply to our individual brand of discipleship. Jesus tells us to sit down in a business like way and calculate what this individual brand of discipleship is going to cost us. Whichever way we choose to be Christ's disciples, whether it is travelling half way across the world to deliver aid, or by fundraising on a home PC, Jesus reminds us that nothing less than a hundred percent commitment will do.

Jesus asks us to decide on our brand of discipleship and to go for it. After we have made our commitment we mustn't waver. The very nature of commitment means that we are ruling out other choices. If there is a conflict of choice to be made between God and worldly gain we have to choose God. We of course are not going to turn our backs on our family and loved ones, but we are asked to be single minded and unerring in our discipleship.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 6th September

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *George McCormack RIP*

Sunday 7th September - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Johanna Kooyman RIP*

11am *Norah O'Brien RIP (Norah and Michael's 68th Wedding Anniversary)*

Tuesday 9th September - Feria

7pm

Wednesday 10th September - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

Thursday 11th September - Feria

9.30am *Sarah White RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 12th September - Feria

12 noon *Funeral Mass for Ann Purvis RIP*

Saturday 13th September

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 14th September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP - 3rd Anniversary*

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, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Bill Hogston, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah White who passed away on Monday 1st September and for her family. Details of Sarah's Funeral Mass are still to be confirmed.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



Welcome

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



Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A on Sunday 7th September after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



Children's Liturgy

Sunday Mass 9am and 11am

Children's liturgy will be returning on Sunday 7th September at both 9am and 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy the gospel in a more relaxed environment. Children are welcome up to the time when they have taken their First Holy Communion. Any child not of school age must be accompanied by an adult. We kindly request that adults rather than older siblings accompany children as we have to include all children under the age of 18 in our ratio numbers.

We are also in need of additional helpers to run the liturgy programme. We require either volunteers to take the register and prepare the activity or catechists to lead the sessions. Full training will be given. Please pop into any of our sessions to see how it is run or contact the parish office.

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care?

We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course**. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection.



To find out more and to register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026 please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

If you would like any more information, please do get in touch.

Youth Group

If you would like to find out more and receive a copy of the job description please contact the parish office on: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS



20-30 of our young parishioners (11-17 years old) attend our Youth Group every fortnight. It is a space to meet new and old friends, have some fun and speak about faith aspects that interest them the most.

We need more volunteers to help run it!

if you would like to be a part of the team that animates and organises our YG please have a look at the job description and consider applying!



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Season of Creation runs from 1st September - 4th October, a time to renew our relationship with God our Creator and with all creation. This year the focus is on *Peace with Creation* inspired by *Isaiah 32:14-18* with its portrayal of a desolate creation, wounded by human injustice but with hope that peace will flourish when justice is restored. We can give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage and commit ourselves to take action to protect our Common Home.

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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13TH SEPT. 2025

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QUIZ NIGHT

Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER, 2025

START AT
19:15 – 21:45

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For More Information
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Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

The next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) is on Thursday 11th September after the 9:30 am Mass. It is a social meeting with a Bring and Buy stall. The meeting is open to every woman in the parish, married or single.

In his Lenten pastoral letter, Bishop Phillip suggested that everyone should join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship. The UCM is a women's group set up to support Catholic family life and our meetings are about faith, fun and friendship. Come and join us.

Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 30, Paul Turner, who has won the August draw of £50.00.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

CAFOD Meeting


You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20th September from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk.

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.



Mass of the Anointing


Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 4th October at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call the SVP on: 0118 2114130.

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 4th 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



ATTENTION

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..

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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