



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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6th September 2026: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 5th September

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 6th September - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Margaret Anne Moore RIP*

11am *Gill and Graham Powell's 50th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Monday 7th September - Feria

9.30am *Piedad Rocio Echeverri Abella - In Thanksgiving for her Birthday*

Tuesday 8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, feast

9.30am *In Thanksgiving for the Doria Family*

Thursday 10th September - Feria

7pm *Erica and Gordon Ferguson RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 11th September - Feria

9.30am *Special Intention*

Saturday 12th September

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Tony Bland RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Sunday 13th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Maureen Harman RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

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"If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely, we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says, "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good, honest dose of tough love.

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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

First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9
‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’ Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a
<i>O that today you would listen to his voice!</i> <i>‘Harden not your hearts.’</i>	
Second Reading	Romans 13:8-10
‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’ Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet’, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.	
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20
‘If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’ At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.’	

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome back **Mgr. Jeremy Garratt** to Corpus Christi this weekend. We also look forward with great joy to welcoming **Fr Benjamin Theobald**, who will officially start with us, and celebrate his first Mass, on **Monday 7th September at 9.30am**. Please join us in giving them both a very warm welcome and keep them in your prayers.



Please pray for Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially we can take digital donations via the Dona collection plates at the back of the porch, by scanning the QR code or via the Parish Bank Account. Thank you for your continued support.

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A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the weekend Masses, joined us for Canon Simon's leaving celebration, contributed so generously to his leaving collection, or took the time to write a message in his memory book. Canon Simon is incredibly grateful to you all for your generosity, kindness and support over the years. I know he was very touched by all the lovely messages, cards and good wishes he received and it was wonderful to see so many people come together to give him such a warm send off.

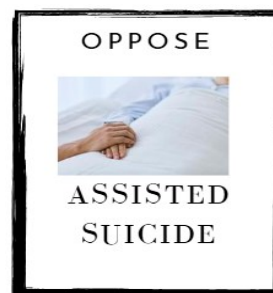
I would like to say a very special thank you to **Sue Nind and Anna and Gerry McCormack** for all their help on Sunday and for helping me to make sure Canon Simon had the send off he deserved. I would also like to say a big thank you to **Nikki Peters** for all her help and for kindly letting us use the school hall, it's a shame the beautiful weather couldn't have stayed with us for a few more days!

Act Now - 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: bccew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide and righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote



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

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



RIDE and STRIDE - Saturday 12th September

The national annual event raising funds for our historic churches. Any mode of transport is fine - you could walk, cycle, ride or jog. Simply choose a route (in Berkshire OR outside the county) and find sponsorship from friends and family or [make a donation](#). Go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open, some offering refreshments. See <https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/> or email Cathy (the parish contact) at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com for more details.



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

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese
Saturday 10th October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

Prayer Garden

Over the summer holidays, exciting progress was made on our Prayer Garden, bringing us one step closer to creating a special shared space for both our school and parish communities. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ross Fairclough, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer to help turn this vision into a reality. His generosity, hard work and commitment have made a tremendous difference, and we are incredibly grateful for all he has done.

Now that the new term is underway and the weather is settling into a more regular pattern, we would love to add some colour and life to the garden. We would be very grateful for any donations of flowers or plants that could help us create a vibrant, welcoming and peaceful space for our children, families and parish community.

Our Prayer Garden will provide a place for quiet reflection, prayer and moments of calm during the busy school day, helping our children to nurture their relationship with God and find opportunities for stillness and contemplation.

If you are able to donate any flowers or plants, please leave them at the school or parish office. Thank you for your support in helping us create a beautiful and meaningful space for our whole community to enjoy.



**Join the Global Week
of Prayer**
6-13 September

Creative Prayer Room
(sign up required)

Saturday 12th September 6.30pm to
Sunday 13th September 6.30pm.
Kings Place, Station Road,
Wokingham

Take part in the Creative prayer room featuring prayer stations to help guide your prayers. Or just come and sit in the atmosphere and pray. Sign up for a prayer slot here:



Online Global Prayer Meetings

Leaders from around the 24-7 Prayer movement have volunteered to lead each hour-long session, giving you ways to pray for the world alongside people from many different nations. More details of times and how to register are here on [24-7 prayer.com](http://24-7prayer.com)



Open Heaven Come and let us Pray for you

Sunday 13th September 6.30pm,
Kings Place, Station Road,
Wokingham

Join us for a time of worship and prayer for Individuals. Whether you need peace, healing, hope or guidance, let us pray with you for God to meet you.

Lectio 365

Join in the morning prayer sessions on Lectio 365 themed on the Global Week of Prayer



Gift Aid

In recent months some Parishioners will have received an email requesting a new gift aid form to be completed. This is because the change of trust name means existing forms are no longer valid. Thank you to those who have already completed a new form. If you have not been contacted and would like to continue to gift aid or indeed to start gift aiding your donations please scan the QR code to do this electronically. Many thanks for your continued support.



Please remember that 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.

