



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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10th August 2025: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C



There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour. When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid range car. But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 9th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Christine McClements RIP*

Sunday 10th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9am *James Mullally RIP - 3rd Anniversary*

11am *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

Tuesday 12th August - Feria

7pm *Annie Dudley's Welfare*

Wednesday 13th August - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Patrick and Anastasia Maher RIP (F)*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

Thursday 14th August - St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest, Martyr, memorial

9.30am *Molly Clark RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

9.30am

Praying the Rosary will follow after the 9.30am Mass

7.30pm *People of the Parish*

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*

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk



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, Ann Purvis and Fr Jim Joyce.

Baptism - Please welcome Jordan Matondo into the family of the Church. Jordan will be Baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 10th July, please pray for him and his family.



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: wookingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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)

Royal Berkshire Hospital Visits



If a loved one is in The Royal Berkshire Hospital and would like a visit for spiritual support and/or to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please ask the ward to request a visit from the Roman Catholic chaplain.



Retrouvaille Marriage Help

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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

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

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.



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..



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Thursday 14th August

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13.

In 1941, Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and was eventually transferred to the prison at Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to his fellow prisoners in secret. In order to discourage attempts to escape, the prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July of 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death. One of those chosen, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was especially devastated because he had a wife and family, and he had hoped to return to them someday. Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. His offer was accepted.

Maximilian Kolbe is honoured as the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II called him "The patron saint of our difficult century."



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Friday 15th August

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity.

Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

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13TH SEPT. 2025

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