



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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2nd August 2026: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 1st August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Philomena and John Banks RIP*

Sunday 2nd August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *People of the Parish*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

Tuesday 4th August - St John Vianney, Priest, memorial

7pm *Janet Read RIP*

Wednesday 5th August - Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Owen Dugan's Intentions*

10am *Praying the Rosary*

Thursday 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord, feast

9.30am *Roy West RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 7th August - Feria

9.30am *Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)*

Saturday 8th August

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Purificacion Mendoza RIP*

Sunday 9th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Patricia Murphy RIP*

11am *Judy Kearney RIP*

(F) Foundation

(P) Perpetual

MATTHEW 14:13-21



**Gospel Reflection for the
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

'They all ate and were satisfied.'

We've heard of the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand from childhood and it's a brilliant story, but what is the real point of it. Is

the point of it to prove Jesus' divinity and God's great power? Is it to show Jesus' compassion in caring for people even when he was at his most tired? Perhaps the point of the story is Jesus' response in solving the problem of the crowd's hunger. Significantly, Jesus turns to the disciples and says, "Give them food yourselves...." How must the disciples have felt? They were used to Jesus taking charge. How did he expect them to solve a problem of this enormity? But to Jesus there is no problem. He takes what little the disciples have, five loaves and two fishes, sanctifies it and the results are enough to feed five thousand with food left over.

Today the world is asking to be fed both literally and spiritually. Could the little we have to offer be enough to tackle problems of a global size? Back in 2000, all the nations of the world agreed to what are called the Millennium Development Goals, initially set for 2015 and now projected until 2030. It is possible for us to eradicate poverty. We have the will and we are already well underway. As in the feeding of the five thousand, God is asking us to do our bit and he will use whatever small steps we take in ways that might surprise us.

From our human perspective, we look at the planet's resources and see scarcity. From God's perspective there is great abundance. Now it's up to us to share our God given resources justly around the world.

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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



Please remember all who are sick, especially, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Vossler, beloved husband of Susan and devoted father of Joanna, Sarah, Jeremy and Rosemary. Canon Simon will celebrate Michael's Requiem Mass at St John Bosco Catholic Church, Western Avenue, Woodley at 1pm on Friday, 14th August, followed by Cremation at Henley Road Crematorium, Caversham at 2.30pm. May he rest in eternal peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita King who passed away on Sunday 26th July, and for her family at this time of sorrow.
Rita's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 26th August at 11am followed by Committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.



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

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 would you fill in the attached form and return to the parish office. Alternatively you can use the QR code below to do this electronically. Many thanks for your continued support.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For August 2026

In busy cities, people can feel unseen even while surrounded by crowds. Pope Leo invites us to bring Christ's love into these lonely places through simple acts of kindness, welcome and friendship. Every conversation, invitation and smile can become a small proclamation of the Gospel, building communities of hope together.

This month Pope Leo invites us to join in his prayer intention, **"... that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."**

Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026

*Fanning the Flame Summer Camp for 11-17 year olds is happening once again from 17th - 21st August, in the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is **Allegiance** - "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).*

As the baptised faithful, we are already aligned with Christ. Through an examination of the lives of the saints and fostering a growing love for the sacraments we will look at how we can come closer to Christ and stand up joyously for the life He invites us to, especially in such challenging times. The camp runs from 17th - 21st August, for 11-17 year olds and is £195. The camp includes daily sacraments, prayer of the Church, age-appropriate teaching, sports, team activities, craft, workshops and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and make friends in Catholic fellowship - and the camping is easy! For more information or get in contact please visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk. Please keep the camp in your prayers!

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OPPOSE



ASSISTED SUICIDE

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: cbcew.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 enquire about attending (as booking is required) please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



**GOD CALLS US ALL
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?**

Vocation Seeker Saturdays

For those discerning God's will

Monthly meetings - contact us for the next date

11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church
Fareham PO16 0NQ

Fellowship, Formation and Food
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.portsmouthvocations.org



Diploma in Spiritual Theology and Formation

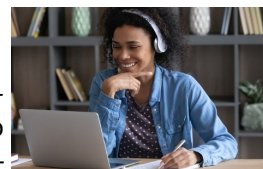
The St John Diploma in Spiritual Theology & Formation - delve deeply into the truths of the Spiritual Life – begins **Wednesday 16th September**.

Claritas Spiritual Theology offers flexible online learning with our two-year *Diploma* (or for personal enrichment without assignments). We explore the workings of grace, the virtues, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the mystical life, the path of prayer, Lectio Divina, meditation and contemplative prayer, (primary text: St Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*). We also examine the three stages of the spiritual life, the dark nights, discernment of spirits, concomitant phenomena, spiritual direction and more. Live weekly two-hour sessions (with notes, audio recordings are provided if you cannot attend live).

To register or to find out more, please visit: www.claritas-st.com or email: info@claritas-st.com

Please click the image above to watch the brief introductory video.

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Catholic Basics - The Eucharistic Fast

Catholics are required to abstain from food and drink (except water) for at least an hour before receiving Holy Communion. (N.B. Those who are sick are not required to fast before receiving Holy Communion and medication can be taken).



Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.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.



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



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.



**GENTLE
REMINDER**



**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
PHONE IN CHURCH**



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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.