

Corpus Christi Catholic Church Sturges Road

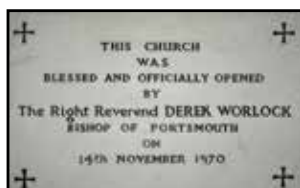


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The Church

This is a relatively modern Roman Catholic church, which was opened in 1970 and which has fixed pews in a large area. At 11am Mass, the pews will typically be full, with another hundred people standing.



Before this church was built, the congregation worshipped at a small house and then a church on the Terrace in Shute End. Many Catholic congregations worshipped in buildings other than churches. When the Catholic faith returned to Wokingham after the reformation

in 1903, there were only three or four Catholic families and Mass was said for them in the Welcome Inn on Peach Street, which has since been rebuilt as shops.



The overwhelming first impression of Corpus Christi Church is of a large, plain area. The front of the church, with its simple altar, is quite different from other churches on the trail. (Notice the colours from the stained glass window as it crosses the wall behind the altar - at its best at about 3pm.) The font is simple, too, and stands to the side of the altar in front of the main part of the church.

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Questions to ask in this church

- What Christian symbols can you see in this church? What do they mean? Where can you see crosses in this church? There are over 100 (see the screen behind the altar).
- Where does the Bible live during services and where does it get put away between services?
- What does this church look like from the outside?
- What is the difference between the outside and inside of this church?
- Can a public house be a church?

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