



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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13th October 2024: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 12th October

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 13th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Mary and James Crossan RIP*

11am *Julieta Lobo RIP*

Tuesday 15th October - St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church, memorial

7pm

Wednesday 16th October - Feria

8.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

Thursday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial

8am *For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 18th October - St Luke, Evangelist, Feast

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

1pm *Funeral Mass for Mary Kanakam RIP*

Saturday 19th October

9am *Called and Gifted Mass*

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Dennis Dent RIP*

Sunday 20th October - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Finbarr Cronin RIP*

11am *Andy Durrant RIP*

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, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.

Welcome into the family of the Church

Lucas Lawn, Rosa Brown, Freya Kilbane will all be baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 13th October. Please pray for them and their families.



If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD Harvest appeal - Thank you very much for your generosity and to those who were able to support by coming to our soup lunch on fast day. £512.00 has been raised so far. It's not too late to donate - please use a green envelope or tap your card on the parish card machines or give online by scanning the QR code here, (which also appears on the posters and envelopes) or go to <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising/virtual-envelope?form=envelope> - please gift aid if you can. Thank you.



Wokingham Repair Café

The next session is at All Saints' church on Saturday 12th October 10am - 12.30pm. If you have something which needs attention and can be saved from landfill, please do bring it along. It helps if you can visit <https://wokinghamrepaircafe.uk/> and "request a repair" in advance of your visit, though walk-in is fine.



St Teresa's Catholic Academy Open Mornings

Please come and see our fantastic school in action! St Teresa's Catholic Academy will be holding Open Mornings on Wednesday 16th October, Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 9th January at 9am. To book your place please click [here](#) Please contact the admissions officer on admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk with any questions.

Extension of Adoration

From this Wednesday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent adoration from 8.30am until just before Mass. Why not pop into the Church when dropping the children off to start your day with some time spent with the Lord?



UCM

The Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers is on Thursday 17th October at 1:30 pm in the Keenan Rooms. Our Speaker, Mike Brook, will give a talk "Top of the Greasy Pole"; amusing anecdotes about residents of No.10 Downing Street. All parishioners are welcome.

St Luke - Friday 18th October 2024



We learn the most about St. Luke from his own writing. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Through Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.



Join Us for a Joyful Christmas Day Lunch

The Link Visiting Scheme is delighted to invite older people to our annual Christmas Day Lunch, a heartwarming event designed to bring hope and happiness to those who might otherwise spend the day alone. We understand that loneliness can be especially challenging during the festive season, and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate in good company.

Our Christmas Day Lunch is open to older people who would like to join us for a delicious meal, festive cheer, and wonderful companionship. If you or someone you know would benefit from this event, signing up is easy. Simply visit our website at www.linkvisiting.org/christmas or call our office at 0118 9798019.

We also warmly welcome volunteers who can help make this day special. Whether you can assist with preparations, serve meals, offer transport or simply be a friendly face to chat with our guests, your support will make a significant difference. Volunteering with The Link Visiting Scheme is a rewarding experience, and we are always looking for compassionate Individuals to join our team long-term. No experience necessary and is based on your availability.

Let's come together to create a memorable Christmas filled with joy and connection. We look forward to celebrating with you! For more information or to sign up, please visit www.linkvisiting.org/christmas or call 0118 9798019.





Night of Light

You are warmly invited to our **Night of Light** celebrating All Hallows' Eve on Thursday 31st October 5 - 6.30pm for activities, games, food and friendship. RSVP through the parish office on 0118 978 0348 or sign up in the church porch. Thank you.

ATTENTION

School Property - Please can we remind you that children **should not** be on any of the school property after Mass each week. This includes the convent land and the trim trails etc. Thank you for your co-operation.



We're Recruiting!



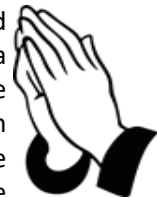
CAFE ASSISTANT

Tuesday -Friday
9.00-1.30pm

For further information or to send your CV email:

claire@wokinghammethodist.org.uk

Closing date for applications Friday
18th October 2024



Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. 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. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? 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.

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 above. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Remembrance Sunday - Pacifist Remembrance

There will be a short Pacifist Remembrance event in Howard Palmer Gardens, off Denton Road, Wokingham RG40 2BX, on Remembrance Sunday 10th of November, noon – 1pm. It will be a quiet, reflective vigil. People are welcome to bring a short poem or piece of prose to recite or read out.

It is a suitable area for people who use wheelchairs; everyone of all faiths, and those of none, are welcome. Feel free to bring a folding chair. If wet, bring an umbrella.

A white poppy wreath will be laid in memory of all people who have died in all wars, on all sides, throughout history and in current conflicts around the world.

Job Vacancies



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

For career opportunities in our Diocesan schools, please see [here](#).



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.

