



Corpus
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5th October 2025: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles feel when they approach Jesus and make the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of

us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 4th October

10.30am Mass of Anointing

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Ann Purvis RIP

Sunday 5th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Cheryl Sirju-Chong RIP - 1st Anniversary

11am Rene Scudder RIP

Tuesday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial

7pm

Wednesday 8th October - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

12 noon Funeral Mass for Maureen Harman RIP

Thursday 9th October - St John Henry Newman, Religious, feast
8am

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10th October - Feria

9.30am Carmen Castineira Garcia and Santiago Lopez Trillo RIP

Saturday 11th October

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Luis and Patricia Martin RIP

Sunday 12th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Maria Josephine Reynolds RIP

11am Breige Gavin RIP

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Fr Jim Joyce.

WELCOME BACK

Please welcome back Fr Marcus Brisley, Parish Priest of Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst. He will be celebrating the Masses whilst Canon Simon will be at St Joseph's, Bracknell.

Papal Prayer Intention for October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

This month, we are invited to pray for collaboration among people of different faiths. We can support this intention in simple, practical ways. We can take time to learn about other religious traditions and engage in respectful dialogue with neighbours of different beliefs. We can build friendships through small acts of hospitality and look for opportunities to serve together in community projects or charities. Above all, we can show respect and kindness in daily encounters.

Pope Leo writes, "May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world." We are invited to join this month's prayer intention **"...that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity."**



Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Praying the Rosary - The Rosary will be said after morning Mass each **Friday**, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

Harvest Fast Day (Friday 3rd October)

Please donate to our Fast Day parish collection this weekend to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia, where women walk for hours to get water. Use the green CAFOD envelope or the parish digital collection plate. Alternatively you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or use the QR code here (and on the envelope or poster) where you can also gift aid. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. To find out more about Waré watch the film <https://vimeo.com/1115554004/a2a29b6d82>. THANK YOU for your support and prayers.



Mass of Anointing

Mass of anointing for those who are sick at Corpus Christi on **Saturday 4th October** at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call the SVP on: 0118 2114130.



UCM

The UCM

The next meeting of the UCM is at 1:30 pm on **Thursday 9th October**. The theme is "Marian Prayers" : a chance to celebrate Our Lady in the month dedicated to the Rosary. It will be led by Angela Brench.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Corpus Christi Africa Fund Our Lady of Nazareth Fundraiser

Parishioner Nick Gorton is running a marathon for the Corpus Christi Africa Fund on **Saturday 11th October** to raise funds for uji porridge. Some of the proceeds will also go to Autism and Neurodiversity (A-ND) North Scotland. You can donate and read more by using the following link [Crowdfunding For Good From Just-Giving](#) All donations go directly to the charities and are greatly appreciated.



A message from Owen.....

Dear friends, this upcoming week I will be heading on pilgrimage to Rome as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations. Next weekend (11th/12th of October) will mark the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality which is dedicated to the deepening of our understanding and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, giving us the chance to reflect upon and celebrate Mary's pivotal role in our faith and spiritual lives. I look forward to attending Mass in St. Peter's Square next Sunday which will be presided over by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and assure you all of my prayers whilst I am there. God bless you all, Owen.



St Teresa's Catholic Academy Chamber Choir

On **Sunday 19th October**, the fabulous St Teresa's Chamber Choir will be leading the singing at both the 9am and 11am Masses. This is a fabulous opportunity to work collaboratively with the school. Between the Masses, they will be opening their doors to members of the parish for tea and coffee, along with the chance to have an informal tour of the school. We hope to see you there to support the children and the school and please spread the word to anyone you know who may be looking for a school place!



YOUTH GROUP 2025/26

We are 20-30 young parishioners (11-17 years old) attending the Youth Group every fortnight. It is a space to meet new and old friends, have some fun and speak about faith and life aspects that interest us the most.

Registrations are open if you would like to join us

please contact us through the Parish email:
wokingham@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.



Open Day!



Little T's
Preschool

at St. Teresa's Catholic Academy

PLAY - LEARN - GROW

Tuesday 21st October

See Little T's in action

Meet the staff

Make an enquiry

See our children in action

Ask any question!

Let your child play

9:15am and 1:30pm

Book your space today!

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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.



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.

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



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