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### Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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#### **23rd November 2025: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C**



The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a life time to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising His Kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us. It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause.

Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

#### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

##### **Saturday 22nd November**

**10.30am** Mass for the Bereaved

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** People of the Parish

##### **Sunday 23rd November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity**

**9am** John and Julia Harrington RIP

**11am** John Carter RIP

##### **Tuesday 25th November - Feria**

**7pm** For our Pastoral Area Schools

##### **Wednesday 26th November - Feria**

**8.30am - 9.30am** Silent Adoration

**9.30am** Mary O'Sullivan RIP

##### **Thursday 27th November - Feria**

**9.30am** John Milner RIP (F)

**8 - 9pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

##### **Friday 28th November - Feria**

**9.30am** Sylvia Saunders RIP

##### **Saturday 29th November**

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

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** Sarah Jane Hughes' Intentions

##### **Sunday 30th November - First Sunday of Advent**

**9am** Mary Buttigieg RIP (F)

**11am** Alberto Estares Sr RIP

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

#### **St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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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, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Derek Davey.

### Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one recently or even not so recently? On **Saturday 22nd November** at 10.30am there will be a Mass offered for the bereaved with an opportunity to remember departed relatives and friends. You are invited to bring a **framed** photo of your loved one to be placed on the sanctuary during the Mass. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Keenan Rooms to which everyone is welcome.



### Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November is traditionally the time in the Roman Catholic Church when we pray for our loved ones who have died. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the labels in the basket in the porch and then place them on the purple cloth in front of the Altar.



### Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

We are pleased to announce that *The South Berkshire Singers*, along with *St Teresa's Catholic Academy Choir*, will be giving the annual Christmas Concert in aid of the Corpus Christi Africa Fund at 4.00pm on **Sunday 7 December 2025**. Tickets costing £5.00 will be on sale after each Mass over the weekends of 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th November, and there will be light refreshments available for a small donation following the concert. The proceeds of this event go towards providing an Uji porridge meal to every child at OLN every day of the school year at a cost of just £10.00 per child.

This year, due to the increasing popularity of the event, for everyone's comfort and safety, tickets will be numbered to ensure maximum capacity is not exceeded. Therefore, please do purchase your tickets in advance as the concert is likely to sell out and we can't guarantee there will be sets available on the day. Also, in previous years, some parishioners have very kindly purchased tickets as a way of donating to the fund although not attending. If you would like to donate this year but can't attend, please do use the various methods available for donating including the collection bins that will be available on the ticket sales weekends.



### Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 27th November

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 27th November after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. The coffee morning will be run by the UCM and is a great opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



### Wokingham Winter Carnival

Churches Together in Wokingham are running a stall at the Wokingham Winter Carnival on **Sunday 30 November 2025 from 10.30am to 5.30pm**. We are seeking volunteers to help at the stall for an hour or so, or more if you are able.

This event is the most popular annual event in the town. Last year was cancelled due to high winds but in 2023 we gave away 1,000 Christingle packs with a Christian booklet inside and are planning the same number this year.

We are also planning a Christingle pack assembly session at Wokingham Baptist Church, Milton Road on **Saturday 29th November 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am**.

Please call or message Victor Freeney from the Wokingham Baptist Church on 07747 642073 or email [victor.freeney@hotmail.com](mailto:victor.freeney@hotmail.com) if you would like to help assemble the Christingle packs and/or help at the stall, indicating your availability.



**Safeguarding Drop In** - Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A on **Sunday 30th November** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.

### Series of Advent Talks

To prepare ourselves this Advent for the celebration of Christmas, our seminarian Owen will be delivering a series of Advent Talks across our Pastoral Area. The talks will take place on the Wednesdays of Advent, after each talk there will be a brief period of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by refreshments. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a pastoral area to grow in faith and prepare our hearts well for Christmas and hopefully get to know each other a little better as we prepare to become one parish in the fullness of time. You are all warmly invited to attend! The talks will begin at **7pm** and take place as follows:



**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – St. Joseph's, Bracknell – *Christ Will Come Again: Are we Prepared?*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst – *Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Baby Jesus this Christmas with the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Corpus Christi, Wokingham – *Let us Adore the Lord with the Magi: The Mystery of the Incarnation.*

### Walk With Me Advent Booklets

Make Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by picking up a Walk with Me Journey of Prayer booklet. These are priced at £1.20 each and can be found at the back of the Church. Please place the money in the baskets provided or use the DONA machines. Thank you.

### CAFOD'S World Gifts

Looking for Christmas cards, Advent calendars, stocking fillers or a range of virtual meaningful presents to make a difference? Pick up a **catalogue** from church from this weekend. So many gifts to choose from to show the true spirit of giving - stand in solidarity with our global neighbours. Order by phone, freepost or online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



### Cowshed Tree of Hope

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all our parishioners for the truly overwhelming generosity shown towards our Cowshed project. The kindness of your donations was so great that our school meeting room was completely transformed—looking more like Santa's grotto than a workspace!

On Tuesday, we delivered the collected items to The Cowshed, after removing two seats from the minibus just to make everything fit. The team there were genuinely moved and astonished by the sheer volume of gifts we brought. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference

to many individuals and families in need.

This project has been a wonderful joint venture between our school and parish community—proof of the great things we can achieve when we come together in support of others. I hope there will be many more opportunities to work side by side in the future, continuing to bring hope and help to those who are less fortunate within our wider community.

Thank you once again for your kindness, compassion, and unwavering support.

Nikki Peters (Headteacher of St Teresa's Catholic Academy)



### 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.

### 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.



### Newsletter Deadline

To ensure we have ample time to review and finalise the newsletter on a Friday we kindly request that all materials be submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.



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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 cooperation.





PLEASE JOIN US  
**CHRISTMAS  
AT  
CORPUS CHRISTI**

Join us for coffee and mince pies on

**SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2025  
AFTER 9AM AND 11AM MASSES**

Games for the children and  
a visit from St Nick!

Corpus Christi Social Committee

