



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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16th November 2025: St Edmund of Abingdon - Year C



St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 15th November

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Oonagh and Derek Baker's Intentions*

Sunday 16th November - St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop,

Joint- Principal Patron of the Diocese, solemnity

9am *Alfred Buttigieg RIP (F)*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

Tuesday 18th November - Feria

6.30pm *Vigil Mass for Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

Wednesday 19th November - Feria

NO ADORATION

11am *Funeral Mass for Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

Thursday 20th November - Feria

NO MASS

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, memorial

9.30am *Thomas Foy's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

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 - Christ The King, Solemnity

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *John Carter 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 and Thursday 09.30 to 12.00, and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on (T) 0118 978 0348 or (E) wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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.

Sylvia Saunder's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 12th December at 11am followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.



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

Special Collection for St Vincent de Paul Society Wokingham (SVP)

On **15th/16th November** we will be taking a special collection to support the work of our Parish SVP group.

We seek out those in need or lonely within our local community, offering friendship and practical support - Turning Concern Into Action. Please pray for us and those we assist.

Your donations will also help support struggling local families, identified through partnerships with nearby schools, providing them with practical assistance when life gets tough. Your generosity will make a real difference to individuals and families right here in our community.

Please give what you can using the baskets or digital collection plates in the porch or to make a regular donation to SVP Wokingham please contact us. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you know someone who might benefit from SVP support, or would like to learn more about our work, please speak to one of us after Mass or contact us on 0118 2114130 or email svpwham@gmail.com or visit our website <https://svpwokeingham.org.uk>



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Funeral Parking Notice - Wednesday 19th November

We are expecting a large number of people to attend Fr Jim's Funeral. Please note that our limited on-site parking will be reserved only for Blue Badge holders and the two attending Bishops.

If you are travelling by car, please use one of the nearby public car parks:

- Cockpit Park Car Park (at the top of Sturges Road); or
- Easthampstead Road East or West Car Parks.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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.

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.



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.

ATTENTION

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.



St Teresa's CHRISTMAS FAIR

Easthampstead Road,
Wokingham, RG40 2EB

Saturday 29 November 2025
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**SANTA'S GROTTO • RAFFLE
TOMBOLAS • CHAMBER CHOIR
FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINKS
GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

 ST TERESA'S
SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

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.



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

 JULY 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE



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



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth