



**Corpus Christi**  
**Wokingham**  
**South Berkshire Pastoral Area**  
**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**



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**21st September 2025: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

Why is it that so many people who are selfish and even dishonest do so much better in life than those with integrity? Could it be to do with the way we are wired? As human beings we have a primeval instinct for self-preservation. It would appear that self-preservation is a far more powerful a motivation than the motivation to be altruistic.

In today's gospel story we find a dishonest manager intent on securing his future. Faced with dismissal, the dishonest manager quickly negotiates some shady deals with his master's customers. The manager makes sure that there will always be a place he can go and people who will welcome him in the eventuality of him becoming destitute. Oddly Jesus seems to applaud the manager for his quick thinking. We are asked to consider what 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. Like the manager in today's story, the 'children of the world' are the men and women who leave the house at 6am and work from morning to night securing business deals and amassing wealth for their future. The determination and single mindedness of these workers is to be applauded, but how sad that our fragile and brief existence on this earth should be determined by a rat race with cash bonuses as its prize.

As Jesus' disciples, how do we, 'children of the light' look after our future? When the day of reckoning comes, will there be a place that welcomes us? Can we use the same energy, determination and single mindedness of the business entrepreneur but for a more worthwhile end than a healthy bank balance? As Christians we do not need an incentive to do good works. We are already motivated to do good works.... all we need is a sense of urgency. We might be able to transcend the rat race, but we can never transcend our brief existence.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday 20th September**

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

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

**5.30pm** *Nora Noone RIP*

**Sunday 21st September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Maureen Harman RIP*

**11am** *Mariano Pintor RIP*

**Tuesday 23rd September - St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, memorial**

**7pm** *Tara Elizabeth Mathura RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

**Wednesday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham, feast**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**9.30am** *Mary Vasanthi Kanakam RIP - 1st Anniversary*

**Thursday 25th September - Feria**

**9.30am** *Funeral Mass for Maria Sarah White RIP*

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

**Friday 26th September - Feria**

**9.30am** *For Bill Hogston - In Thanksgiving*

**10am** *Praying the Rosary*

**Saturday 27th September**

**12noon** *UCM Mass*

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

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

**5.30pm** *Evan Irwin RIP*

**Sunday 28th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Support for the work of CAFOD in these challenging times*

**11am** *Joe Nemeth RIP - 3rd Anniversary*

**St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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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

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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.

### Second Collection - Home Mission Sunday - Sunday 21st September 2025

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday) is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel - a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart.

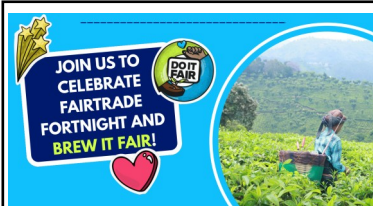
This year, the Church commemorates a significant milestone: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This historic gathering of bishops laid the foundation for the creed we profess each Sunday, a creed that expresses the core of our faith and mission—to know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with Him forever in the next. The creed begins with the powerful declaration, “I believe,” which serves as the theme for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025. This special Sunday highlights the Church’s evangelisation efforts at both parish and diocesan levels. It offers a theme and resources for reflection and encourages each parish to hold a collection to support the national work of evangelisation through the Directorate for Mission. Parishioners who would like to give a gift to this collection please use the baskets or digital collection plates in the porch or donate online at: [Home Mission Sunday Second Collection | Give as you Live Donate](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Fairtrade Fortnight - 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 5<sup>th</sup> October

Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people’s lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That’s Fairtrade – it’s not just a label – it’s a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it – DO IT FAIR.

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we’re asking the UK government to **Brew it Fair**. Like all of us, the people growing and picking our tea deserve to be able to plan for their futures, and to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change. Take action by adding your name to the petition at the back of church, at the parish coffee morning next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, online at <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/171071/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=ftf> landing page or by scanning the QR code.



### Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 25th September

This Fairtrade Fortnight we invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on **Thursday 25th September** after 9.30am Mass until 12.00noon. We promise to ‘Brew it Fair’! The coffee morning 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.



UCM

The next meeting of the UCM will be on **Thursday 25th September** in the Keenan Rooms following the Parish Coffee morning. Terry Crees will be talking about her experiences during a recent visit to Lourdes.



### Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A on Sunday 28th September after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.



### 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.



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 **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 JustGiving](#). All donations go directly to the charities and are greatly appreciated.

### Barn Dance

The Wokingham Catenians would like to invite you to join us for a Barn Dance on **Saturday 4th October 2025**. We have run this a few times before as a Parish event and is always great fun for ages 5 - 95! No dancing skills required as full instructions are provided. :-)

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

**Time:** 7:30pm – 11pm

**Venue:** Barkham Village Hall, RG40 4PL

**Band:** Saxon Drain

**Cost:** Just £5 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

To book tickets please email Martin Robins:

[martin.robins71@gmail.com](mailto:martin.robins71@gmail.com)



### Royal Berkshire Hospital Visits

If a loved one is in The Royal Berkshire Hospital and would like a visit for spiritual support and/or to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please ask the ward to request a visit from the Roman Catholic chaplain.





**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!**  
**0118 978 4310**

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#### Escorted Tour to Ireland – Parishes within Diocese of Portsmouth



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
Depart Heathrow or Luton  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
Arrive Heathrow or Luton

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
\*Arrive Knock.

\*Onwards to Castlecourt Hotel for check-in.  
\*4 Course Dinner. Hotel entertainment.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
\*A Day in Knock.

\*Avail of Mass, Confessions, Private time.  
\*Tour of Grounds and Museum.  
\*Return to Hotel for Dinner & Entertainment.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
\*A rest day in Westport.

\*Avail of Mass in St. Mary's Church.  
\*Amble along the mall and explore the shops.  
\*Relax in the hotel, treat yourself to a spa day.  
\*Explore Westport House. Dinner.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

\*Morning Mass in Ballintubber Abbey.  
\*Visit Croagh Patrick & Famine Memorial.  
Mass in Kylemore Abbey and self-guided tour.  
Return to Hotel for Dinner & Entertainment.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Morning Mass at St. Mary's, Westport.  
Return flight to Manchester.

**Price £799.00 pp sharing - Package includes:**  
Flight with 10kg Check In Hold Luggage.  
4 night's **Dinner Bed & Breakfast** in  
4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport.

All entertainment, excursions and guided tours.  
**Single Supplement - £200.00 (Limited Availability)**



**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.

**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.

**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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