CORPUS CHRISTI WOKINGHAM

NEWSLETTER

25th October 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Fr Benjamin writes....

Last thing at night, as I examine my conscience for Night Prayer, the first thing I usually confess is that I have not put God first in all things. I admit that I have not loved Him with all my heart, mind and soul. There is always a little part of me (sometimes a large part of me) which is held back and kept just for me. If we think about it, to love in the way God commands, "with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" is the hardest of all things to do.

The Hebrew word for the love of which Our Blessed Lord speaks, Ahavah, has connotations of giving, but also of remaining faithful. It can also mean "to be anchored". There is a determination to this kind of love, a desire to remain faithful come-what-may. It is less a feeling and more a decision. Another way of wording this great commandment is, "you shall be determined to be faithful to the Lord your God with your whole self by the giving of yourself to Him and those around you".

Perhaps, in examining our consciences, when we know we have fallen short, we should first examine our determination to love God, to choose God and His way. With what amount of doggedness, with how much stubborn determination have I tried to live as God wills? Have I been half-hearted, absent-minded, or fully invested and concentrated on my life of love? When thought about in this context, the commandment to love does not seem so arduous or self-defeating. What would we rather be determined upon? The way of hatred and anger? The way of selfishness? We see what the world looks like when people do tie themselves to such anti-divine attitudes. Would anyone want to deliberately anchor their lives in these?

When the Lord asks for our hearts, minds and souls to be engaged in Him, He tells us that it is for our good that we be determined to love Him rather than anything less. He is telling us to aim the attention of our love to the highest and the best, for in doing so, it may affect the way we love and serve those around us.

Parish Office and Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times
Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am to 12.00, and Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm

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Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters
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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 24th October
4.30pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)
5.30pm *Manuel Vella RIP*

Sunday 25th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am *Deceased Members of the Keely Family RIP (F)*
11am *Alberto Estares Jr RIP*

Monday 26th October - Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, memorial
9.30am *Special Intention*
10am *Praying the Rosary*

Tuesday 27th October - Feria
9.30am *John Jones RIP*

Thursday 29th October - Feria
7pm
8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 30th October - Feria
9.30am
10am *Divine Mercy Chaplet*
11am *Funeral Mass for Jim Mason RIP*

Saturday 31st October
4.30pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)
5.30pm *Mobolaji and Denise Oduntan's 10th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Sunday 1st November - All Saints, Solemnity
9am *Noah O'Brien RIP*
11am *Lobo Family RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is also available for 30 minutes before each weekday Mass

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please contact the parish office. Please provide the name of the person or intention for whom the Mass is to be offered, together with your own name and contact details.
Mass intentions are often offered for those who have died, but a Mass can be offered for any good intention, for example, in thanksgiving for a happy event or for someone who is sick or in need of prayer.
It is traditional, though entirely voluntary, to make an offering (known as a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends form part of a priest's annual income.



Please pray for Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Carolyn Davies, Trudi Whelan and Ann Nemeth.

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially we can take digital donations via the Dona collection plates at the back of the porch, by scanning the QR code or via the Parish Bank Account. Thank you for your continued support.

CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00891666

Parish Notices

Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day

Saturday 31st October | 9:30am – 1:30pm | Christ the King Parish, Reading

How can we grow in faith and share the joy of the Gospel?

Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECS) can enrich parish life. PECS are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how these groups can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECS could benefit your parish. To register go to https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JGgE7zeuun or email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Mass of Anointing

On **Saturday 7th November at 10.30am**, we will celebrate a Mass of Anointing.

The Mass is intended especially for those experiencing physical or mental health difficulties, those in need of spiritual support, and those of advancing years. We will come together in prayer, asking for healing, comfort and strength for ourselves and one another.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after Mass, and everyone is welcome to stay.

If you need a lift to attend, please contact the SVP on **01182 114130** and leave a message, or email suzettesymons@gmail.com.

Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one, recently or some time ago? You are warmly invited to a special Mass for the Bereaved on **Saturday 14th November at 10.30am.**

This will be an opportunity to remember and pray for our departed family members and friends. You are welcome to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be placed on the sanctuary during Mass.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Keenan Rooms. All are welcome.

Gift Aid

If you are able to Gift Aid your donations to the parish, we would be very grateful for your support. Gift Aid allows the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated, at no extra cost to you.

If you are eligible, please scan the QR code to complete the Gift Aid declaration electronically.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November at 10:45 am

You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Remembrance Sunday service on **8th November at 10.45am**, ahead of the 11.00am Mass.

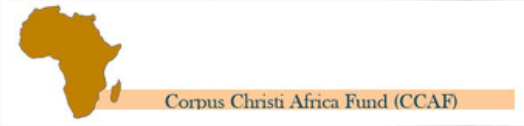
For those attending Mass who are unable to join the Remembrance service, please note that we will observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am.



"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

SAVE THE DATE

South Berkshire Singers & St Teresa's Academy Choir warmly invite you to a special Carol Concert in aid of the Corpus Christi Africa Fund.



📅 **Sunday 6th December 2026**

🕓 **4.00pm**

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful Christmas music, followed by festive Christmas refreshments.

🎟️ Tickets: £10 for adults | Children go free

Booking details to follow.

We look forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas with you! ✨



Could you walk alongside someone discovering the Catholic faith?

RCIA • SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Many people across our pastoral area of Bracknell, Crowthorne & Sandhurst and Wokingham are exploring the Catholic faith through RCIA.

You don't need to have all the answers.

You don't need a theology degree; you just need an open heart.

Our RCIA process is seeking sponsors to walk alongside those exploring the Catholic faith. Being a sponsor isn't about knowing all the answers—it's about being a friend, a listening ear, and a companion on the journey.

If you love your faith and have a heart for others, we would love to hear from you.

Guidance, preparation and ongoing support will be given.

Will you walk with someone?

Contact Doug at
dougcleary91@gmail.com

An initial conversation carries no commitment.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our **current vacancies** in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.

Children During Mass

For the safety of our children, children must not go to the toilet unaccompanied during Mass. They should remain with a parent, carer, or other responsible adult at all times. We kindly ask all parents ensure that this is followed, even if a child feels able to go alone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep all our children safe.

Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to Louise Pankiewicz, holder of ticket number 125, who has won £50.00 in our October draw!



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