



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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## 6th October 2024: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



It's easy to make promises in the first flush of romance. "I'll love you forever" and "I've only eyes for you," trip off the tongue easily. When we're young the idea of marriage is romantic and highly desirable. The vows we make when we marry don't seem too difficult. In sickness and in health? We don't imagine that our spouse might become an alcoholic or succumb to a disability. For richer or poorer? We don't think that our partner will lose his or her job or become swallowed up in bad debt. For better or worse? We don't think for a moment that our loved ones will fall out of love with us and look elsewhere. So what happens when things go wrong? Does God really expect us to stay in abusive or loveless marriages? This week's gospel text is one of the most heatedly debated passages in scriptures. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet the gospel is more about the hardness in man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.

At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to 'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation male and female should become one. Of course we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? Sadly the answer is yes. We are surrounded by quick fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can get.

Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality. It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let out clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we can love and cherish.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday 5th October

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

#### Sunday 6th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *In Thanksgiving*

11am *Irene Millar RIP*

#### Tuesday 8th October - Feria

7pm

#### Wednesday 9th October - St John Henry Newman, Religious, feast

9.30am *In Thanksgiving*

#### Thursday 10th October - Feria

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

#### Friday 11th October - St John XXIII, Pope

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

#### Saturday 12th October

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

#### Sunday 13th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Mary and James Crossan RIP*

11am *Julieta Lobo RIP*



### St Teresa's Catholic Academy

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)

### Important Contacts

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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, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Kanakam who passed away on Tuesday 24th September, and for her family. Mary's funeral service will take place on Friday 18th October at 1.00pm followed by committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.30 pm



*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.*



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October 2024

#### For a Shared Mission

In urging co-responsibility, Pope Francis clarifies that priests "are not the bosses of the laity, but their pastors," and stresses how Jesus calls upon us all to complement one another. With this spirit, the Holy Father calls on all baptized people in the Church at all levels to remember how the Church is their home, and therefore, reminding them of their responsibility to take care of it.

Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for October, "... **That the Church continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.**"



### Second Collection Sunday 6th October CAFOD

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection** this weekend to help fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of Congo can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Hear from Daniel: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltbc194rsks&list=PLCqV6mKXfbD\\_OcdCaouEVeQ0\\_0SLv\\_TqO&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltbc194rsks&list=PLCqV6mKXfbD_OcdCaouEVeQ0_0SLv_TqO&index=3). Please use an envelope

for your donation, or tap your card on the parish Dona card machines or give online by scanning the QR code here, (which also appears on the posters and envelopes) or go to <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising/virtual-envelope?form=envelope> – please gift aid if you can. Thank you very much for your support.



### Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is traditionally a month dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary. This is because 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. The Rosary is said at Corpus Christi after morning Mass each Friday, whenever possible, and is led by parishioners on a rotational basis. Alternatively, if you need help in saying the Rosary, please [click here](#) for a simple explanation.



### St Teresa's Catholic Academy Open Mornings

Please come and see our fantastic school in action! St Teresa's Catholic Academy will be holding Open Mornings on Wednesday 16th October, Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 9th January at 9am. To book your place please

[click here](#) Please contact the admissions officer on [admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk) with any questions.



### Wokingham Repair Café

The next session is at All Saints' church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12.30pm. If you have something which needs attention and can be saved from landfill, please do bring it along. It helps if you can

visit <https://wokinghamrepaircafe.uk/> and "request a repair" in advance of your visit, though walk-in is fine.

### St. Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

On 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024, there will be a St. Margaret Clitherow themed pilgrimage, we will visit the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, visit her relics at the Bar Convent and visit the place of her execution. There will also be other social and devotional activities/talks.

The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. Please come to as much or as little of the pilgrimage as you want. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage please go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>



## School Property

# ATTENTION

Please can we remind you that children **should not** be on any of the school property after Mass each week. This includes the convent land and the trim trails etc. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Newsletters

Our printed newsletters are intended for those who cannot access it online. If you would like to sign up to receive the weekly newsletter please register using the following link <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/sberks/online122bb9> or alternatively they are also available on our website where you may check Mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org> Thank you.



**Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. 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. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? 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.

### Leave your mark – Do something amazing today by supporting your family, friends & faith with a Gift in your Will

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to easily write or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in person, online or over the 'phone you will be expertly supported through the process.

You are under no obligation to leave the Diocese a gift in your Will, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to God and His Church.

Making or updating a Will is an expression of profound confidence that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; it is a mature and thoughtful way of acknowledging our own mortality. Making provision for the Church in our Will is a continuation and crown of the service we ourselves may have offered over many years, in terms of our time, our talents and our treasure. It is following in the footsteps of all those whose generosity in generations past has bequeathed us the Church we know and love today. It reminds us that through baptism we belong to the great communion of saints, united with the Lord as a member of His Church both on earth and in heaven. Once you have considered your loved ones, you may choose to leave a legacy to a specific cause, Pastoral Area or parish in the Diocese; or, as good stewards, we will apply any gift given for the Diocese's general charitable purposes where there is the greatest need. Do please get in touch if you would like further information by emailing [fundraising@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



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

**The Financial Support of our Parish** - To continue supporting 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 above. Thank you for your ongoing support.



### Join Us for a Joyful Christmas Day Lunch

The Link Visiting Scheme is delighted to invite older people to our annual Christmas Day Lunch, a heartwarming event designed to bring hope and happiness to those who might otherwise spend the day alone. We understand that loneliness can be especially challenging during the festive

season, and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate in good company.

Our Christmas Day Lunch is open to older people who would like to join us for a delicious meal, festive cheer, and wonderful companionship. If you or someone you know would benefit from this event, signing up is easy. Simply visit our website at [www.linkvisiting.org/christmas](http://www.linkvisiting.org/christmas) or call our office at 0118 9798019.

We also warmly welcome volunteers who can help make this day special. Whether you can assist with preparations, serve meals, offer transport or simply be a friendly face to chat with our guests, your support will make a significant difference. Volunteering with The Link Visiting Scheme is a rewarding experience, and we are always looking for compassionate individuals to join our team long-term. No experience necessary and is based on your availability.

Let's come together to create a memorable Christmas filled with joy and connection. We look forward to celebrating with you!

For more information or to sign up, please visit [www.linkvisiting.org/christmas](http://www.linkvisiting.org/christmas) or call 0118 9798019.




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.








# THE COWSHED




## Urgent Donations Needed at The Cowshed Charity

We are in urgent need of the following items to support individuals and families in our community this winter. If you can help by donating any of these items, it would make a world of difference! 






### For Boys:

-  Shoes: Size 1, Size 2, Infant 10, Infant 7, Infant 8
-  Winter coats: All sizes
-  NEW socks: Size 9-12

### For Girls:

-  Shoes: Size 2
-  Winter coats: All sizes
-  NEW children's toothpaste (any age)



### For Men (URGENT):

-  Any medium clothing
-  Winter coats: All sizes
-  Joggers: All sizes
-  Trainers: Size 7, 8, 9, 10, 13
-  NEW underwear



### For Ladies:


-  Winter coats: All sizes

### For Babies:

-  Moses baskets (without mattress)
-  Bouncy chairs (from birth)


### Other Essential Items:

-  1 or 2 man tents (in good condition)
-  Towels (in good condition)

**Donation Drop-Off Location:**  Rubra 2, Mulberry Business Park, Fishponds Road, Wokingham, RG41 2GY

### Drop-Off Hours:

-  Monday - Thursday: 10am - 3pm
-  Saturday: 10am - 1pm
-  Friday & Sunday: CLOSED FOR DONATIONS

If you don't have items to spare, you can still help by purchasing something from our Gift Page or our Amazon Wish List. Every bit counts!  <https://www.thecowshed.org/buy-a-gift/https://amzn.eu/d8n240w> Thank you for your continued generosity and support! 