



Corpus
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Wokingham

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26th October 2025: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth, and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God, we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 25th October

12 noon UCM Mass

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Deceased Members of the Keely Family RIP (F)

Sunday 26th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Deceased Members and Family Members of the Wokingham Catenians

11am Alberto Estares Jr RIP

Tuesday 28th October - Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, feast

7pm Louise Tidy RIP

Wednesday 29th October - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am

Thursday 30th October - Feria

9.30am

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 31st October - Feria

9.30am

Saturday 1st November

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm In Thanksgiving for John Griffiths' 93rd Birthday

Sunday 2nd November - All Saints, solemnity (transferred)

9am Deceased Members of the Rowley and Keely Families RIP (F)

11am Leah Vas' Birthday - In Thanksgiving

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

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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
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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 Derek Davey.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our former Parish Priest, Monsignor James Joyce, (Fr Jim) who died on Monday 20th October and for his family.

The details of Fr Jim's funeral are still to be confirmed.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



The Cowshed Tree of Hope

Last week our Tree of Hope Project was launched and the response so far has been amazing. The tree will remain in the church over half term so please do support this wonderful charity and pick up a tag.



Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 30th October

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 30th October after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. 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.



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.



Lost Property!

We have numerous lost property items on the table in the porch including walking sticks and water bottles. Please collect before Monday 3rd November. Thank you.

You are warmly invited to our

NIGHT OF LIGHT

Celebrating All Hallows' Eve

Join us at Corpus Christi

Friday 31st October 2025

5pm - 7pm



For activities, games, food and friendship!

You are welcome to come dressed as an Angel or a Saint!

For catering purposes, please let us know how many people will be attending by signing up in the church porch or contacting the parish office.

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

Are you curious about Catholicism and/or the possibility of becoming a Catholic and what that would entail? Are you married to a Catholic but no one has ever suggested you might consider becoming a Catholic yourself? Perhaps you were baptised Catholic as an infant but never made your First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

An information meeting for Enquirers (minimum 18 years of age) will be held on Thursday 6th November at 7pm in the Keenan Rooms at Corpus Christi. If you intend on coming to the meeting it would be helpful if you could register your interest in advance by emailing the parish office: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November

Join us for our annual Remembrance Sunday short service starting at 10.45am, prior to the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 9th November. For those who are coming to Mass, but who will not be attending the Remembrance service, please be aware that we shall be observing the two-minute silence at 11.00am.

LEST WE FORGET

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



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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.