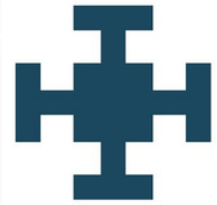


CORPUS CHRISTI WOKINGHAM

NEWSLETTER



*4th October 2026 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A*

Fr Benjamin writes....

It is difficult to believe I have been here for a month. So much has already happened in the usual Parish cycle of Masses, weddings, and funerals. I am still learning the 500 names that kindly introduce themselves to me, but it has been pleasant to recognise people in the street and have a cheery hello. Already I am asking myself, what would I do differently? My answer would be: I wish I had been holier and more Christ-centred and focused on the question: What is it the Master wants here?

As a Parish Priest it can be all too easy to act like the servants in the vineyard of today's parable, and forget the will of the Master. In the parable it is the Master who constructed and planted the vineyard. He was the owner, he was the one who wanted to produce fruit to make good wine. It appears the servants wanted to keep the wine for themselves and ignore the master completely – or worse, forget him.

In the end, the servants lose both themselves and the vineyard in which they laboured. If we forget to put Christ at the centre of everything in this Parish we, too, risk losing so much. We risk losing our discipleship and our identity as a Christian communion called to bring God's Presence – God's Kingdom – on earth. That is all we are called to do. It is both simple in its commission and breathtaking in its scope.

This parable of the disobedient servants is helpful for each of us to take stock of whether our wills, our consciences and our actions are Christ-centred and focused on the Will of God. God is very helpful in guiding us in what His Will is. He gives us the scriptures, and the teaching of the Church. Moreover, as it says at the end of the parable, He has sent us His Son to show us how to live our lives in God's way, growing God's fruit, and so doing His Will.

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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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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 3rd October

4.30pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 4th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Mary and James Crossan RIP*

11am *Mary Heenan RIP*

Monday 5th October - Feria

9.30am *Louise Tidy RIP - 1st Anniversary*

Tuesday 6th October - Feria

9.30am *Joe Nemeth RIP - 4th Anniversary*

Thursday 8th October - Feria

7pm *Paul Liddy RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 9th October - St John Henry Newman, Religious, Doctor of the Church, feast

NO MASS

Saturday 10th October

4.30pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Thanksgiving Mass for Lorna Lobo and Farida Rodrigues*

Sunday 11th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Fr Jim Joyce RIP*

11am *Richard Bennett RIP*

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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, Neil Harman, 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.

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Parish Notices

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection **this weekend**. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children, like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school - by helping communities and schools improve their access to water, grow food in school gardens and provide nourishing meals,

How to donate

- Use a CAFOD envelope available in the church porch.
- Donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.
- Scan the QR code displayed here, on the posters and envelopes.
- Tap your card on the parish dona machine.
- Call **0303 303 3030**.

Please Gift Aid your donation if you can.

Thank you for your generous support.



Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10th October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Formation Day for Readers: 17th October 2026

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester. All the details can be found on the attached PDF. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

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

Spirit and Grace Prayer Group

The Spirit and Grace Prayer Group are delighted to be starting a new spiritual book together: Peace Will Have the Last Word by Sr. Emmanuel Maillard.

Each month, we will read a couple of chapters and meet on Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7.30 - 8.30pm, to share our thoughts and reflections.

This is a great way to delve deeper into your faith, build community connections, expose you to different viewpoints and expand your personal growth.

The book is available from Amazon for £9.99 new. The book can be ordered for you if you prefer.

If you would like to join the group, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Praying the Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass each Monday, whenever possible. It will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis.

All are warmly welcome to join us in this time of prayer and reflection.



Ministry of the Word - Call for Parish Readers

We are looking for parishioners to join our Ministry of the Word, proclaiming the readings at our 5.30pm Saturday and 11.00am Sunday Masses.

We are seeking Readers with strong, clear voices, a strong faith, and a commitment to serving our parish community.

Guidance and support will be provided. If you feel this ministry may be for you, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Please remember that 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 co-operation.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.

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.

