



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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## **3rd November 2024: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

We all think we know what love is, until we have to put it into words and then realise we've mistaken it for romantic obsession, or dependence, or some kind of selfish need. So when Jesus tells us "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself..." we can be at a bit of a loss as to how we should best respond.

Beginning to understand what love is all about is best understood in the context of a close human relationship ...the love of a partner, child, sibling or parent. Love in this context is about respect, joy, tenderness, kindness, wanting to do things for another person and appreciating the things that person gives back. Love is about aiming to look after other people. Love is about appreciating what people do for us. Love is about not expecting anything in return. Love is about putting ourselves in someone else's shoes. Establishing a couple of 'love rules' makes it easier to love people we have never met. Have we ever been grateful for a visit when we were sick? Can we translate the gratitude into caring for others when they are sick? Have we ever been unburdened by forgiveness? What can we do for those whose lives have gone wrong and who are crippled by guilt and regret. Have we ever felt lonely or out of our depth? How can we translate those feelings into doing something positive for someone living alone? What does it feel like to be loved? How do we pass those feelings on?

Finally, what does it mean to love God? How do we love God when we cannot see, hear or even imagine him very well! Jesus gives us the answer. We must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Loving God with all our heart means generating feelings that give rise to how we speak and how we act. Loving with all our soul means keeping up a constant dialogue with God. Loving with all our mind means using intellectual processes to decide how best we can impact the world. Loving with all our strength means developing the stamina and resolve to constantly renew our endeavour.

Learning to love is the most valuable lesson we can master. Once we know how to love, every other law worth its salt is automatically upheld.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### **Saturday 2nd November - Commemoration of All Souls**

**11am** Holy Souls RIP

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

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

**5.30pm** People of the Parish

#### **Sunday 3rd November - Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**11am** Margaret and Patrick Mayse

#### **Tuesday 5th November - Feria**

**7pm**

#### **Wednesday 6th November - Feria**

**8.30am** Silent Adoration

**9.30am**

#### **Thursday 7th November - Feria**

**8am** Mobolaji and Denise Oduntan's Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving

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

#### **Friday 8th November - Feria**

**9.30am**

**10am** Praying the Rosary

#### **Saturday 9th November**

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

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

**5.30pm** People of the Parish

#### **Sunday 10th November - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** Rodolfo Baroja and Javier Campano RIP

**11am** Abel Rodrigues 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, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.

### Second Collection Sunday 3rd November - Bamenda Sunday



Sunday 3 November is Bamenda Sunday and this year we mark a very special anniversary, namely its golden jubilee. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning as a practical demonstration of St Pope Paul VI's Vatican II document "Gaudium et Spes".

Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, schools, youth ministries, etc. Their mission was hugely successful and saw a

fledgling Church grow and develop. Many were inspired by them bringing the Gospel message directly to them. Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes and their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular. We have much to thank God for from this twinning.

A core aspect of the twinning is the practical projects that have been funded through the over £1,000,000 that has been raised by our parishes, largely through the annual Bamenda Sunday collection. This source of funding remains an important and tangible part of the relationship. Bamenda (Cameroon) is ranked 151st on the UN's Human Development Index covering 193 countries. The UK is ranked 15th. Please give as generously as possible to the Bamenda Sunday collection, every penny will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing this twinning. Please use the baskets and digital collection plates in the porch. Donations can also be made online [here](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

UCM

Corpus Christi, Wokingham Foundation are celebrating their 75th Anniversary on 2nd November. They would like to invite all existing and former members of the UCM to

join them in the Keenan Rooms, after the All Souls Day Mass, for a get-together to mark 75 years of service.



### Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November is traditionally the time in the Roman Catholic Church when we pray for our loved ones who have died. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the slips of card in the baskets in the porch and then place them on the purple cloth in front of the Altar.

### Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024 at 10.45am



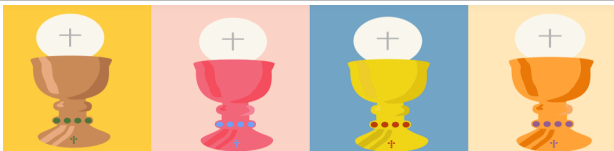
Join us for our annual Remembrance Sunday short service starting at 10.45am, prior to the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 10th November. For those who are coming to Mass, but who will not be attending the Remembrance service, please be aware that we shall be observing the two-minute silence at 11.00am.

### Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one recently or even not so recently? On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am there will be a Mass offered for the bereaved with an opportunity to remember your departed loved ones. Refreshments will follow in the Keenan Rooms.



**Job Vacancies** - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and how to apply. For career opportunities in our Diocesan schools, please see [here](#).



### First Holy Communion 2025

As our First Holy Communion Programme will be starting in the New Year (for children in Year 4 and above) we would like to invite Parents to an information Evening on Wednesday 6th November from 6-7pm in the Keenan Rooms. This session will give an overview of the programme and what it entails. There is an expectation that children joining the programme will already be attending Saturday/Sunday Mass regularly. Please register your attendance for the meeting emailing the parish office with your details and the age of your child and the school they attend: [wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please note, this session is for Parents only.

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**200 Club** - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 67, Jim Mason, who has won the October draw of £50.00.

### 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 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.

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.

**Introduction of the New Lectionary from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 –  
The First Sunday of Advent**

Are you a regular Reader at Mass? Or are you ever asked to read in Church? Then this session is for YOU! We are pleased to offer two sessions about the new lectionary. The new lectionary comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and **will be identical** - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers. If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The sessions will be held online on Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 19th November and last one hour, from 7pm to 8pm. Please register for the Tuesday 5th November session [here](#) or for the Tuesday 19th November session [here](#).

**ATTENTION**

**N.B. Readers at Mass**

Next weekend Canon Simon will be talking about the New Lectionary and inviting all readers to stay on after each Mass to have a look at the new lectionaries and their layouts.

**Lost Property**

We have some more lost property, a few items left in the kitchen after the parish picnic which are now on the table in the porch (including muffin tins and a pie slice). If these belong to you please collect before they are disposed of. Thank you.



**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. 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.

**The Financial Support of our Parish**

To support 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 of the Parish.



**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.

**LITTLE FLOWERS**  
Baby & Toddler Group

Are you joining us this week?

Every Wednesday  
9:30am - 11am  
Corpus Christi Church  
RG40 2HE  
£1 per child

We have lots of play, crafts,  
songs and refreshments!

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group (Wokingham Playgroup)