



Corpus
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Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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16th June 2024: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 15th June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Rev Canon Anthony Zollo (F)*

Sunday 16th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *John Blackwell RIP*

Tuesday 18th June - Feria

2.30pm *Funeral Mass for Ciaran Sliman RIP*

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

Wednesday 19th June - Feria

9.30am *Canon James McAuley's Good Estate*

Thursday 20th June - Feria

8am *Eamon Dolan RIP (F)*

Friday 21st June - NO MASS

Saturday 22nd June

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Maureen Giannini RIP*

Sunday 23rd June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Joseph Noonan RIP (F)*

11am *Dr Maria Goretti Idigo RIP - 7th Anniversary*

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual



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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, Francesca Vincent, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips and Fr Jim Joyce.

Second Collection - Sunday 16th June

Day for Life

This year's theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life", which allows us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of national debates on assisted suicide. In preparation for the Day for Life, we have been praying the Novena for Life with the two other episcopal conferences, in the days leading up to the Feast of the Visitation.

Parishioners who would like to give a gift to this collection please use the digital collection plates in the porch or donate online at: [Day For Life Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](#) Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

CCAF Update - 14th June 2024

Following the recent advice of the severe flooding in Nairobi, we are very grateful to receive a significant donation to assist Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School with their recovery programme. The Africa Fund matched the donation, and we were able to send the equivalent of £5,000 which will be used to renovate damaged classrooms and improve toilet facilities.

Fr Gabriel has sent his thanks and has advised us that thankfully the rains have now abated, and life is returning to normal.

Safeguarding Training - Saturday 22nd June 2024

There will be a Safeguarding Training day on Saturday 22nd June when our diocesan trainer, Julie Minal, joins us to lead face to face training in the Keenan Rooms. Child protection will be in the morning, with adult safeguarding in the afternoon. This is a unique opportunity for face to face training. If you volunteer and cannot attend please register with the online provider as soon as possible. Please e-mail safeguarding.wok@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like a space on this training course and let Claire and Jordana know which session or both!



The Union of Catholic Mothers

The next meeting is at 1:00 pm on Thursday 20th June in the Keenan Rooms.

Marielle Kay will give a talk on understanding and supporting those affected by dementia.

Any parishioners who are interested are welcome to attend.



LiveSimply - **Lower Carbon Travel to Mass** NEXT weekend 22/23 June - an opportunity to **swap** your usual mode of transport to one which is **less** damaging to our common home. *Did you*

know that the average emission of an average car in the UK is 211.2 g per mile? The average mileage in a year is 6,600 miles, so the total Carbon Dioxide emissions reach 1,393,920 g per car every year - quite a lot! For some this will be reduced by 'going electric', driving a smaller, lighter car less frequently or travelling by bus or train - and for shorter distances by bike, scooter or walking.

We have a sturdy bike rack ready for use outside the church office - *why not try it out next weekend?* Or at any other time.



Life In The Spirit Seminar



Portsmouth Diocese is running a "Life In The Spirit Seminar" via Zoom in June and July and we are running group sessions in the Keenan Rooms where we watch the Seminar talks together. **Join us on Thursday 20th June for the third session.** Read about 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' here to find out what this is all about: <https://www.charisuk.com/baptism-in-the-holy-spirit>


The Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, and life changing for most who participate. Please sign up here for our group sessions: <https://bit.ly/cc-lits>



Caritas Portsmouth - Refugee week

The theme for Refugee Week this year is 'Our home' and we want to see how we can make our parish communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country, fleeing war, persecution and violence. On **Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm** we are holding an online lunchtime event where we will hear from one of our parishes who works with refugees and asylum seekers, with time to discuss and ask questions.. Everyone is welcome. Register via our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>



 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.



GENERAL ELECTION 2024

WOKINGHAM HUSTINGS

Not sure who to vote for...?

Your chance to hear the candidates!

Wed. 26th June, 7.30pm
All Saints' Church,
Wiltshire Road

Organised by *Wokingham Churches Together*
www.wokinghamchurches.org.uk

Doors from 7pm, with refreshments available. Questions are to be submitted on the night, in time for a 7.30pm start. Questions will be chosen to represent a variety of topics.

For further information email church.office@spauls.co.uk



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action



SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information. If you are interested in joining a small group from Corpus Christi to look at how we can approach our prospective parliamentary candidates for Wokingham, please contact Cathy at jandchill@dsl.pipex.com