



Corpus
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Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed
unless otherwise stated

The church will be open for public attendance for each weekday Mass, unless otherwise stated. The church doors will be opened 15 min before Mass starts.

Saturday 9th October - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Dennis and Margaret Dent 65th Wedding Anniversary - in Thanksgiving*

Sunday 10th October

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10am *Joao Rui Fernandes Freitas RIP and Joao Fernandes RIP*

Tuesday 12th October - Feria

7pm *Vera Farr RIP*

Wednesday 13th October - Feria

10am *Alan Ruscillo RIP*

Thursday 14th October - Feria

10am

Friday 15th October - St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

10am

Saturday 16th October - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Dave O'Shaughnessy RIP 1st Anniversary*

Sunday 17th October

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am

11am *Ronald and Edna McCarten RIP*

Mass Intentions - If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office.

Important Contacts

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10th October 2021: Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Have you ever backed away from an opportunity that could have changed your life? Have you ever turned down an invitation to take part in something because you felt inadequate or afraid?

In today's gospel story a man kneels at Jesus' feet and asks "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The man is a good man, a man who has kept

all the commandments from his youth. Jesus replies, "You lack one thing, go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor; then come and follow me." The rich man goes away sadly, because he has many possessions and cannot do what Jesus asks.

The rich man in the story represents all of us. In this country even the poorest of us is rich compared to those in third world countries. We are all more like the rich man in the story than we'd care to admit. Like the rich man we can't quite get our heads round what Jesus considers rich and what Jesus considers poor. Like the man in the story we have trouble leaving worldly concerns behind and placing complete trust in God. Like the rich man we have trouble stepping out of our comfort zones and taking risks. Like the rich man it is hard, almost impossible, to detach ourselves from material interests. In short, the story is uncomfortable for most of us because in it we hear Jesus asking us to do something that is frankly too difficult. Some of Jesus' disciples at the time obviously thought so too. "They were greatly astounded and said to one another 'Then who can be saved?'"

In this story we might feel that we are being set up for failure, but this is not the truth. Why would Jesus ask something that was impossible? In actual fact Jesus was inviting the man to be a disciple. He was giving the man a wonderful opportunity. Jesus had faith in the man. Jesus was giving the man the opportunity to take his faith to another level. How sad that the man's wealth proved too great a stumbling block. Today's gospel is an invitation for us all to take our faith up a gear, and to ask what stumbling blocks might be barring us from the opportunity of a lifetime.



Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall and Sr Veronica.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Farr who has died recently and for her family. May she rest in peace.



Covid-19 Reminders

We ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus.

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering
- ◆ Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is advised
- ◆ Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- ◆ Maintain 1 metre distance where possible

**Please note that you no longer need to book seats online for weekend masses
Thank you for your cooperation**

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) - 15th October

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought - always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

Corpus Christi Parish Toddler Group Needs You!

We are hoping to get the Toddler Group back up an running but need volunteers to organise and run it. If you can spare some time on a Tuesday morning to help then please contact the Parish office. Thank you.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you for all your support and generosity. A total of £356.64 was raised from the Parish collection.



Week of Prayer for World Peace - 10th-17th October 2021

Each year, an anthology of prayers from various faith traditions is compiled, for shared inter-faith worship during a designated 'Week of Prayer for World Peace'. This initiative, founded in 1974, has gone from strength to strength, with many people throughout the country taking part each year.

As humans we have always shared a common destiny, but nowadays, as the planet seems smaller and news travels faster it is even more evident that the future of our planet and of the human race is a shared concern. In this year's Week of Prayer for World Peace, people from all faith traditions are asked to pray that world leaders, agencies and individuals will never give up hoping and caring for each other. It is the hope that our prayers will spill over into our day to day living.

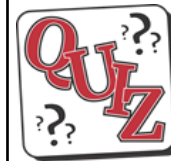
The Corpus Christi Parish pantomime returns! Oh yes it does!

Having sadly had to skip a year due to COVID, we are delighted to be back preparing for the 2022 edition. We are of course making a few changes so that we can have a safe environment for everyone. Rehearsals will start in mid-October 2021, with shows in mid-March 2022. If you are interested in taking part in any capacity, please let us know by completing this simple form: [Click here](#) Failing that, please contact parishpantocc@gmail.com.



Corpus Christi Quiz Night!

The Quiz Returns! The Corpus Christi quiz night returns on Saturday 20th November! Join your quiz master Martin and the social committee at 7.30pm for some testing questions! A glass of wine or juice will be provided but please bring your own glass, along with any other drinks and nibbles you want for your table. Please make sure you are in a team (up to 6) and wear a face mask when not sat at your table. Email sue.nind@sky.com with details of your team to reserve a place. Tickets £5 each.



The Financial Support of our Parish - To continue supporting the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order via internet banking. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form. *Our account details: Sort Code 30-93-04 A/c no. 00891666; A/c name: PRCDD Wokingham Corpus Christi* - Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, you may like to use this link. Thank you. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish>

Our newsletters are also available on our new **website** where you may check mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org>