



Corpus
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Wokingham

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24th September 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Born in 1750, the story goes that Italian composer Antonio Salieri studied harpsichord and violin from an early age. Music was his passion, but not possessing much in the way of natural talent, he had to work extremely hard to achieve success. Imagine his feelings of joy and great privilege to reach the prestigious rank of chief composer at the Viennese Court. When the much younger Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with ten times more in the way of talent, he won favour with seemingly little effort. Suddenly Salieri could no longer see himself as lucky or privileged, he could only see God as unfair for granting this younger, and in his eyes, undeserving man so much more than he. There must be times in all of our lives where we have felt God to be unjust.

In today's parable, the workers who were employed in the vineyard all day are aggrieved to discover that the workers employed late in the afternoon are paid exactly the same generous amount. In our capitalistic twenty first century society in which we expect our rewards to match our efforts, we can easily understand this seeming injustice. What sort of union would sanction this? If this parable is meant to illustrate the Kingdom of God, what sort of union must God be in? The parable of course is nothing to do with employment rights; it's a clue as to how salvation will be dealt at the end of time. God's justice will not be dealt in strict mathematical judgement or apportioned by effort or merit. How could it be, when we are all dealt a different hand to begin with? We have to remember that the workers who worked from early morning were not treated unfairly; in fact, to begin with they felt themselves to be lucky and privileged. It was misguided of the workers to resent the latecomers sharing in the same reward, just as it is wrong for us to resent those who live lives of sin and become Christians late in life. That we have lived as Christians from the outset makes us the lucky ones, and we mustn't resent God's generosity in welcoming the latecomers. This parable isn't a justification for living sloppy lives then becoming more Godly as we approach death. However, the parable is a strong reminder that we are all capable of change, and that at whatever point in our lives we wake up to who we are and what we are about, God is ready to welcome us.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 23rd September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 24th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Karl and Shantie Fernandes' 22nd Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

11am *Joe Nemeth RIP - 1st Anniversary*

Tuesday 26th September - Feria

7pm

Wednesday 27th September - St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial

9.30am

Thursday 28th September - Feria

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 29th September - The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Feast

9.30am

Saturday 30th September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 1st October - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Our Corpus Christi Live Simply Campaign and Season of Creation*

11am *For Vocations (Catenians)*



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Important Contacts

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00 and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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, Bernie O'Keeffe, Francesca Vincent, Teresa Skeet, Neil Harman, Pat Perridge, Patricia Grayston, Fr Jim Joyce, Sr Veronica and Deacon Ben Ndubuisi.



Congratulations

Parishioner Jim Cuthbert is getting married to Val at Corpus Christi on Saturday 30th September at 2pm. Both Valerie and Jim are senior citizens and blind and they would love for parishioners to come to their wedding and Nuptial Mass. Please join them to celebrate. Parking will be available in the school playground.

St Francis Ascot Fatima Devotions KSC Home Prayer Group - 30 minutes of praying the Rosary as requested by Our Lady.
Monday 25th to Friday 29th September at 1.30pm.
Zoom ID: 79233585990 Password for each day: rosary



Job Vacancy

The Diocese of Portsmouth are currently recruiting for a part time PA to Vicar for Clergy and Administrator for Clergy Support Team. Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for applications of 29th September 2023.

VOLUNTEER



Help Needed!

Welcomers needed: our parish Welcoming Ministry is going really well - and now we need a few more people to join us. If you would like to help out every few weeks please let the Parish Office know: your name, email address and phone number, and which weekend mass you normally attend. (We are particularly short of volunteers at 11.00).



Mass Intentions

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

Parish Coffee Morning Thursday 28th September

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 28th September after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. This will be led by the Union of Catholic Mothers, and is an 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.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on **Friday 6th October** - envelopes will be available for you to collect next weekend for any donations



to the harvest appeal to get "expert help to where it's needed most, when it's needed most". There will be a Soup Lunch in the Keenan Rooms on fast day from 12.15pm. Thank you for your generous support for previous appeals.



Film Screening - The Letter

To conclude the 'Season of Creation', we invite you to a special showing of 'The Letter,' a captivating film that takes us on a journey to Rome, where front-line environmental campaigners discuss 'Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. Witness an exclusive dialogue with the Pope that unveils his personal history and untold stories. No tickets required, simply join us in the Keenan Rooms. 5th October at 19:30.
LiveSimply team, UCM, Wokingham Catenians



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) "Awareness Month" - 27th September

September is a very special month for the Society, as it marks the feast day of St Vincent de Paul the society's patron. The core of the society's work is 'befriending' by one to one visiting. Please remember that The St Vincent de Paul Society is still active in the Parish helping those in need in a variety of ways. If you or someone you know needs their help please call 01182 114130. All contacts will be treated in confidence.



After the success of the International Summer Picnic, we are holding a Coffee and Cake Morning to celebrate the harvest after the two Sunday Masses on 15th October. We will provide tea, coffee, squash and plates etc. but would be grateful for any cake donations! The coffee mornings will take place after 9am Mass from 10am - 10.30am and after 11am Mass from 12 noon - 12.30pm. If you are able to bring an item to donate to the Wokingham Foodbank, the boxes will be in the porch. We hope this will be another opportunity for Parishioners to get to know each other.

Mass of the Sick

Mass for those who are sick with anointing at Corpus Christi on Saturday 14th October at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after the Mass. If you need a lift to church please call SVP 0118 2114130 or email: suzettesymons@gmail.com

