



Corpus
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Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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17th September 2023: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse ourselves with "...Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or "It's his problem not mine."

There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 16th September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *David and Helena Lewin RIP*

Sunday 17th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Richard Bennett RIP - 1st Anniversary*

11am *Nohra Cecilia Campos de Paez RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

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*

N.B. Please note there will be no Masses between Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd September inclusive.

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Parish Office Opening Times (temporary Summer opening hours) :-

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.



On Sunday we say goodbye and thank you to Jack Ryan, Seminarian for our diocese, as he heads back to Rome. It has been a pleasure having Jack here with us, we wish him all the best and hope to see him again in the future.



Please give a warm and friendly welcome to Fr Tom McGrath who will be joining us at Corpus Christi for the next two weekends and will be saying Mass in Canon Simon's absence.



Second Collection Sunday 17th September - Home Mission

Our Second Collection on Sunday 17th September 2023 is for Home Mission. Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can utilise, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities.

The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. If you would like to give a gift to this collection please use the baskets in the porch or you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection> or use your envelopes.



Wokingham Catenians

Wokingham Catenian Membership

Are you a young family man balancing your career with bringing up a family, an 'empty-nester', retired, moving to be near supporting family members, or bereaved? The Catenian Association is a way to instantly gain several dozen new like-minded friends. Our meetings and social events offer an 'oasis of peace' and support. We are a supportive social network of Catholic laymen (and their families) built on deep and lasting friendships developed through our shared faith and values. We enjoy the good times and share the bad by offering practical and spiritual support.

You will find more details on the leaflets at the back of the church or contact George Uketui at wokcat@gmail.com.



Missio would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed to the Red Box collection on the weekend of 19th / 20th August. We were able to collect over £500 in donations. A special thanks to everyone who tried out the new contactless card payment system and contributed to the success of the trial we were running.

Please hand in any Red Boxes to the Parish Office when you would like them to be emptied or, alternatively, contact Pia on the phone number on the bottom of each Red Box. Please collect your empty Red Box from the church porch, if you have already handed it in.

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).



Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy has restarted at both 9am and 11am Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to listen to a children's version of the gospel and complete activities. All younger children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join us, however children aged 4 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure your child comes to Liturgy with a completed slip available from the back of the church to aid our registration process. As always we rely on help from our wonderful team of volunteers to run the Liturgy, however we welcome any new helpers to our team. Please pop along to any of our sessions to see us in action and have a chat with our liturgists.

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.



Important! 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.





Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

The Parish Baby and Toddler Group has restarted for the Autumn term and takes place in the Keenan Rooms on Wednesdays 9.30am - 11am. Take a look at the Schedule below and see all the fun activities

- 20th September - Holy Cross (tissue paper crosses)
- 27th September - Start of Autumn (Autumn craft)
- 4th October - Month of the Holy Rosary (flower crowns)
- 11th October - Halloween (Pumpkin craft)
- 18th October - **CLOSED HALF TERM**
- 25th October - **CLOSED HALF TERM**
- 1st November - Guy Fawkes (toilet roll firework paintings)
- 8th November - Remembrance Sunday (poppy craft)
- 15th November - Apple paintings / finger print leaves on trees
- 22nd November - Christ our King (crown making)
- 29th November - Advent calendar
- 6th December - Christmas cards
- 13th December - Christmas party (Nativity craft)

Thank you to the organisers of the parish picnic for all their hard work and to everyone who attended, shared their delicious food and made the event a huge success! **Lost:** If anyone took home a skittle ball by accident we would be grateful if this could be returned. A parishioner kindly lent us his games for the picnic and we would love to reunite him with the missing ball.



Job Vacancy

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office (CASO) based at St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, are seeking to appoint an Education Administrator for 25 hours per week 9.30 am to 2.30 pm term time only (39 weeks). Please see the attached job advertisement for further details and note the closing date for applications of Friday 22nd September 2023.

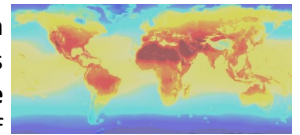
Ethnic Mass

IN HONOUR OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ
(1ST FILIPINO-CHINESE SAINT)

Principal celebrant: TBC

23rd September 2023 Saturday 1:30PM
St. John Cathedral,
Bishop Crispian Way,
Portsmouth PO1 3HQ

All Saints church in Wokingham is hosting five lectures this Autumn exploring **Climate Justice**, given by a variety of speakers. The next on **Thursday 21st September** at 7pm will be given by Hannah Mann (who has worked with UNICEF, the National Trust and for the Oxford Diocese where she oversees the Environment Action Programme) "*Responding with Faith to the Climate and Ecological Crises*" looking at how we as Christian individuals, congregations and churches can respond. Please see <https://www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/exploring-climate-justice/> for further details.



Earth Fayre a free family event for all at **All Saints** in Wokingham on **Saturday 23rd September** from 10am-4pm. Come along to discover local groups and charities that are working hard for our planet and its care. From exploring how to use less plastic, to how you can better insulate your home, visit stalls and hear from engaging speakers – there is sure to be something for everyone. There will also be activities for children and musical interludes. See: <https://www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/earth-fayre-2023/> for details.

ADoRE

Alton Day of Renewal: Spiritual Mini-Retreat

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd September 10.00-3.30 live at Church of St Joan of Arc, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8DJ "THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR - God is on our side." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Praise and Talk also live-streamed on Zoom. Full details and registration at bit.ly/ADORESEP2023

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. 5 October, 19:30.

LiveSimply team, UCM, Wokingham Catenians

