



Corpus
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Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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8th October 2023: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humankind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God? Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been

given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us?

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 7th October

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Dennis and Margaret Dent's 67th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving*

Sunday 8th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Gillian Finn RIP*

Tuesday 10th October - Feria

7pm *People of the Parish*

Wednesday 11th October - St John XXIII, Pope, Memorial

9.30am *St Teresa's School Community*

Thursday 12th October - Feria

9.30am *Friends of Anne and Dave Thomas*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor, Memorial

9.30am

Saturday 14th October

10.30am *Mass of the Anointing of the Sick*

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 15th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *The Trust Family - In Thanksgiving*

11am

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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, Neil Harman, Pat Perridge, Patricia Grayston, Fr Jim Joyce, Sr Veronica and Deacon Ben Ndubuisi.

Welcome into the family of the Church - Please pray for Luca Tuckwell who will all be baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 8th October.



Job Vacancy

The Diocese of Portsmouth are currently recruiting for the role of Head of People (HR & Volunteer Support). Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for applications of 11th October 2023.



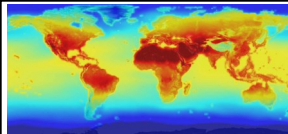
The Letter Film

If you were unable to attend the screening in the Keenan Rooms this week, you can watch it here -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>. Please leave your reactions and responses on our parish [LiveSimply facebook page](#). Thank you.



Harvest Fast Day Collection this weekend. Envelopes are available to gift aid your donation or give via the QR code or on-line at www.cafod.org.uk , to help get “**expert help to where it’s needed most, when it’s needed most**”. Thank you if you were able to attend our soup lunch and for your generous support.

Resh Thorpe who will focus on Wokingham Borough Council’s commitment to a Climate Emergency Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality locally by 2030 and HOW WE CAN HELP - at *All Saints church* on **Thursday 12th October** at 7pm. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wokingham-borough-councils-climate-emergency-action-plan-tickets-657691582227>



Exploring Climate Justice

The next talk in the series on *Climate Change - Climate Justice* will be given by local councillor Sarah Kerr and



Mass of the Anointing 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

Harvest Coffee Morning

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 12noon - 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.



Church Cleaning Team

Your church and meeting rooms are kept clean and tidy by a group of volunteers, they meet on a Monday morning from 9.15/30am and finish around 10.30/11am depending on numbers of volunteers. Recently their numbers have been reduced and extra helpers would mean fewer Monday visits for all. Would you consider joining the team? We are a friendly bunch and go out for coffee together sometimes too. Just bring your own marigolds - all other materials supplied! Please reply to Hannah in the parish office and the team leaders will be in touch.



Austen Ivereigh Talk - What happened at the Synod and why it matters.

Join us for a captivating free-of-charge talk by acclaimed Catholic journalist and renowned Papal biographer, Austen Ivereigh on the 'Synod on Synodality' in Rome:

The most significant process of reflection and renewal in the Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council, the so-called “synod on synodality”, has reached its concluding stage with a two-stage assembly in Rome, beginning in October 2023. Austen Ivereigh, one of two British “experts” called to serve at the assembly, explains what happened there, and how it is reshaping the future of Christianity.

Date and Time: 7th November at 7:30pm (following regular Mass at 7pm)

Location: Corpus Christi Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, RG40 2HE

Free Tickets (the event is sponsored by the Catenian Association): <https://bit.ly/AI-Talk>

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket Number 39 who has won £50 in the September draw.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office.



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.

