



Corpus
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1st October 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 30th September

2pm Nuptial Mass for Wedding of Valerie Warner and Jim Cuthbert

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Purificacion Mendoza RIP

Sunday 1st October - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am For Vocations (Catenians)

Tuesday 3rd October - Feria

7pm Dan Kelly RIP

Wednesday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial

9.30am Andy Durrant's Welfare

Thursday 5th October - Feria

9.30am Joan and Bill Sawyers' 55th Wedding Anniversary - In Thanksgiving

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6th October - Feria

9.30am

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

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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

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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 Warner 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October 2023

This month Pope Francis reminds us of the gift of being a good listener. Good listening isn't just about sitting quietly, hearing, and then saying what we were going to say anyhow! Being a good listener isn't about making the right noises and dishing out our own 'good advice'. A good listener understands the person who is speaking and feels how the speaker is feeling. This month Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention for October ***"...That that the Church may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries"***



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.



St Francis Ascot Fatima Devotions KSC

Home Prayer Group - 30 minutes of praying the Rosary as requested by Our Lady.

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October at 1.30pm.

Zoom ID: **75963769499** Password for each

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.



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



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - Friday 6th October

Please pick up an envelope today to donate to the harvest appeal collection next weekend, gift aid if you can, to get **"expert help to where it's needed most, when it's needed most"**. More people can be reached just as Meera's family in her flooded village in Pakistan was treated quickly by Dr Nasha's mobile clinic last year. Other ways of donating - use the QR code on the envelope or poster or on-line at www.cafod.org.uk . You are very welcome to join parishioners for a fast day **soup lunch** in the Keenan Rooms next Friday from 12.15pm. Thank you for your generous support for these appeals.



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



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.



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. 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.