



Corpus  
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### Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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#### **9th November 2025: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica- Year C**



Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would -be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst. Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

#### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

##### **Saturday 8th November**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Patrick Scanlon RIP*

##### **Sunday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, feast**

**9am** *Pat McGuire RIP*

**11am** *Rosaleen and Joseph McLaughlin RIP*

##### **Tuesday 11th November - St Martins of Tours, Religious, Bishop, memorial**

**7pm** *Berry Berhane RIP*

##### **Wednesday 12th November - St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial**

**8.30am - 9.30am** *Silent Adoration*

**9.30am**

##### **Thursday 13th November - Feria**

**9.30am** *Franciszek and Krystyna Skrakowski RIP*

**8 - 9pm** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

##### **Friday 14th November - Blessed Hugh Faringdon, Abbot, John**

**Eynon & John Ruge, Priests, Martyrs, memorial**

**9.30am**

##### **Saturday 15th November**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**

**5.30pm** *Oonagh and Derek Baker's Intentions*

##### **Sunday 16th November - St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

**9am** *Alfred Buttigieg RIP (F)*

**11am** *Richard Bennett RIP*

*(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual*

#### **St Teresa's Catholic Academy**

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Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: [www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk)



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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday and Thursday 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, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Derek Davey.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Saunders who passed away on Tuesday 4th November, and for her family.

The details of Sylvia's funeral are still to be confirmed.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



**Baptism** - Please welcome Alexander Collis, Emily Tun and Grace Tun into the family of the Church. They will be Baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 9th November, please pray for them and their families.

### Remembrance Sunday - 9th November 2025 at 10.45am

Join us for our annual Remembrance Sunday short service starting at 10.45am, prior to the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 9th November. For those who are coming to Mass, but who will not be attending the Remembrance service, please be aware that we shall be observing the two-minute silence at 11.00am.

*"At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."*



### Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A on **Sunday 9th November** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.

### Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November is traditionally the time in the Roman Catholic Church when we pray for our loved ones who have died. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the labels in the basket in the porch and then place them on the purple cloth in front of the Altar.



### Cowshed Tree of Hope - Final Weekend Reminder



We have had an incredible response to The Cowshed's Tree of Hope Appeal. Thank you so much to everyone who has already taken a tag and donated a gift. Your generosity will make a real difference to local families this Christmas.

Please note that this is the final weekend the Tree of Hope will be in the Church. All gifts will be collected on **Friday 14th November** so they can be delivered to the Cowshed in time for wrapping. Thank you once again for your kindness and for supporting this amazing charity.

### Special Collection for St Vincent de Paul Society Wokingham (SVP)

On **15th/16th November** we will be taking a special collection to support the work of our Parish SVP group.

We seek out those in need or lonely within our local community, offering friendship and practical support - Turning Concern Into Action. Please pray for us and those we assist.

Your donations will also help support struggling local families, identified through partnerships with nearby schools, providing them with practical assistance when life gets tough. Your generosity will make a real difference to individuals and families right here in our community.

Please give what you can using the baskets or digital collection plates in the porch or to make a regular donation to SVP Wokingham please contact us. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you know someone who might benefit from SVP support, or would like to learn more about our work, please speak to one of us after Mass or contact us on 0118 2114130 or email [svpwham@gmail.com](mailto:svpwham@gmail.com) or visit our website <https://svpwokingham.org.uk>



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

### CAFOD'S World Gifts



Looking for Christmas cards, Advent calendars, stocking fillers or a range of virtual meaningful presents to make a difference? Pick up a **catalogue** from church from this weekend. So many gifts to choose from to show the true spirit of giving - stand in solidarity with our global neighbours.

Order by phone, freepost or online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



### Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one recently or even not so recently? On **Saturday 22nd November** at 10.30am there will be a Mass offered for the bereaved with an opportunity to remember your departed loved ones. Refreshments will follow in the Keenan Rooms.

**St Teresa's  
CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

Easthampstead Road,  
Wokingham, RG40 2EB

**Saturday 29 November 2025  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

SANTA'S GROTTO 🎁 RAFFLE  
TOMBOLAS 🎁 CHAMBER CHOIR  
FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINKS  
GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ST TERESA'S  
SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION



### Wokingham Winter Carnival

Churches Together in Wokingham are running a stall at the Wokingham Winter Carnival on **Sunday 30 November 2025 from 10.30am to 5.30pm**. We are seeking volunteers to help at the stall for an hour or so, or more if you are able.

This event is the most popular annual event in the town. Last year was cancelled due to high winds but in 2023 we gave away 1,000 Christingle packs with a Christian booklet inside and are planning the same number this year.

We are also planning a Christingle pack assembly session at Wokingham Baptist Church, Milton Road on **Saturday 29th November 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am**.

Please call or message Victor Freeney from the Wokingham Baptist Church on 07747 642073 or email [victor\\_freeneys@hotmail.com](mailto:victor_freeneys@hotmail.com) if you would like to help assemble the Christingle packs and/or help at the stall, indicating your availability.



### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Please detail who the Mass is to be offered for together with your name and contact details. 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. 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.

**Job Vacancies** - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and how to apply.



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.

PLEASE JOIN US  
**CHRISTMAS  
AT  
CORPUS CHRISTI**

Join us for coffee and mince pies on  
**SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2025  
AFTER 9AM AND 11AM MASSES**

Games for the children and  
a visit from St Nick!

Corpus Christi Social Committee



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