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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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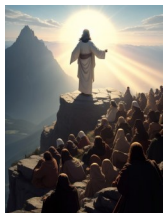
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2nd November 2025: All Saints - Year C

We can land men on the moon or Mars, find cures for cancer and AIDS, or define the 'big bang theory' but ultimately our destiny is shaped not by man's conquests or discoveries, but by the simple acceptance of a sermon Jesus gave over two thousand years ago. The 'Sermon On the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time', begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.

Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor and the disadvantaged, but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we always pure of heart or do we enjoy a good gossip, a joke at someone else's expense? Are we peacemakers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off', imagining that Jesus' ideals are meant for others but not for us?

On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting to note, is that not even these very special men and women have managed to live by every single beatitude. A saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 1st November

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *In Thanksgiving for John Griffiths' 93rd Birthday*

Sunday 2nd November - All Saints, solemnity (transferred)

9am *Deceased Members of the Rowley and Keely Families RIP (F)*

11am *Leah Vas' Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Monday 3rd November - Commemoration of All Souls (transferred)

9.30am *Holy Souls RIP*

Tuesday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial

7pm *Margaret and Patrick Mayse RIP*

Wednesday 5th November - Feria

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am

Thursday 6th November - Feria

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 7th November - Feria

9.30am

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*

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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, Sylvia Saunders, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas and Derek Davey.

Fr Jim's body will be received in to Corpus Christi on Tuesday 18th November and a Vigil Mass will be held at 6.30pm. His Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 19th November at 11am followed by refreshments in the Keenan Rooms.



Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Welcome

Please welcome back Fr Danny McAvoy, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Bracknell. He will be celebrating the Masses whilst Canon Simon will be at the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne and the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst.



Second Collection - Bamenda Sunday



Each year on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the [Bamenda Newsletter](#).

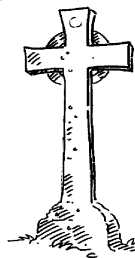
Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! To donate, use the baskets in the Church porch, the Dona machines or visit [Donate to Bamenda Commission, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth | Give as you Live Donate](#) to give a gift or set up a Direct Debit. Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Papal Prayer Intention for November 2025 For the Prevention of Suicide



It can be very distressing if you're worried about someone who feels suicidal. They may have talked about wanting to end their life. Or you may be concerned that they're thinking about it. You might have noticed some warning signs. This person might be very close to you. Or you might not know them very well, or even at all. The first thing to do is to encourage your loved one to talk without being judgemental and simply give emotional support. The second thing to do is to make a crisis plan, preferably with professional help. www.mind.org.uk is a good starting point. *This month Pope Leo invites us to join the papal prayer intention, "...that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."*

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Monday 3rd November 2025



During the month of November, but particularly on this day we remember all those who have died. We remember them in a meaningful way rather than a mournful way. We remember the lessons we have learnt from them and the talents we have inherited from them. We remember how we loved them and how they loved us and made us what we are today. We remember their good deeds and determine to be more like them. Most importantly we remember that they have found rest, just as Jesus promised.



Praying for the Holy Souls in November

Throughout the month we invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the labels in the baskets in the porch and then place them on the purple cloth in front of the Altar.



Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

Are you curious about Catholicism and/or the possibility of becoming a Catholic and what that would entail? Are you married to a Catholic but no one has ever suggested you might consider becoming a Catholic yourself? Perhaps you were baptised Catholic as an infant but never made your First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? An information meeting for Enquirers (minimum 18 years of age) will be held on **Thursday 6th November at 7pm** in the Keenan Rooms at Corpus Christi. If you intend on coming to the meeting it would be helpful if you could register your interest in advance by emailing the parish office: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 138, David Lumsden, who has won the October draw of £50.00.



Lost Property!

We have numerous lost property items on the table in the porch including walking sticks and water bottles. Please collect before **Tuesday 4th November**. Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November

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.

LEST WE FORGET

*"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.

Pacifist Remembrance Vigil

A quiet Pacifist Remembrance Vigil will be held in Howard Palmer Gardens, Wokingham, (RG40 2BX) on **Sunday 9th November** between noon and 1pm. Those with faith and those with none, all are welcome.



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/> **Free delivery if you order by midnight on Sunday 2 November!**



Wokingham Winter Carnival

Churches Together in Wokingham are running a stall at the Wokingham Winter Carnival on **Sunday 30th 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_freeney@hotmail.com if you would like to help assemble the Christingle packs and/or help at the stall, indicating your availability.

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



ATTENTION

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.

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. Mass Intentions can be offered for any good intention. 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.



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