



Corpus Christi
Wokingham
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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28th September 2025: Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about our receding gum lines than the orphans in Africa? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond.

At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 27th September

12noon UCM Mass

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Evan Irwin RIP

Sunday 28th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Support for the work of CAFOD in these challenging times

11am Joe Nemeth RIP - 3rd Anniversary

Tuesday 30th September - St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, memorial

7pm

Wednesday 1st October - St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am Silent Adoration

9.30am For the Children of the Parish

Thursday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial

8am Purificacion Mendoza RIP - 10th Anniversary

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd October - Feria

NO MASS

Saturday 4th October

10.30am Mass of Anointing

5pm - 5.20pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm Ann Purvis RIP

Sunday 5th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Cheryl Sirju-Chong RIP - 1st Anniversary

11am Rene Scudder RIP

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, RG40 2EB Tel: 0118 9784310

Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Peters

Website: www.st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk



Important Contacts

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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
Parish Administrator, Hannah Procter, can be contacted on (T) 0118 978 0348 or (E) wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
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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 Fr Jim Joyce.

Maureen Harman's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 8th October at 12 noon.

*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.*



Fairtrade Fortnight - 22nd September - 5th October

Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade – it's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it – DO IT FAIR.

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we're asking the UK government to **Brew it Fair**. Like all of us, the people growing and picking our tea deserve to be able to plan for their futures, and to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change. Take action by

adding your name to the petition at the back of church or online at https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/171071/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=ftf_landing_page or by scanning the QR code.



Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' and Q&A on **Sunday 28th September** after 11am Mass in the Keenan rooms.

Saint Jerome and the Bible Society - Tuesday 30th September

The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the bible.

Since the Bible is God's divine revelation it makes sense that it should be translated so that everyone may benefit whatever their dialect.

The Bible Society

Bible Society exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. At the same time millions still have no understanding of the Bible's value for them and their communities. If you are interested in being a part of the Bible Society's work, visit them at www.biblesociety.org.uk where you can learn how to volunteer, donate or fundraise.



Harvest Fast Day - Friday 3rd October

Please donate to our Fast Day parish collection next weekend to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia, where women walk for hours to get water. Use the green CAFOD envelope or the parish card reader. Or donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or use the QR code here, on envelope or poster where you can also gift aid. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. To find out more about Waré watch the film <https://vimeo.com/1115554004/a2a29b6d82>. THANK YOU for your support and prayers.



Mass of Anointing

Mass of anointing for those who are sick at Corpus Christi on **Saturday 4th 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 the SVP on: 0118 2114130.



Newsletter Deadline

To ensure we have ample time to review and finalise the newsletter on a Friday we kindly request that all materials be submitted by Thursday evening. Thank you.

Barn Dance

The Wokingham Catenians would like to invite you to join us for a Barn Dance on **Saturday 4th October 2025**. We have run this a few times before as a Parish event and is always great fun for ages 5 - 95! No dancing skills required as full instructions are provided!

Date: Saturday 4th Oct 2025

Time: 7:30pm – 11pm

Venue: Barkham Village Hall, RG40 4PL

Band: Saxon Drain

Cost: Just £5 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

To book tickets please email Martin Robins:

martin.robins71@gmail.com





Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Corpus Christi Africa Fund - Our Lady of Nazareth Fundraiser

Parishioner Nick Gorton is running a marathon for the Corpus Christi Africa Fund on **Saturday 11th October** to raise funds for uji porridge. Some of the proceeds will also go to Autism and Neurodiversity (A-ND) North Scotland. You can donate and read more by using the following link [Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#) All donations go directly to the charities and are greatly appreci-



Corpus Christi Social Committee
invites you to an

Autumn Coffee Morning

Join us for Coffee and Cake
in the Keenan Rooms
after the 9am and 11am
Masses on
Sunday 12th October

Cake donations welcome!
We would especially like cakes
from the different cultural
backgrounds that make
up our community.



Open Day!

Little T's Preschool
at St. Teresa's Catholic Academy

PLAY - LEARN - GROW

Tuesday 21st October

- See Little T's in action
- Meet the staff
- Make an enquiry
- See our children in action
- Ask any question!
- Let your child play

9:15am and 1:30pm

Book your space today!
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Corpus Christi 200 Club

Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 55, Philip Brown, who has won the September draw of £50.00.

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.



UPDATED SHOPPING LIST

- ☒ Long Life Milk
- ☒ Pies
- ☒ Tinned pea
- ☒ Tinned sweetcorn
- ☒ Tinned tomatoes
- ☒ Fruit squash/cordial
- ☒ Confectionary
- ☒ Biscuits
- ☒ Custard
- ☒ Razors



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