



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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27th October 2024: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



We all understand Bartimaeus' cry for help, after all, most of us have felt like that at some stage in our lives. How many of us have felt trapped in jobs we hate, in bodies that are weak or in relationships that are failing? The last thing we want is to accept our gloomy lot in life and suffer in silence, yet sometimes our options are limited. Praying to God for help is important, but how many of us secretly consider prayer a last ditch option in a world governed by science and practicality? Have we lost our sense of wonderment? Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see?

Today Bartimaeus, the blind man, teaches us a lesson in prayer. He certainly wasn't ready to suffer in silence. He cried out and many rebuked him telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more. The lesson is that the blind man's persistence and faith were rewarded.

In our modern day scientific world, faith is a stumbling point because it suggests believing in things of which there can be no proof - things we can't see. Of course this is true, but faith also means believing in things that are all around us. Sometimes we suffer in silence when we are surrounded by people who could help us given half the chance. Today we exercise our faith and ask for help. We remember that we have friends, neighbours, professional counsellors and medics who we can call upon. We remember to put our problems before God and ask for help.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 26th October

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Alberto Estares Jr RIP*

Sunday 27th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Pascoal and Maria Antonia Quadras RIP*

Tuesday 29th October - Feria

7pm

Wednesday 30th October - Feria

8.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *Kathleen Boardman RIP*

Thursday 31st October - Feria

9.30am *Agustin Torrealba RIP - 1st Anniversary*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 1st November - All Saints, Solemnity

9.30am

10am *Praying the Rosary*

7.30am *People of the Parish*

Saturday 2nd November - Commemoration of All Souls

11am *Holy Souls RIP*

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 3rd November - Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am *Margaret and Patrick Mayse*

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday 09.30 to 12.00, Thursday 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, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.

Joy Phillips' funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 14th November at 9.30am followed by burial at St Paul's Churchyard, Wokingham

*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.*



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CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give Please use the baskets or Dona machines in the porch. Thank you.

Parish Coffee Morning - Thursday 31st October

We invite you to drop in to The Keenan Rooms for coffee and biscuits and a chat on Thursday 31st October after 9.30am Mass until 12.00. This will be run by the UCM and is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parishioners - catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring a friend.



Night of Light

You are warmly invited to our **Night of Light** celebrating All Hallows' Eve on Thursday 31st October 5 - 6.30pm for activities, games, food and friendship. RSVP through the parish office on 0118 978 0348 or sign up in the church porch. Thank you.



UCM

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Corpus Christi, Wokingham Foundation are celebrating their 75th Anniversary on 2nd November. They would like to invite all existing and former members of the UCM to join them in the Keenan Rooms, after the All Souls Day Mass, for a get-together to mark 75 years of service.



Lost Property

We have some more lost property, a few items left in the kitchen after the parish picnic which are now on the table in the porch (including muffin tins and a pie slice). If these belong to you please collect before they are disposed of. Thank you.

All Saints, Solemnity - 1st November - Holy Day of Obligation



When something seems too difficult, we have a tendency to 'switch off'. If something is seemingly beyond our reach, we don't even try. Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery. But following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps.

All Souls - Commemoration Of All the Faithful Departed - 2nd November

On this day we remember all those who have died. We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day. We also pray for those who have died that we never knew. We pray for those who have died for our freedom, and we pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them. By remembering those who were loved, they are never really gone from us.



First Holy Communion 2025

As our First Holy Communion Programme will be starting in the New Year (for children in Year 4 and above) we would like to invite Parents to an information Evening on Wednesday 6th November from 6-7pm in the Keenan Rooms. This session will give an overview of the programme and what it entails. There is an expectation that children joining the programme will already be attending Saturday/Sunday Mass regularly. Please register your attendance for the meeting emailing the parish office with your details and the age of your child and the school they attend: wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note, this session is for Parents only.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and how to apply. For career opportunities in our Diocesan schools, please see [here](#).



Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one recently or even not so recently? On Saturday 16th 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.

Introduction of the New Lectionary from 1st December 2024 – The First Sunday of Advent

Are you a regular Reader at Mass? Or are you ever asked to read in Church? Then this session is for YOU! We are pleased to offer two sessions about the new lectionary. The new lectionary comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and **will be identical** - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers. If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The sessions will be held online on Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 19th November and last one hour, from 7pm to 8pm. Please register for the Tuesday 5th November session [here](#) or for the Tuesday 19th November session [here](#).

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The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form.



Bank Details A/c Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi Sort Code: 30-93-04 A/c No: 00891666.

Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, please consider using the digital collection plates or the QR code above. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact 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.

Join Us for a Joyful Christmas Day Lunch



The Link Visiting Scheme is delighted to invite older people to our annual Christmas Day Lunch, a heartwarming event designed to bring hope and happiness to those who might otherwise spend the day alone. We understand that loneliness can be especially challenging during the festive season, and we



want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate in good company.

Our Christmas Day Lunch is open to older people who would like to join us for a delicious meal, festive cheer, and wonderful companionship. If you or someone you know would benefit from this event, signing up is easy. Simply visit our website at www.linkvisiting.org/christmas or call our office at 0118 9798019.

We also warmly welcome volunteers who can help make this day special. Whether you can assist with preparations, serve meals, offer transport or simply be a friendly face to chat with our guests, your support will make a significant difference. Volunteering with The Link Visiting Scheme is a rewarding experience, and we are always looking for compassionate Individuals to join our team long-term. No experience necessary and is based on your availability.

Let's come together to create a memorable Christmas filled with joy and connection. We look forward to celebrating with you! For more information or to sign up, please visit www.linkvisiting.org/christmas or call 0118 9798019.

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.