



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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19th October 2025: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Whether you're a fan or not, few can have avoid tuning into Saturday night TV to watch contestants on game shows pursuing their dreams. In an attempt to realise the ambition closest to their hearts, candidates will do almost anything to earn a favourable judgement. Whilst not always applauding their talent we have to give the would-be stars top marks for nerve. It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same persistence when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or

that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 18th October

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Amy Shaw RIP*

Sunday 19th October - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Emmanuel Vella RIP*

Tuesday 21st October - Feria

7pm *Mary Anne McGovern - In Thanksgiving for her 85th Birthday*

Wednesday 22nd October - St John Paul II, Pope, memorial

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

9.30am *In Thanksgiving*

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Thursday 23rd October - Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life

9.30am

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 24th October - Feria

9.30am *Anne Vaughan RIP - 5th Anniversary*

Saturday 25th October

12 noon *UCM Mass*

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

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Deceased Members of the Keely Family RIP (F)*

Sunday 26th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Deceased Members and Family Members of the Wokingham Catenians*

11am *Alberto Estares Jr RIP*

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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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

Corpus Christi Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 2HE



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, Derek Davey and Fr Jim Joyce.

Missio - World Mission Sunday Second Collection - Sunday 19th October

Today, Sunday 19th October, parishes around the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.

Donations to World Mission Sunday go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. These communities request the support they need to bring lasting change – whether it's help to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school, or create a safe space for children. Your support encourages communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance.

To donate, use the baskets in the Church porch, the Dona machines or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift or set up a Direct Debit. Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.



St Teresa's Catholic Academy Chamber Choir

On **Sunday 19th October**, the fabulous St Teresa's Chamber Choir will be leading the singing at both the 9am and 11am Masses. This is a fabulous opportunity to work collaboratively with the school. Between the Masses, the school will be open to parishioners for tea and coffee, along with the chance to have an informal tour of the school. We hope to see you there to support the children and the school and please spread the word to anyone you know who may be looking for a school place!



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!
0118 978 4310



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Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

CCAF Fundraiser

Congratulations to Nick Gorton who completed a 50km Ultra Event on 11th October. Donations are still coming in but with donation matching at least £1,000 will be going to CCAF! There's still time to donate by clicking on the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gorton-50k-for-charity?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL

Well done Nick and thank you for choosing OLN Uji as a beneficiary!

If you don't feel safe at home call

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247

Run by Refuge

If in immediate danger call 999



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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.



The Cowshed Tree of Hope

We are very proud to be taking part in The Cowshed's Tree of Hope Project. This wonderful initiative supports over 2,500 local children living in very vulnerable circumstances - including those in temporary accommodation, domestic abuse refuges, or experiencing financial hardship - by providing each child with a carefully chosen sack of brand new Christmas gifts, tailored to their individual interests.

It's so easy to take part and make a real difference!

This is a joint project with St Teresa's Catholic Academy, and our Tree of Hope will be beautifully displayed in the school's front office during the week, decorated with special tags. The tree will be moved to the Church on Fridays, so that parishioners attending weekend Masses can take part in this wonderful scheme. It will then be back in the school on Monday, ready for the new week.

We warmly invite you to choose a tag from the tree, purchase the gift described on the tag, and place it unwrapped under the tree. Every single gift will help to bring a little extra joy and hope to a child this Christmas.

Please note that the project will end on Friday 14 November, to allow us time to deliver all the gifts to The Cowshed so their elves can begin wrapping them ready for Christmas.

We understand that times are difficult for many, but together we can help make Christmas a truly happy time for so many families.

Could You be a New Foundation Director?

The Bishop and Trustees of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are looking to appoint Foundation Directors to form the Trust board of the expanding Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust, consisting of Catholic Schools in Berkshire, Oxfordshire and North Hampshire and the expanding Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust, consisting of Catholic schools in South Hampshire, IOW and Dorset. This is an exciting time in the expansion of the academy programme in the diocese. Applications from those with or without previous school governor experience, would be welcome.

The Diocese is looking for people with skills in some of the following areas:

- Strategic Planning
- Corporate Governance
- Project Management
- Risk Management
- Change Management
- Financial Management
- Employment Law and Practice
- Education
- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety



If you're a practising Catholic, believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and contribute to boardroom discussions, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board of our expanding Catholic Academy Trusts. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the benefit of the children in our schools.

If you are interested, please [email](#) for an application form. **Closing date for applications: Friday 31st October 2025**

[text and image from Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth e-News]

Lost Property

We have numerous lost property items on the table in the porch including walking sticks and water bottles. Please collect before Monday 3rd November. Thank you.



School Property - Please can we remind you that children **should not** be on any of the school property after Mass each week. This includes the convent land and the trim trails etc. Thank you for your co-operation.



Royal Berkshire Hospital Visits

If a loved one is in The Royal Berkshire Hospital and would like a visit for spiritual support and/or to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please ask the ward to request a visit from the Roman Catholic chaplain.

You are warmly invited to our

NIGHT OF LIGHT

Celebrating All Hallows' Eve

Join us at Corpus Christi

Friday 31st October 2025

5pm - 7pm



For activities, games, food and friendship!

You are welcome to come dressed as an Angel or a Saint!

For catering purposes, please let us know how many people will be attending by signing up in the church porch or contacting the parish office.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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.

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



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth