



# Corpus Christi Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



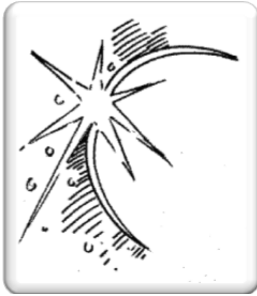
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## 17th November 2024: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live.

Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever. Are we living our best in the here and now, or are we gambling on a some 'comfortably far off date' on which to hedge our bets?

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday 16th November - St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, Solemnity**  
**10.30am** Mass for the Bereaved  
**5pm - 5.20pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**  
**5.30pm** Fr Alfred Buttigieg RIP (F)

**Sunday 17th November - Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9am** Thanksgiving Mass from Frida and Lorna  
**11am** Magdalena Mijares and Ottorino Visentin RIP

**Tuesday 19th November - Feria**  
**7pm**

**Wednesday 20th November - Feria**  
**8.30am** Silent Adoration  
**9.30am** John Milner RIP (F)

**Thursday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial**  
**9.30am** Thomas Foy's Birthday in Thanksgiving  
**8 - 9pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 22nd November - St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, memorial**  
**9.30am** For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**10am** Praying the Rosary

**Saturday 23rd November**  
**5pm - 5.20pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
**Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)**  
**5.30pm** Pat Hall RIP

**Sunday 24th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity**  
**9am** Kevin Falkner RIP  
**11am** John Carter RIP

(F) Foundation (P) Perpetual



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### Important Contacts

#### Other Priests of the Pastoral Area:

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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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Williams who passed away on Friday 25th October, and for her family. Ann's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 26th November 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.***



### Mass for the Bereaved

Have you lost a loved one recently or even not so recently? On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Catholic Academy Chamber Choir**, led by Mrs Krystle Hewitson, will be leading the singing at the 9am Mass on Sunday, 17th November.

### Lost Property

Please collect lost property items from the table in the porch before Monday 18th November when they will be disposed of. Thank you.



### 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 slips of card in the baskets in the porch and then place them on the purple cloth in front of the Altar.



### Safeguarding Drop In

Claire and Jordana will be available for DBS 'surgery' on Sunday 24th November after 11am mass in the Keenan rooms.

## CSAN DOMESTIC ABUSE ALLIANCE

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2024

Violence against women and girls has been declared a national emergency across the UK. Join us online this November to launch our call-to-action:

Welcome: Raymond Friel, CEO of CSAN

Keynote speaker: Dr Valerie Duval-Pujol, Restored UK

Jubilee 2025: Sarah Green, Women at the Well

Short break followed by a Q&A

16 Days of Activism: Nikki Dhillon Keane, Safe in Faith

Please register at the link below.

**Monday 18th November**  
**11am - 1pm**  
**Online: ZOOM**



Domestic violence is "a poisonous weed that plagues our society, and must be torn out at the roots."

Pope Francis on Domestic Abuse, 2023



### Introduction of the New Lectionary from 1<sup>st</sup>

#### 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 a session about the new lectionary. The new lectionary comes into use in Advent. The session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy and 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 to: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) The session will be held online on Tuesday 19th November and last one hour, from 7pm to 8pm. Please register [here](#).

### The New Lectionary

On 1 December 2024 (First Sunday of Advent), the new English version of the Lectionary for Mass comes into force in England, Wales and Scotland. It will be based on the *English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE)* and the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles (APC)*. After Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November the Parish Mass Books containing the old version of the readings will be withdrawn.

If you wish to follow the Mass readings, please consider buying your own copy of the Sunday Missal. Hard copies are available to buy online from the Catholic Truth Society (CTS) for £19.95 - [Sunday Missal \(Standard Edition\) | Catholic Truth Society](#)

Please register for the webinar at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9876543210>

**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](#).



## Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

We are pleased to announce that The South Berkshire Singers, along with St Teresa's Catholic Academy Choir, will be giving the annual Christmas Concert in aid of the Corpus Christi Africa Fund at 4.00pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Tickets costing £5 will be on sale after each Mass over the weekends of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November, and 30<sup>th</sup> November/1<sup>st</sup> December. We hope that you will support this concert and help us to provide Uji to each child attending Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi in 2025.



### Sacrament of Confirmation Year 8 and above

Any young person who would like to find out about the Sacrament of Confirmation please let us know by contacting the Parish office.

We would also warmly welcome catechists to ensure that this can go ahead. Experienced or brand new to this please get in touch: [wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy

Please may we remind parents that all children attending the Children's Liturgy should come with a completed slip for registration purposes. If your child has not attended before, please complete a registration



form on their first visit so we have your details. All forms are available at the back of the church or by the Keenan Rooms.

All younger children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join, however children aged 4 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Children who will be making their First Holy Communion in 2025 may attend up to the start of the programme in February, after this they should remain in Mass.

The wall between the Church car park and the Presbytery drive was damaged at some point on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November and sadly, no one has come forward to claim responsibility.



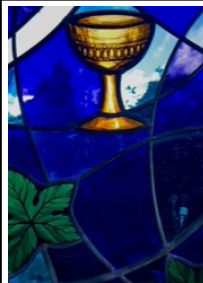
If anybody has any information regarding this damage, we would be grateful if you would please contact the parish office. Thank you.

## Oppose Assisted Suicide

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide

Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Right to Life UK website. There you will find an easy way to contact your MP and ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.



### East Windows

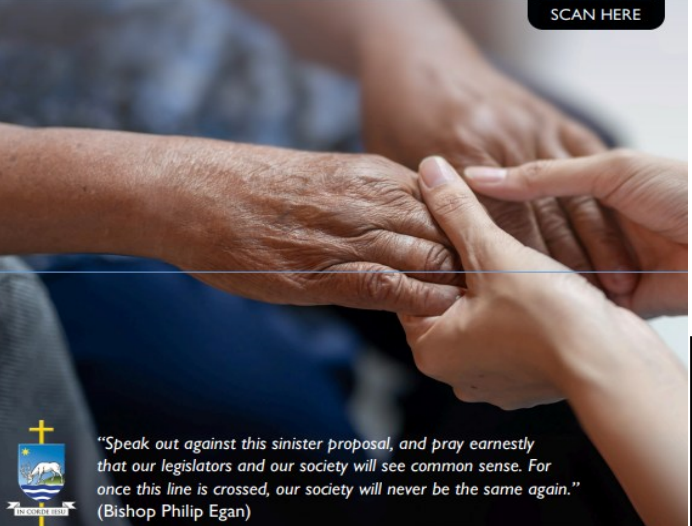
Caroline Loveys is hard at work creating and assembling the panels for the east windows. Here is the beautiful chalice for the 'Blood of Christ' window. You can watch a video of her leading and soldering [here](#) and keep up to date with all her progress by following her [Facebook page](#).

### Defibrillator Training


You may have noticed the new defibrillator that has been installed outside the church. Before we go 'live' we will be offering some familiarisation talks on how to use it and very basic first aid. Ideally we would



like a couple of people who regularly attend each of our weekend Masses to volunteer for the training. If you are interested then please contact the parish office. We must say a big thank you to our kind and generous parishioner, Lindsay Meerabux for donating the defibrillator.



*"Speak out against this sinister proposal, and pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again."*  
(Bishop Philip Egan)

 **Live Simply - Circular Monday** on 25<sup>th</sup> November – the antidote to Black Friday! A chance for businesses and consumers to engage in sustainable practices and support initiatives that **reduce waste** and **conserve resources** <https://www.circularmonday.com/>



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.



ST TERESA'S  
**Christmas**  
FAIR

• SATURDAY 23RD  
NOVEMBER  
12.30-3.00 PM

TOMBOLAS, HAMPER RAFFLE, SANTA'S GROTTO, FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK, CHOIR, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
EASTHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WOKINGHAM, RG40 2EB

### Wokingham Winter Carnival 2024

Churches Together in Wokingham are running a stall at the Wokingham Winter Carnival on Sunday 24 November 2024 from 11am to 5pm.



If you could spare an hour, we need volunteers to help with the stall on the Sunday, this would be a good way to mix with other members of our Christian community. We are also preparing about 1,000 CTW small children's gift bags for the Carnival and will be putting these together on the morning of Saturday 23 November. Any volunteers would be appreciated.



### St Teresa's Catholic Academy Open Mornings

Please come and see our fantastic school in action! St Teresa's Catholic Academy will be holding Open Mornings on Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 9th January at 9am. To book your place please click [here](#) Please contact the admissions officer on [admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-teresas.wokingham.sch.uk) with any questions.

**End of Year  
THANKSGIVING  
Mass  
&  
Christmas  
PARTY**

You are cordially invited to the Nigerian Catholic Community Reading Christmas Party

**NOV: 30th, 2024 | MASS: 12 NOON | PARTY: 1PM**

Party to follow after Mass in the hall

Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading, RG2 8NR

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY READING



### The Cowshed

#### Christmas Present Post Box

Please help The Cowshed's Christmas Gifts of Hope Appeal! Your kindness will help bring smiles to children from vulnerable families across Berkshire this Christmas. We will be hosting a donation bin at Corpus Christi from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of any **unwrapped new gifts** will be gladly accepted (suitable for children up to 18 years old). Please give if you can.



### CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, give your family and friends something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an e-Card, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts, and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags, at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in church.



# Can you help with our 2024 Christmas Appeal?

Every year, The Cowshed helps thousands of children who would not otherwise receive presents and we would love you to help us spread happiness this holiday season with our Christmas Gift Donation Campaign. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in need.