



Corpus Christi Wokingham

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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29th September 2024: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy. Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 28th September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)
5.30pm *For the Work of CAFOD*

Sunday 29th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*
11am *Raymond Lobo RIP*

Tuesday 1st October - St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial

7pm *Sr Thérèse's Intentions*

Wednesday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial

8am *Purificacion Mendoza RIP*

Thursday 3rd October - Feria

9.30am
8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial

9.30am *Liam McCormack RIP*
10am *Praying the Rosary*

Saturday 5th October

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)
5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 6th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *In Thanksgiving*
11am *Irene Millar RIP*



St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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

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Important Contacts

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area:

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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

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Phyl Parrat and Fr Jim Joyce.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

KARIBU SANA!

This weekend (28th/29th September 2024) we welcome to Corpus Christi the following from Our Lady of Nazareth Comprehensive School in Nairobi.

Fr Gabriel, Victor, and Beatrice

Together with OLN pupils: Damaris, Fragrence, Hillary and Michael



CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4th October Harvest Appeal

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving out a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD this fast day and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Please collect an envelope from church this weekend and return it with your donation next week, or tap on the parish card machines or give online by scanning the QR code here, (also appears on the posters and envelopes) or go to <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising/virtual-envelope?form=envelope> . Pray at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjNNQxx9Yk0> . Thank you.



You are invited to join us for a simple **Soup Lunch** in the Keenan Rooms on Friday **4th October** from 12.15pm - with donations to CAFOD.

200 **200 Club** - Congratulations to the holder of Ticket No 165, Philip Brown, who has won the September draw of £50.00.

If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.



Help Needed - 11am Mass

If you attend 11am Mass on a Sunday and can spare some time afterwards to help in the kitchen serving tea and coffee it would be very much appreciated as the rota is short of volunteers. Please contact Anna McCormack by email: annamcc16@gmail.com if you can help.



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.



VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Fair Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September

Did you know that the Volunteer Fair this weekend is a great opportunity

- to find out about the parish groups that exist at Corpus Christi
- to come and meet our many volunteers and ask them why they got involved
- to connect with other people in the parish.

No one should feel like an “outsider” in this parish or that they have nothing to offer. Everyone has a skill or a gift that can be used in some way to support and serve our church community. Each one of us has been created in God’s image and likeness and there are many opportunities for us to share our love and care for others and have fun.

Take a look at our parish groups below, see if there is anything that interests you and then talk to the group leaders to get more information. If the group is not represented at the fair or does not even exist, please register your interest and skills at the fair or contact the parish office.

Administration: Finance Committee, Parish Administration, Parish Safeguarding, Parish Steering Group, Website

Church Care: Church Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Minor Church Maintenance

Adult Formation: Baptism Preparation, Marriage Care

Children: Children’s Liturgy, First Holy Communion Preparation, Pre-school / School

Youth: Confirmation group, Youth group

Liturgy: Eucharistic Ministers, Readers at Mass, Sacristy team, Altar Servers, Welcomers

Music: Choir (9am mass), The Elevenses singers (11am mass), Music group

Outreach: Foodbank, Corpus Christi Africa Fund, Live Simply/ CAFOD/ Fairtrade, Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Churches Together in Wokingham

Social: Catenians, Panto, Social Committee, Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM), Toddler group, Tea/coffee makers after mass, Monthly Coffee mornings

Spiritual: Spirit & Grace prayer group

Let’s also take this opportunity to say a big THANKYOU to all our volunteers, past and present. We are grateful for your willingness to give your time, energy and talents to support our church community. Some of you have dedicated many years of service to Corpus Christi.

Hebr. Psalm 29:11 “The Lord will give strength to His people, The Lord will bless His people with peace”.



Newsletters

Our printed newsletters are intended for those who cannot access it online. If you would like to sign up to receive the weekly newsletter please register using the following link <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/sberks/online122bb9> or alternatively they are also available on our website where you may check Mass times and all parish information: <http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org>
Thank you.



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.

Astra Recycling

Please help St Teresa's School if you can and use the textile recycling bin in the playground. As well as keeping unwanted textile out of land fill, the school will receive a payment for each kilo collected. Access to the bin will be at the weekend when the carpark is open for Mass.

Below is a list of acceptable items. Please ensure that everything is securely bagged before putting it in to the bin.

Astra Recycling Recycle can take: Clothes, shoes, bedlinen, accessories (such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves and handbags) as well as soft toys.

They can't take: Duvets or cushions, off cuts, used underwear or socks, carpets or curtains.

Thank you!



LITTLE FLOWERS
Baby & Toddler Group

Are you joining us this week?

Every Wednesday
9:30am - 11am
Corpus Christi Church
RG40 2HE
£1 per child

We have lots of play, crafts, songs and refreshments!

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group (Wokingham Playgroup)

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Feast of the Guardian Angels - 2nd October

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

The Financial Support of our Parish - To continue supporting 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.

