

CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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3rd Sunday of Advent – 15th December 2024

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6

(Response): **Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.**

2nd Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

A Day of Festival

Today we sing and shout for
joy with Christ, the Lord of
the Dance, who brings us the
Good News of our
redemption, and renews us
by his love.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 15th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): RIP of Kathleen Coughlan FM

Mon 16th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Evelyn Anthony Fernandes

Tue 17th: For John Finding Keita

Weds 18th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 19th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Ron Rumbold FM

Fri 20th: 9:30 am (CC): For birthday intention of Fr Rinda



Mass intentions can be offered by filling the mass intention envelopes at the back of the church and put in the offertory basket or can be handed to the priest or secretary.

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Sunday Reflection

THEME: SHOUT FOR JOY

Today is the third Sunday of Advent Year C celebrated as Gaudete Sunday. It is the day which the Church has given us to rejoice and shout for joy. We are doing this because the Redeemer is near at hand. To rejoice or shout for joy has to do with a feeling of deep happiness. It is an interior disposition to be happy always despite the things that happen to us. It means the happiness is not depended on material things or on riches. Neither is it depended on the lack of challenges or problems. But that amidst these things, we are still happy.

When I was growing up, my own life experience and the little experience I gained from life first gave me the impression that happiness could come from riches. I struggled to search for this in vain and discovered that some millionaires and even billionaires were the most unhappy people with some even dying out of frustration or depression. I later thought happiness could be sought from family and friends, but it was not true. The pleasures of the world suggested another form of happiness which only gave me momentary pleasure. I was all blind to these things because the more I sought and did the things I thought could bring me happiness, the more I felt empty. I eventually got peace of mind and have been really happy since I answered the question: what I must do to enjoy real happiness.

The above question is like the one asked to John the Baptist in the gospel of today. After John had preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, this touched so many and they were seeking ways of renouncing their old ways in order to be happy. The tax collector and soldier all asked what to be done to be saved and be happy. They were told what to do.

I must testify that true happiness can only come from seeking Christ. St. Paul in the second reading says he wants us to be happy always in the Lord. This confirms with what the Holy Father did say that an unhappy Christian is a contradiction in terms because a Christian is supposed to be a bearer of good news. We need to ask ourselves today: with all the search for money, and with all the money I have made, am I happy or more stressed and frustrated?

We need to be happy dear friends. Our happiness comes because God has repealed our sentence, he has driven away our enemies and no need for us to be afraid and he has renewed our love. He is coming to save us. Unfortunately, there are many unhappy people out there. We need to help them to be happy in Christ by being happy ourselves and showing them where true happiness lies. Alcohol, drugs, women, material things, riches, technological advances, etc, cannot make us happy. They are ephemeral. True happiness is in Christ.

May we pray for the graces to renounce all things for the sake of Christ so that we can be truly happy. Rejoice and shout for joy.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 08/12/2024

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £91.40, Envelopes £33 and Hall Rent £1,284

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £222.12, Envelopes £50, Candles £9.40 and Mass Stipend £3

STANDING ORDERS NOVEMBER 2024 £1307

FINANCIAL APPEAL: We need your financial help to run our parish all the time and now more than ever before. You can help towards the repairs by either using our account name, **Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph**, sort code is **30-93-04** and account number **00884996** or the online giving page for the parish at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/portsmouth-corporus-christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER DRAW

1 ST Prize	Freda Culloty
2 nd Prize	John Griffin
3 rd Prize	Felicia Ogwuche

REOPENING OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

I hope you all agree it was lovely being back inside our beautiful church. On Friday last week, we had the carpet repaired and then the boilers serviced. On Wednesday this week, Uniguard serviced the fire extinguishers.

You may have noticed that there is a problem with our beautiful font. Unfortunately, something happened when the scaffolding was being taken down and it was damaged. On Wednesday we met with the man who is going to repair it. Also, the lock on the side door to the church has been repaired.



OUR NEW PARISH PAGE:

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DAILY MASSES

ST. JOSEPH: Adoration at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am in English on Thursdays. On Saturdays 5 pm adoration followed by 6 pm mass and 9 am mass on Sundays.

LATIN COMMUNITY: 7am daily in Latin and 11 am on Sundays at St Colman's Church in Cosham with the Friars (until further notice).

CORPUS CHRISTI: Adoration at 8.30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am on Mondays and Fridays and adoration at 6 pm on Wednesdays followed by Mass at 7 pm to allow workers to have a chance to attend weekday masses. On Sundays at 11 am.

CHURCH TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS DAILY:

Corpus Christi: 9 am – 11 am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

CONFESSIONS

ST. JOSEPH: 8:30 am on Thursdays and Sundays and 5 pm on Saturdays

CORPUS CHRISTI: 6 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 am on Mondays and Fridays.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025

- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION** Baptismal preparations in view of Christmas were to take place on Saturday 14th December 2024. As a result of the fact that we did not have baptism registration forms returned on time, the session has been cancelled. A date for preparation in the New Year will be announced soon.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Sixth session will take place today 15th of December Sunday at 9:15 am in Corpus Christi Hall.
- CONFIRMATION:** Registration is already closed.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The registration has ended and those who registered would be contacted privately in view of their catechesis. .

CRIB OFFERINGS: For this year donationS to the crib will be for The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING VOUCHERS

This is the last weekend we will be collecting Supermarket shopping vouchers to give to Corpus Christi and St. Paul's schools to distribute to their less well-off families. Please buy £5 vouchers and place in the basket on the altar steps when they will be divided equally between each school.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2024 FOR CCSJ

1. PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Corpus Christi: 6pm Wednesday 18th Dec. 2024

St. Joseph: 6pm Thursday 19th Dec. 2024:

2. CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MASSES

Tuesday 24th Dec 2024

St. Joseph: 5:15pm carol service and 6pm mass

Corpus Christi: 8pm carol service and 9pm mass

Latin mid night mass at St. Joseph by the friars

Wednesday 25th Dec. 2024

St. Joseph: 9am: English mass

11am: Latin mass by the friars

Corpus Christi: 11am mass

3. POST CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday 26th Dec 2024: 9:30am Altar servers' mass of St. Stephen

4. END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Tuesday 31st Dec 2024 End of year thanksgiving masses

St. Joseph: 6pm mass

Corpus Christi: 8pm mass

Friars at SJ: NEW YEAR'S EVE Prayer Vigil in St. Joseph's from 11pm with adoration and Benediction at Midnight.

Wednesday 1st January 2025: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph: 9am: English mass

11am: Latin mass by the friars

Corpus Christi: 11am mass

5. REOPENING OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Saturday 11th January 2025: mass for reopening celebration of St. Joseph church at noon

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: This is today Sunday after the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi.

ROSARY, VESPERS AND BENEDICTION DURING THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT: The season of Advent began on Sunday 1st of December 2024. During Advent, we will be having rosary, vespers and Benediction beginning at 6 pm every Sunday at Corpus Christi Church. All are invited.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS

OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaward, David Grant, Nicky Waldren, Janet Lentieul, Helen White, Dawn Hurst, Eileen & Joe McGannon, Vanessa Sharman, Debbie Gray, Jenny Pearce, Colin Card, Angie Sharma, Aileen Mary Sullivan, Lolo Kelly, Leonard Donegan, Tom & Joan Maguire, Ellen MacKay, John Clarke, Maureen Floyd, Philip Lush, Margaret & Brian Boland, Jim Cuffe, Giuseppe Mascia, Kamila Rogoz, Pam Farr, Terry Walmsley, Pretty Mukuhlane, Clare Hill, Frances & Ron Little, Anna Pagano, Margaret New and Sean New. Please send names of sick & housebound parishioners so that we can add them to this list.

IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS AND NOW WISH THESE PEOPLE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST, PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARRIAGE BANNES

FIRST CALL: Megha Devasy & Venkata Sai Nagarjuna Kola. They intend to marry in Kerela on the 20th of January 2025.

THIRD CALL: Rafael de Jesus Machuca Garcia and Esly Jamileth Nunez Moncada who are getting married on the 9th of January 2025 at Corpus Christi Church.

If you have any information that this marriages should not happen, please talk to Fr Emmanuel. Let's all pray for them.

UNIVERSALIS: The new Lectionary is now available and we start using it immediately. We are not buying books, but you can purchase your own or subscribe to UNIVERSALIS APP, which will cost £9.99 for a lifetime. You can then follow the mass and readings online for every day of the week including weekends

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: All are invited to join us for our Christmas Celebrations.

Tuesday 17th December Grandparents & Parish Community Tea Party @ 2pm – School Hall

Forms are available in church to fill in for those who wants to attend. Please return the slip to the school office before Monday 16th December.

Friday 20th December Yr3-6 Carol Service @ 2:15 pm
The Nativities and Carol Service will be in the Church so we are able to accommodate the wider family community.

CLEANERS WANTED AT ST JOSEPH

Now that we are back in the church, we need people to help with the cleaning. We now have one lady and she cannot do it all. Is there anyone who would be prepared to help, every other week? Please either speak to Teresa White or Angela Waldren

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