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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – 29th December 2024
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10

(Response): **Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Family

We celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth which is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28th: 6 pm (SJ): For Fr Emmanuel's Christmas intentions

Sun 29th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Jenny Giffin

11 am (CC): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Mon 30th : 9:30 am (CC): For the Cash, Smith, Millen & Chalk's families

Tue 31st : 6 pm (SJ):

8 pm (CC) In thanksgiving to God for all he does for us.

Weds 1st: 9 am (SJ): For deceased members of MacCachen & Heywood's families

11 am (CC): Birthday thanksgiving of Joy Cagape

Thurs 2nd: 9:30 am (SJ): For Fr Emmanuel's intention

Fri 3rd: 9:30 am (CC):

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: BUILDING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Christmas has always been a family feast whether in Cameroon, England or anywhere on this planet earth. It is a time when families strive to come together and celebrate not only the joy of Christmas, but the joy of family life as well. This explains why those who live out of their homeland and families always endeavour to come back home during Christmas. Conscious of the family dimension of Christmas, the church has given us today the opportunity to celebrate family life. She wants us to do this by emulating the example of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; the holy family of Nazareth. The family as Christ restored to its original type is something holy, permanent and monogamous. In this light, He raised the contract from which it springs to the dignity of a sacrament, and thus placed the family itself upon the plane of the supernatural. So today gives us the opportunity to augment what we cannot celebrate very well in our individual Christian families.

The family is the smallest but the most basic and important society. The Christian family is supernatural inasmuch as it originates in a sacrament. The ideals of a Christian family have always been proven to be more than those of a non-Christian family. The Christian family, as a small community both shows itself as a great human community in the divine plan and reflects the Church which is a bigger family. Unfortunately, this ideal Christian family is plagued by so many challenges today. It is in this light that the Holy Father, Pope Francis had to say: "There is no perfect family. We do not have perfect parents, we are not perfect, we do not marry a perfect person or have perfect children. We have complaints about each other. We disappoint each other". In the face of these imperfect families of ours, we need the example of the holy family of Nazareth, to stand as a light in the darkened sides of our families.

From the above, we realize that we all have a duty to work towards building our families to be better places for ourselves, spouse, children, relatives and friends. The readings of today encourage us in that dimension. That is why the first reading pointed out the duties of all the family members. We must note that the wife is neither the slave nor the property of her husband, but his companion. The children are not articles to be bought and sold or disposed of at will through free choice.

Children and all members of a family have their distinctive parts to play to make the family a beautiful and peaceful place. When everyone plays his or her part well, the family becomes like the members of a choir with everyone singing his/her own part thereby bringing good musical harmony.

To build that harmony in a family and for the family to function well, the readings of today provide us with valuable help. The first reading calls children to respect and the obedience and honour of parents. It goes ahead to call them to support their parents in their old age and I will dare to add always. These are values both spouses and children need. The second reading adds love, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience as essential virtues to work on in every family. It goes ahead to emphasise the value of forgiveness. Stressing on forgiveness, I will add what the holy Father Francis said:

So, there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness. Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes an arena of conflict and a stronghold of hurt. Without forgiveness, the family becomes ill. Forgiveness is the asepsis of the soul, the cleansing of the mind and the liberation of the heart. Whoever does not forgive does not have peace in the soul nor communion with God. Hurt is poison that intoxicates and kills. Keeping heartache in the heart is a self-destructive gesture. It's autophagy. Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally and spiritually ill. That is why the family must be a place of life, not of death; Territory of cure and not of illness; Stage of forgiveness and not guilt. Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow has produced sadness; Healing, where sorrow has caused disease.

But these virtues are not gotten from watching TV or playing games or reading about them from books. They need hard work and perseverance. That is why St. Paul calls us to teach and advise each other in all wisdom; doing so with gratitude in our hearts. By this, our spouse and children shall come to know God, listen to his words and follow his teachings. As we celebrate this day, let us ask the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us work towards building true Christian families where love, care and respect reigns supreme.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 22/12/2024

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £118.35, Envelopes £23, Christmass Offering £20, Coffee £12 and Hall Rent £578

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £154.29, Christmas Offering £260, Coffee £6 and Mass Stipend £30

24-25/12/2024

ST JOSEPH: Christmas Offering £520.39

CORPUS CHRISTI: Christmas offering £775.71, Candles £21.02 and CRIB £39.97

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>

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

100 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS:

1st prize: Eileen Pentny

2nd Priz: Maureen Blair

3rd prize: Adelfa Lowe

OUR NEW PARISH PAGE:

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

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

1. **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION** A date for preparation in the New Year will be announced soon.
2. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:**
CHRISTMAS BREAK
3. **CONFIRMATION:** First session on Friday 10th Jan. 2025 at the cathedral at 6pm.
4. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Had their introductory session on Friday 27th December 2024.

MISSIO

Marion Brooks would like to thank all St. Joseph's Red Box holders who, this year, raised £374.45. Please keep up the good work throughout 2025.



CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2024 FOR CCSJ

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Tuesday 31st Dec 2024 End of year thanksgiving masses

St. Joseph: 6 pm mass

Corpus Christi: 8 pm mass

Friars at SJ: 11 pm Mass NEW YEAR'S EVE Prayer

Vigil in St. Joseph's 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 – see separate notice

CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

On 11 January 2025, we will be having a celebration for the re-opening of the church. This will take the form of a procession from St. Joseph's (10.45 am) to the Library at Baffins Pond, a walk around the pond, then back down Tangier Road to the church. Once there (and given time to change vestments), there will be Benediction followed, at 12 noon, by Mass.

If you do not wish to or cannot walk in the procession, please do come and wait in the church. Various dignitaries have been invited, including the Bishop (who is unable to attend), but also the Lord Mayor, Cllr Jason Fazackerley, who is able to attend and various others.

After the Mass, there will be a light lunch in the hall, various home made soups, crusty bread and cakes, along with refreshments. Do try to come and celebrate with us.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean and prepare both churches for the Christmas celebrations.

DISABLED RAMP AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Please be very careful walking up the ramp to the church front door. The potholes have been temporarily filled and we are awaiting quotes to repair it.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:

John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaword, 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 BANNS

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

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

THANKS

Fr. Emmanuel would like to thank everyone who gave towards his Christmas offering. God bless!

100 club registration 2025

Members who want to step down should indicate this now. New members are welcome as there are few numbers available.

MISSING LADDERS

Has anyone seen our extending ladders? They went missing during the building work. The builders are adamant that they have not seen them.

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