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2nd Ordinary Sunday – 19th January 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 7-10

(Response): Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

The Church's Bridegroom
The Church rejoices in her
Bridegroom who will
cherish her, lavish upon
her the many gifts of his
Spirit, and transform her
into a new creation as he
transformed water into
wine.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 19th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): Asking for God's divine mercy for 2025 upon
Emmanuel Eduru's family

Mon 20th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 21st:

Weds 22nd: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS**

Thurs 23rd: 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS**

Fri 24th: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Eleveneth Lambatin Sandig



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: THE LORD TAKES DELIGHT IN YOU

Last week we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which ended our Christmas celebrations with delight, marked the beginning of the first period of the season of ordinary time. Today, we continue with the second Sunday of O.T. Year C. As we celebrate this day, I would like us to reflect on the theme: "The Lord takes delight in you".

These are the words we find in the first reading of today in which the Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, is assuring the Israelites of his constant care and concern for them though their disobedience had led them into exile. The Lord takes delight in his people and rejoices over them like a bridegroom rejoices over his bride. To take delight in something will mean to admire, to appreciate, go for, adore, love, cherish, esteem, prize or take pleasure in something. It has to do with care and concern for something that we love and cherish. We will do everything to defend and safeguard that thing or person. And that is exactly what the Lord does for us despite our unfaithfulness to him.

Despite the sins of the Israelites that had led them into the Babylonian captivity, the Lord did not abandon them. He loved them still. The purpose of this is that God does not want anyone to die in sin. He strives to bring us closer to him every day. In this light, he will not be silent or weary to help us until our integrity shines out like the dawn and our salvation flames like a torch. God takes delight in us because he wants nations and kings to see our integrity. We are a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in God's hand. In this way, we shall never be named "Forsaken" or our land "Abandoned" but we shall be God's delight, and he shall rejoice over us as a young man marrying a virgin, something rare today.

The first reading is an assurance for us that no matter what is happening to us, whether sickness, poverty, miscarriage, broken marriage, trouble at workplace, etc, God takes delight in you and is willing to set us free. He is willing to take care of every distressing situation or pain, embarrassments, etc we might have experienced or are experiencing now. We only need to get to him and his mother, Mary, and they will help you out.

The above is brought out in the gospel of today. At the wedding feast of Cana, the couple ran out of wine. What a disgrace and shame this would have brought on them; that they didn't have enough wine to entertain their guests. Think of your experiences of weddings or other occasions. How do you feel when you go and there isn't enough food or drink; especially when you had prepared yourself for much eating and drinking? Mary didn't want these couples to be embarrassed in such a situation. She took delight in the couple and went to ask her son to help. He did and they had more than enough wine from water. This is recorded as the first miracle in Jesus' public ministry.

As members of the body of Christ, the Church, Jesus and Mary are teaching us to take delight in others and always see how to make them happy. That is why the apostle Paul, writing to the church at Corinth, in today's second reading tells us that God has given gifts to the church to be used at the service of all. These gifts include: preaching with wisdom, gift of preaching with instruction, faith, power to perform miracles, healing, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues. All these different charismatic gifts are present in the Church given by the same Spirit. These are the gifts received by the disciples of Jesus on Pentecost and these gifts have been present in the Church since then. But these are not the only gifts available for us from the Spirit. Others include: love, hospitality, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, fortitude, fear of the Lord, prayers, etc.

We need to examine ourselves today: that as the Lord has taken delight in me and lavishly bestowed on me his gifts, how am I using these for the good of others? Do I have concern too for others? May we be challenged today to be hospitable to others and show concern for others too especially in their distress.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 12/01/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £103.52, Envelopes £19.10, Collections from the Celebration Mass £192.63, CRIB £10, Hall Rent £780 and Donations of £100 & £5

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £162.09, Envelopes £25, Coffee £2.96, Candles £17.25, CRIB £3, Cathedral £10, 100 Club £60 and Mass Stipend £10

STANDING ORDERS DECEMBER 2024 £1390

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>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for November & December was £144.56. Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets.

100 CLUB REGISTRATION 2025

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT CORPUS CHRSTI CHURCH:

As part of the Jubilee Year Programme, we shall have the First Friday Adoration from 10 am to 6 pm in the church. To help facilitate this, we need parishioners to sign up for an hour each between 10 am to 6 pm. We therefore need about 8 parishioners for each first Friday adoration to sign up and keep Jesus company.

OUR NEW PARISH PAGE:

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BAMENDA PRIEST MEETING PORTSMOUTH: This will be on Sunday 19th to Tuesday 21st of January 2025 in English Martyrs, Reading.

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** A date for preparation in the New Year will be announced soon.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be today Sunday 19th of January 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 24th Jan. 2025 at the cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 30th of January in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.

CLEANERS WANTED AT ST JOSEPH

Now that we are back in the church, we need people to help with the cleaning. Our thanks must go to Teresa, who is now our only cleaner and who has done a wonderful job cleaning the carpet on her hands and knees, which has saved us having to pay for industrial cleaners. But she cannot do it all herself. There must be someone who would be prepared to help, every other week? Please either speak to Teresa White or Angela Waldren

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

At last, the day arrives when we formally celebrate the reopening of the church



Thanks to all who helped in the re-opening of St Joseph Church. Your efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated. May God bless you all immensely.

The News very kindly published some pictures this week. These are on the Parish noticeboard in the porch. Please do have a look at them. It is good to get this publicity.

URI QUADROS, A PARISHIONERS, ASKS THE FOLLOWING:

Hi, I'm a fellow member of this Parish as well as a College student. I have decided to base my personal investigation on our parish community. The investigation title is "To what extent do people in diverse church communities have perceptions based on People and Place". I ask for your help in completing this investigation hoping that people will come forward voluntarily to complete my survey (which will only take two minutes of your time) and in-depth interviews. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: From Wednesday 22nd to Wednesday 29th of January 2025, Fr Emmanuel will be taking his Christmas Holiday. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**. The 25th/26th weekend masses will be covered by priests from the Cathedral.

BAFFINS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are going to start a friendship Club in the hall, running on the second Saturday of each month, so the first one will be Saturday, 8 February, from 10 to 11 am. This will take the form of meeting up with old friends and making new friendships. Please come along and give it a go. Donations of cakes would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: These will be taken down on Saturday, 18 January at St. Joseph's at 10 am. Thanks to all our volunteers for their help.

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.

MISSIO/RED BOX COLLECTION CORPUS

CHRISTI CHURCH: A very sincere thank you & God bless you one & all for your December/January amazing total from our Missio/Red Box Collection - £539.25!! Love from Terry Walmsley.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE: We want to remind parishioners to contact our local Member of Parliament (Amanda Martin - email address amanda.martin.mp@parliament.uk) to vote against this Bill in its next reading. The committee which has been formed to consider the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill has issued a **call for evidence**. **Share your evidence with MPs' assisted suicide committee.** You can find out more about **how to respond on our website**. Please respond to the call for evidence before Tuesday 21st of January 2025.

JUBILEE YEAR PLANNING MEETING: Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a jubilee year with theme "PILGRIMS OF HOPE". We shall have a planning meeting to determine the parish activities and programme during this jubilee year on Monday 3rd of February at 7 pm in St Joseph Church. The meeting shall commence with a talk from the parish priest on the expectations of the Holy Father for the Jubilee year.

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