



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-10. 15

(Response): **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;  
to proclaim liberty to the captives.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**The Law Of The Lord**

Today is a day of rejoicing in the New Law which Christ has given us and which unites us with him, binds us together as his people, and enables us to work together for his Kingdom. We listen to the words of the Law and ponder them in our hearts.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): God's blessings to all Africans who celebrated birthdays in January

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> : 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Angus John McDonald

Tue 28<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 29<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Len Vine FM

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ): 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of Marion Brooks

Fri 31<sup>st</sup>: 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: WHAT IS YOUR MISSION IN THIS WORLD?

At the beginning of a term of office, presidents or elected/appointed leaders normally make an inaugural speech to tell those they are to govern, what exactly they have as mission as well as their expectations, road map and where they want to be at the end of their tenure of office. This is what Donald Trump did last Monday when he took office as the next president of America. This is precisely what Jesus does in the second part of the gospel of today. He is in the Synagogue and is asked to read and say few words. He takes the scroll of the book of the prophet Isaiah and reads from chapter six, verses one to two (61:1-2) which says: "The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." This is exactly the mission Jesus defended throughout his public ministry and completed by his suffering, death and resurrection. But his mission is not ended. He has handed over the mission to us.

By our baptism, we accepted to continue this mission of Jesus. Baptism makes us to become kings (leaders), priests (sanctifiers) and prophets (messengers of the good news). I would like us to link our prophetic mission given to us at baptism with Jesus' first mission as established in his inaugural speech: to bring the good news to the poor.

Our first question will be to ask ourselves: who are the poor who need to hear the good news? Are they non-Christians, pagans, members of other religions, atheists? Not at all! We are all poor and need the Good News. To be poor means a lack, a deprivation, or the absence of something. Poverty can take two forms: material or physical poverty and spiritual poverty. The former will mean lack of money, infrastructures, basic amenities, etc while the latter will mean lack of knowledge about the things of God.

Many of us, even practicing Christians, are rich materially but are spiritual dwarfs because most of us lack knowledge about the things of God. I would not like to embarrass anyone otherwise I would have asked a few of us questions to answer, it might be just to name the Ten Commandments, the sacraments, say some prayers of the Church, or basic things about our doctrine and devotions in the Church.

In the world, we need knowledge to be able to operate and function well. Come to think of a nurse, doctor, engineer, teacher, banker, etc. who doesn't have knowledge about his or her field. That kind of professional could end up causing troubles at the workplace. In a sense, such a person is useless. In the world, we see that there are frequent seminars and trainings organized at workplaces to update workers so that they match up with the current thoughts of the time (professional development). What about our spiritual life? Do we update the knowledge we have in our spiritual life? Could it be that the only knowledge you have about your faith, is what you learned as doctrine in preparation for First Holy Communion or marriage or Confirmation; presuming we still remember things. Even if we still remember, why don't we update our knowledge? Why do we glory in living in spiritual poverty? Some of us cannot even remember how we pray the Rosary, or say the common prayers of the Church, talk less of the responses at mass. If that were in the medical field you should be deprived of your licence.

Dear friends, many of us are spiritually poor. We need to update our knowledge about the things of God. We must begin by making scriptures part and parcel of our lives, then taking up time to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Returning from exile, the Jews had forgotten about the Word of God. Ezra in the first reading of today took time from morning to afternoon to open the minds of the people to God's word. We need to learn to study and pray the Word of God. It's there that God can help us to see clearly how to carry out our mission in the world.

In the second reading, St. Paul uses the analogy of the body to show that no part of the body is indispensable. Every part has its own use. We too in the Church have our own use or charism, or purpose for which God created us. We must work towards building up the body of Christ, which is about God's people all over the world. He has given us gifts; of healing, teaching, helping, leadership, tongues, etc to use for this purpose. Identify your own gifts and use them to bring God's Good News, first to ourselves, and then to the rest of the world.

As we celebrate this day, let us pray for the graces to fall in love with the Word of God. May we cherish it, study it and live by it all the days of our lives.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 19/01/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £113.06, Envelopes £28, CRIB £5, Hall Rent £100, Coffee £10, 100 Club £60 and Cathedral £3.40

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £130.98, Envelopes £65, Coffee £11.81, Candles £17.76, Cathedral £35 and Mass Stipend £260

## **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-corpus-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.

**CAFOD** meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St Margaret Mary Church Hall Middle Road Park Gate SO31 7GH Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers as a simple lunch will be provided by emailing Jo on [jewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jewry@cafod.org.uk)

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

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **OUR NEW PARISH PAGE:**

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/corpus-christi-with-st-joseph/>

# CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CATHEDRAL:** Our second collection for today 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 is for the Cathedral of St John, Mother Church of the Diocese.

Canon James McAuley, Dean of the Cathedral, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia writes:

*Our most recent quinquennial architectural survey (autumn 2023) indicated work required over the next few years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of £2 million plus VAT.*

*I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 26th January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us.*

Online donations for the Second Collection can be made at the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-cathedral-second-collection-2025> or by scanning the QR code below with a Smart Phone



## **BAFFINS FRIENDSHIP CLUB**



**WE OFFER A WARM, SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE IN THE BAFFINS COMMUNITY WHERE YOU CAN MEET OTHERS AND CHAT OVER A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE AND PIECE OF CAKE.**

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**DON'T BE LONELY COME AND JOIN US**

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday beginning on the**

**8th February 2025 - 10am to 11am**

**St Joseph's Parish Hall, Tangier Road Baffins**

## **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.**

**DBS:** For those volunteers needing DBS clearance for their roles please note that, as well as an option to complete their mandatory safeguarding training online, there will be a training day hosted by the diocese at St. Swithuns Church Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Child protection will be covered in the morning session from 11am until 12.30pm and adult safeguarding from 1pm until 4pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants are advised to take a packed lunch if attending both sessions. Parking is available at the Church accessed via Collingwood Road. Please contact Shelagh Card if you would like a place booked by 1<sup>st</sup> February either in person or via email: [safeguarding.porcj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.porcj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Thank you.

**STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE:** We want to remind parishioners to contact our local Member of Parliament (Amanda Martin - email address [amanda.martin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2025.

**JUBILEE YEAR PALNNING 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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