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**Feast Of The Presentation Of The Lord – 2nd February 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:7-10

(Response): **The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Today we celebrate the close of the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and we carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 1st: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 2nd: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Claude Hamilton Hicks FM

11 am (CC):

Mon 3rd: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Jeff Jeffries FM

Tue 4th:

Weds 5th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 6th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 7th: 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: GOD'S FAVOUR IS UPON YOU

Today is the fourth Sunday in O.T. Year C. But we have been given the opportunity to celebrate the feast of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. The presentation of the Lord, also known as 'Candlemas', traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth, an occasion where offerings were made, and the mother was ritually purified. The day gives us the opportunity to close the Christmas Festival of Light. That is why candles are blessed at the beginning of mass and carried in procession. The feast is in line with the Jewish tradition of dedication of the firstborn son prescribed in Ex 13:2, 11. As we celebrate the feast, the readings want us to reflect on the fact that God's favour is not only on Christ but is also on us.

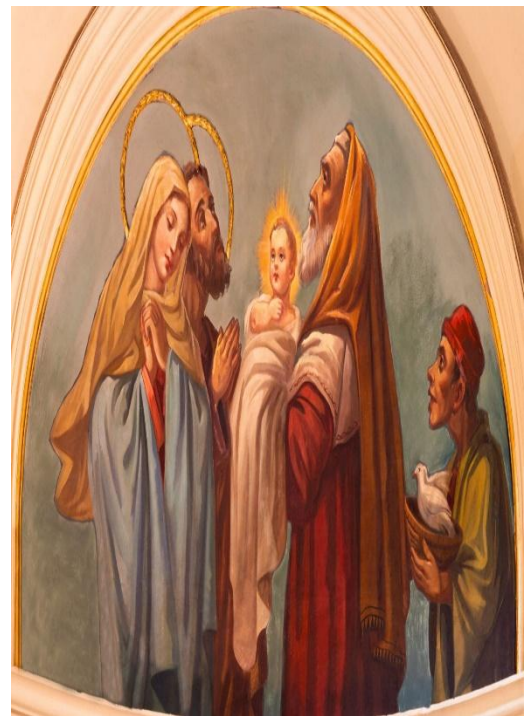
In the gospel, we are told that the parents of Jesus brought the child to the Temple and offered him up alongside two turtledoves. Within the context of this dedication, two key figures appear whose virtuous lives gave them the privilege to see the promised Messiah before they leave this world. But what is interesting is that after the dedication of the child, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth and there the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. We can see how he made use of this favour in his life through his public ministry of preaching, healings, miracles, leadership, etc.

We also are favoured by the Lord in so many ways. First, we are told in the Book of Genesis that man was created in the image and likeness of God. This is the greatest favour God has done for us. Apart from this, He keeps favouring us every day,

by the blessings He bestows on each of us each day. Just look at where you are today and compare this with where you were 10 years ago. Many of us, if we are not blind to the blessings God has granted us, can count so many blessings that God has granted us. There are many things we thought we could not do or overcome but God's favour brought us this far.

God's favour will always continue to be with us. It is doubled when we strive to live in accord with His will. It's an opportunity for us to ask how far we have been faithful to keeping God's laws, as a way of saying thank you Lord, for the many favours you have granted me? God loves you. His favour is on you. Do not disregard this by doubts or sin.

Happy feast of the presentation to you all, as we present ourselves to receive God's favour today.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 26/01/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £68.31, Envelopes £28, Hall Rent £910 and Cathedral £2

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £137.80, Envelopes £25, Coffee £21.41, Candles £8.07, Cathedral £23, 100 Club £240 and Mass Stipend £40

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.

JANUARY 2025 WINNERS

1st Prize: CHRISTIAN MASCIA
2nd Prize: PAULE LUCETTE RABAUD
3^{rs} Prize: HUBERT SINGH

MASS OF HEALING: To commemorate the World Day of the Sick, Portsmouth St Vincent De Paul are hosting a Mass of Healing at the Cathedral, on Saturday 8th February, at 12.15. Refreshments will be served in the Conference room afterwards. All are welcome.

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

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.

The Church will be open from 11 am - 1:30 pm Monday to Friday. (Most days there will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the morning).

The Church will also be open for Holy Hour from 7pm - 8pm Monday to Friday, during which there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and friars will be praying Vespers (in Latin) and the Rosary. Then the Holy Hour concludes with Benediction.

(If a friar is not going to be in the Church while it is open, we will lock the Sacristy door while the Church remains open).

LATIN MASS COMMUNITY: 7am daily and 11:15 am on Sundays at St Joseph.

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 2nd of February 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 7th of February 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 6^h of February in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.

OUR NEW PARISH PAGE:

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CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MASS: Corpus Christi School will be participating at the mass today Sunday 2nd of February 2025. They will be doing the readings.

PRIEST RETREAT: This will be in Walsingham on Monday 10th to Friday 14th of February 2025. There will be **NO MASS on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** that week.

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 15th 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 jlwry@cafod.org.uk

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 2nd 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 8th 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 1st February either in person or via email: 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) 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 will 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 will commence with a talk from the parish priest on the expectations of the Holy Father for the Jubilee year.

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