



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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5th Ordinary Sunday – 9th February 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-5. 7-8
 (Response): **In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.**
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Christ Makes Us His Apostles
 We are utterly unworthy to be the apostles of Christ and yet he sends us out to be fishers of men. He cleanses us from our sins and gives us the strength to say: 'Here I am Lord, send me.'

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish
 Sun 9th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Derek Hopkins
 11 am (CC): RIP of Maria & Frederick Douglas FM
 Mon 10th: 9:30 am (CC): For the deceased members of Cuffe family
 Tue 11th:
 Weds 12th: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Teresa Kathleen Grace Potter FM
 Thurs 13th: 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS** Thanksgiving of Cuffe family
 Fri 14th: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Jim Pidgley FM



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: PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATERS

The baptismal duty we have all been given is the call to be evangelizers and to make disciples of all the nations. It is the call we had last week from the Prophet Jeremiah to be prophets. Today's readings in the above light are challenging us not only to be disciples/apostles and fishers of men and women but a further call to put out into the deep. The call to put out into the deep comes from Jesus' words to Simon in the gospel of today.

The gospel recounts a scene of Jesus around the shores of the lake of Gennesaret. There was a large crowd pressing round him and to have enough space to talk freely, he decided to ask Simon to pull his boat into the waters so that he could talk to the people from there. Simon immediately obeyed Jesus and when Jesus had taught the people, he turned to Simon and asked him to put out into deep water and pay his net for a catch. Now, it might be funny that Jesus, a carpenter, is giving instructions to an expert fisherman. Not just that, but Simon and the others have toiled all night and caught nothing and yet Jesus asks him to put out into deep waters. Is this going to work, was probably the question running through the mind of Simon Peter.

Dear friends in Christ, what is happening here is the assurance of Simon's faith which Jesus demanded before every miracle. Jesus wanted to test Simon whether, he – Peter - as an expert fisherman can trust in a carpenter on issues concerning fishing. Simon who at that time had experienced and heard stories about Jesus trusted and put out into the deep and they netted so many fish that their net and boat could not contain them. They had to ask for help. What a great catch they had.

I am sure with the great catch; Simon and the others would have been contemplating the amount of money they were going to make from the sale of the fish. As they got to the shore, the story turned around. Jesus told Simon not to be afraid because he is going to make him a fisher of men. The gospel reading concludes that Simon left everything and followed Jesus.

It is the same conversion story Jesus is inviting us to. That no matter where we may be in our Christian journey, we can still put out into the deep waters to net fish for God. This call doesn't depend on our background nor on our intelligence. It is dependent on trust in God. We trust in Jesus knowing that he is going to lead us in the right path and that he can never fail us. We need to put down all barriers that can stand in our way to trusting in Jesus. It might be our knowledge, power, finance, statutes, pride, etc. We need to keep all these and follow Jesus. We must note also that our following of Christ is a complete self-denial of every material thing, so that we might be filled with what Jesus has in stock for us. Simon would have had every reason to delay following Jesus because of the proceeds that would have come from the sale of fish. But he abandoned everything and followed Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, like the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, we must be ready to say "Here I am, send me". God indeed wants to send us out to do his bidding. But we are sometimes too busy to respond to his call. We must ask for the graces today to deny anything that may stand in our way to putting out into the deep and embracing the mission Jesus is giving us. Let this begin by the transformation of our own lives.

The mission might be to become a priest, a religious, a faithful parent or single. In whatever vocation he wants us to embrace, the call is the same: to put out into the deep and net fish for him. Are we ready to follow this call like Simon?



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 02/02/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £54.11, Envelopes £28, Cathedral £5, 100 Club £300 and Hall Rent £1000

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £252.64, Envelopes £45, Coffee £4.02, Candles £9.08, 100 Club £180, Sacrament £50 and Mass Stipend £20

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 two numbers available now, 9 & 73.

JANUARY 2025 WINNERS

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

PRIESTS' 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.**

THANK YOU to Ian Goble who has repaired one of the speakers to the PA system at St. Joseph's and also tweaked it so that it is louder.

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:** This will be on Saturday 15th of February 2025 at 11 am in Corpus Christi Church.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be today Sunday 9th of February 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 14th of February 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 27^h of February in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.

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CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT CORPUS CHRISTI

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.

JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING OUTCOME

On Monday 3rd Feb. 2025 at SJ church at 7pm, we had a meeting to plan the parish activities during this jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope. At the end of the meeting, the following was decided:

1. The Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope will be printed and laminated and used for prayers in our churches throughout the jubilee year.
2. First Friday adoration to be done in our parish churches after masses from 10am to 6pm. Parishioners encouraged to sign up for adoration time slots.
3. 9th March 2025 (First Sunday of Lent) will be the launching of the Jubilee year in our parish.
4. Parish Jubilee celebration at the cathedral shall surely be on Ascension Thursday (29th May 2025). Necessary arrangements towards this shall be made and concrete programme communicated later by parish
5. Jubilee retreat: Shall take place on 5th April 2025. Place and time to be announced later and parishioners would be encouraged to sign up.
6. Jubilee pilgrimage shall take place in October and either Walsingham or Ladywell will be our pilgrimage site.
7. Jubilee faith in action plan. We are all encouraged to put into practice our corporal works of mercy; to feed the hungry, visit the sick, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, etc.
8. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH DIRECTORY 2025

This is for sale at the back of Corpus Christi Church for £5 each. This gives very useful information about the Diocese and what is going on and where Priests are etc.

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.

FLAME 25 - UNSTOPPABLE THE CATHOLIC YOUTH

CONFERENCE: This will be on Saturday 15th of March 2025 at the OVO Arena Wembley. We have just 6 tickets left on the coach. The coach will be leaving from St John's Cathedral Portsmouth. If you are in Year 9 and above who would like to attend Flame and take advantage of these tickets, please contact me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The coach ticket is £23, and the Flame conference ticket is £35, a total of £58. Minors do need to be accompanied by an adult but that need not be a barrier to booking to join us.

FYI - Flame is a one-of-a-kind event run by CYMFed (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) bringing together 10,000 young people aged 14-25 from across England and Wales (and sometimes even further afield!) It is one of the biggest events in the Catholic calendar for young people and is the biggest event for Catholic youth in England and Wales.

Flame includes modern inspirational faith filled music, motivational speakers, and adoration. Guests announced as of January 2025 can be seen here [FLAME - CYMFed](#)
Flame is an incredible experience of what it means to be Catholic, a day to come away with other young people and God and have a load of fun along the way.

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

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