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7th Ordinary Sunday – 23rd February 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

(Response): **The LORD is compassionate and gracious.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

The Love Of Our Father

God's love is so overwhelming, he loves us totally, however hateful, sinful and unworthy we are. There is no way to express this love in our own lives except by modelling ourselves on Christ, the heavenly man, and loving our enemies as he loves them. It is then that we are most like our Father in heaven.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 22nd: 6 pm (SJ): RIP Francis Isherwood FM

Sun 23rd: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Derek Hopkins

11 am (CC): For God's blessings on the Brown family

Mon 24th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 25th:

Weds 26th: 7 pm (CC): Thanksgiving of Lorna DaCosta

Thurs 27th: 9:30 am (SJ): For the wellbeing of Margaret Walker

Fri 28th: 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: TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU

The tendency I have noticed in life; with myself and with others, is that for most of us, we want to be treated well and also with respect but invariably fail to do the same for others. We will want others to offer us the best of their time, services, attention, etc., but can't stick out to do the same. Jesus in today's gospel invites us to learn to treat others as we would love to be treated.

The above exhortation from Jesus in Luke's gospel is also found in the Book of Tobit and the Book of Deuteronomy. It's very important for our relationship we should treat others the way we would love to be treated or put in the negative, we should not do to anyone that which we would not want to be done to us. In other words, we can simply say Jesus wants us to treat others as we treat ourselves or love others as we love ourselves. He does this within the context of Luke's version of the beatitudes which he started last week. If we are to do this, then we must have no enemies but love those who hate us. We must offer the other cheek to the man who slaps us. We must give to everyone who asks something from us, etc.

When we look at today's reflection, we must create time to ask ourselves: how do I want to be treated? When one has properly answered this question, then go ahead to treat others in that same light. I would like people to speak well about me. That people should judge me fairly; they should not gossip about me, they should be kind enough to tell me what I have done wrong. Also, I would want to eat the best food; have the best company; want people to pay greater attention to my needs; to be happy, etc. Jesus wants me to transfer all these to the way I deal with others. This is very important

especially because we carry along with us several biases which prevent us from realizing this. One thing I have noticed in my life is that I like to condemn others wrongly or gossip about them, but will not want to tolerate that when it happens to me. I follow the social psychological concept of "fundamental attribution error" where I judge the actions of others in term of bad upbringing or character and when it comes to me, with the same actions, I favour myself and judge it in terms of situation.

We all need to rise from our biases and treat others fairly. If we can do this well, the world would be a better place to live in because we shall always wish the good of others and work towards that. May this be our determination and prayer throughout the week.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 16/02/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £109, Envelopes £28.20, Candles £187.69, Mass Stipend ££10 and Hall Rent £800

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £178.43, Envelopes £15, Coffee £6.50, Candles £9.60 and Mass Stipend £10

STANDING ORDERS JANUARY 2025 £1,359

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 three numbers available now, 9, 38 & 73.

The month of February draw will be today Sunday 23rd at St Joseph Hall after the 9 am mass.

PRIESTS' RETREAT: This will be in Walsingham on Monday 10th to Friday 14th of March 2025. There will be **NO MASS on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday** that week.

FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME, MY JOURNEY: Participants needed for a research study aiming to explore the experiences of hospital discharge from adults with diverse backgrounds living with 2 or more health conditions. Are you 55 years old, have 2 or more chronic conditions, discharge from hospital in the last 2 months, of Asian, African or Caribbean background and live in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight? If so, would you like to be involved in a 45 minutes face to face interview? Please contact Linda Amungwa at 07350459641 or email at lla1d20@soton.ac.uk. Linda is offering a £10 voucher as a gesture of thank you. Ethics/ERGO Number 92209

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.

Adoration: 11 am - 1:30 pm Monday to Friday (Most days with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration).

Holy Hour: 7pm - 8pm Monday to Friday (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers (in Latin), Rosary and Benediction).

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.

LENTEN TALK: The parish and the Friars community will be organising a Lenten Talk on Tuesday 25th of March in St Joseph Hall at 7 pm. We need volunteers to help us in the organisation of the talk. There will be a meeting for all volunteers at St Joseph Hall on Saturday 8th of March at midday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025

- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** This will be on Saturday 14th of June 2025 and 11th of October 2025 in St Joseph Hall at 11 am.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be today Sunday 2nd of March 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 7th of March 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 6th of March in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.
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PALM BRANCHES: We are asking our parishioners to bring the palm branches from last year to the church or presbytery to be used to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FINANCES: Could you heat your house for £1 a week? Probably not, so think about the size of the churches and how much it costs to heat them so that you are warm when you attend Mass. Because St. Joseph's has not been open for two years, we have no bills for comparison, but two years ago, before we were shut down, the bill was more than £900 for three months for St. Joseph's and over £900 a month for Corpus Christi plus approx £1,400 in standing orders - the weekly collection for both churches is in the region of £300 or less. We'll leave you to do the sums, but the income is nothing like the expenditure (and that is only for the gas, let alone everything else!). We all know that gas and electricity prices have rocketed recently so we are expecting a hefty bill in March.

We are coming to the time of year when we give out Gift Aid envelopes for the next 12 months. This year, we are not only appealing for people to consider taking out a standing order instead of envelopes, but for those people who already have standing orders, to increase them. Many of you will have been in the scheme for years and never increased the amount you give. Could you give another £5 a month or more perhaps? Every little helps.

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: The Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope will be printed and laminated and used for prayers in our churches throughout the jubilee year.

1. 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.
2. 9th March 2025 (First Sunday of Lent) will be the launching of the Jubilee year in our parish.
3. 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
4. Jubilee retreat: Shall take place on 5th April 2025. Place and time to be announced later and parishioners would be encouraged to sign up.
5. Jubilee pilgrimage shall take place in October and either Walsingham or Ladywell will be our pilgrimage site.
6. 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.
7. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025

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

Sonia Hopwood, 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.

FUNERAL: Derek Hopkins was a stalwart member of the St. Joseph's Church community for over 60 years. He died 3 weeks ago and his funeral will be on Monday, 10th March with Mass at 10.30 am and then at Portchester Crematorium at 12.15 am. We pray for his wife Pat and their family at this difficult time.

FLAME 25 - UNSTOPPABLE THE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:

This will be on Saturday 15th of March 2025 at the OVO Arena Wembley. We have just 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.

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.

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