

# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**8<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

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

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

(Response): **It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

Praise And Thanksgiving

Today let our hearts be so filled with the joy of the risen Christ that we can praise and thank him with sincerity and truth.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Madge Hicks FM

11 am (CC): RIP of Carmen DeBattista

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 4<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 5<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC):

12 noon (SJ):

7 pm (CC): For private intention of Lorna DaCosta

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>: 9 am - 6 pm (CC): ADORATION

6 pm (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: A MAN'S WORDS FLOW OUT FROM WHAT FILLS HIS HEART

Words are very powerful and they can build or destroy an individual, a family or community or a nation. They are creative. God Himself used words when he created the world and all that is in the world. He used words to create man. We use words to bless or to curse, to congratulate or to condemn. Whatever the usage we engage with words, we are reminded today in the readings that a man's words flow out from what fills his heart.

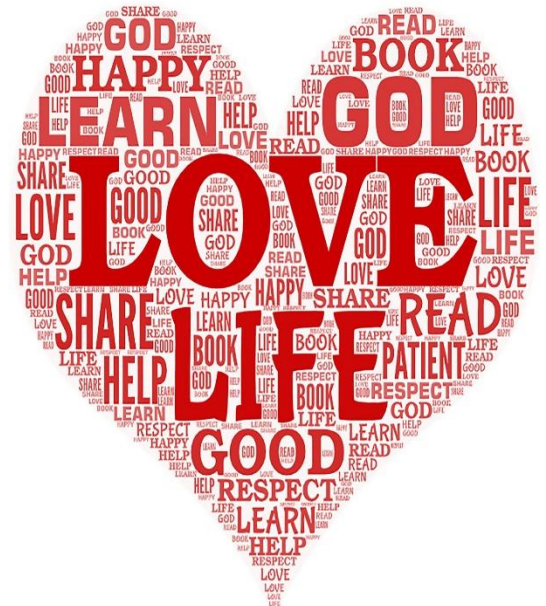
The above is very true when we look at what Jesus says in the gospel as well as what the wise Ben Sirach says in the first reading of today. The heart is the seed of whatever we say and if the heart is good and holy, we shall utter good words. If the heart is bad, we are going to utter bad words. This accounts for why Jesus notes that "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit" (Mk 6:43). This can be interpreted to mean there is no sound heart that produces bad fruit and vice versa.

Dear friends in Christ, if we have an unclean heart, then our words are going to be hurting and destructive. In that sense we cannot be true leaders. Jesus himself asks if one blind man can lead another? (Mk 6:39). If our hearts are darkened with evil, we cannot lead others especially because our words will divide rather than gather. What I have noticed is that when our hearts are not clean, we are empty and wanting in so many ways. To fill that emptiness or void, we rather turn to gossips and criticise others. It is a common phenomenon with every one of us but something we need to work on. When this phenomenon is predominantly in our lives, then it's like we see the splinter in others' eyes

but forget the plank that is in ours. (Mk 6:41-42). In other words we see faults in the actions of everyone else but never see our own faults, no matter how big they are.

We must learn dear friends to purify our hearts so that our words can be creative and pure. Purification of the heart comes if we allow ourselves to be shaken by God in a sieve so that our rubbish is left behind (Sirach 27:4). It gives us the opportunity to sieve every word of ours so that the words that go out of us build and not scatter. We must work on this everyday otherwise we practice duplicity in speech, lies telling, perjury, and become hypocrites because we do not practice what we say.

We can only do these if we let sin die in our lives as the second reading tells us. Let us therefore pray for the graces to purify our hearts so that the words that flow from our hearts are words that build and not destroy.



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

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 23/02/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £87.20, Envelopes £25, 100 Club £75 and Hall Rent £130

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £151.38, Envelopes £35, Coffee £4.21, Candles £12.42, Flame25 £55, 100 Club £120 and Mass Stipend £65

## **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 £82.14.**  
**Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets.**

## **100 CLUB**

Here are our February winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Ramnika Sharma**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Angela Tallieu**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Ma Jaenelyn Elliott**

New members are welcome as there are three numbers available now, 9, 38 & 73.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND TALK:** Over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 we will be giving out Gift Aid envelopes and hopefully signing up some new people and also some people increasing their contributions to the Parish. There will be a talk at both churches explaining why it is so important to give by Gift Aid.

**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](mailto: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.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025**

- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** This will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in St Joseph Hall at 11 am.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 6<sup>h</sup> of March
- in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.

## **CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND NETWORKING**

The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting three online events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7:30 PM and last for one hour. Catechists can choose from the three events based on their area of catechesis:

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Children's Liturgy and First Holy Communion)**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Marriage Preparation and Baptism)**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Confirmation and RCIA)**

To sign up for these events, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/VkCdj1SWzA>.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (29<sup>th</sup> May 2025). Necessary arrangements towards this shall be made and concrete programme communicated later by parish
4. Jubilee retreat: Shall take place on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

**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, 10<sup>th</sup> March with Mass at 10.30 am at St. Joseph's church and then at Portchester Crematorium at 12.15 am. After this, there will be a reception at Lysses Hotel, High Street, Fareham, to which all are invited to attend. We pray for his wife Pat and their family at this difficult time.

**LENT SEASON:** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we shall be having rosary, vespers and Benediction beginning at 6pm every Sunday. All are invited.

**BAPTISM:** There will be a baptism today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025 during the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Church. Let us all pray for the family.

**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. For those who want to sign up and keep Jesus company, the form is at the table by the main entrance of the church.

**LAUNCHING OF JUBILEE YEAR, 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:** Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope bookmark will be given out on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of March and will be said after every mass throughout the jubilee year.

**LENTEN TALK:** The parish and the Friars community will be organising a Lenten Talk on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> of March at midday.

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