



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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Easter Sunday – 20th April 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

(Response): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Alleluia!

This mass is our Alleluia;
our song of praise to the
risen Christ who is our
life and whose triumph
over death we proclaim
to all the world.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19th: 1 pm (CC): Polish Blessing of Food
6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish
8:30 pm (CC):
Sun 20th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of Molly as she joins the church
11 am (CC): RIP of Nazareno (Joe) Pace FM
Mon 21st: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Agripina Salise
Tue 22nd:
Weds 23rd: 7 pm (CC):
Thurs 24th: 9:30 am (SJ):
4 pm (CC): For a successful baptism and wedding of Nancy & Francis
Fri 25th: 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: NEW LIFE WITH THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

The resurrection was a scandal to the apostles and to the men of their day. This is what I shared on in yesterday's reflection. Today, we want to look at the new life this resurrection brings for us as Christians. To bring out this message, I will begin with a story about St. Augustine of Hippo. We are told that he lived a wayward life for a long time and his mother had to pray for his conversion for more than a decade. After his conversion, he lived a life built on Christ. A story is told that once, walking in a familiar part of the town he used to frequent in his old days, he got a call from one of the free women she once knew: "Augustine, Augustine" and he continued straight on without turning left or right when the call came the second time. As he continued moving, he said "but it is not 'I'". Yes, the old "I" of Augustine was dead to sin and a new "I" has resurrected in Christ. He was now living a new life in Christ and could no longer go back enjoying the old life of sin. That is what we are called to during this Easter season.

We are all called like St. Augustine to die to the old way of sin and resurrect to a new way of life in Christ. This is what Easter all means to you and to me.

In the gospel, we are given an account of what happened on the morning of Christ's resurrection by John. When Mary Magdala discovered that Jesus has risen from the dead, she was surprised and ran to report the news to the disciples of Jesus. This report brought Peter and the other disciples to the tomb in order to confirm the report. When they saw everything as it was reported, they believed. When they believed, their lives were no longer the same because with the help of the Holy Spirit, they preached the message of the resurrected Christ.

Christ's dying on the cross and his glorious resurrection was to free us from the dungeon of sin. St. Paul in the second reading of today reminds us that "since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven,

where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand" (Col 3:1). That is precisely what new life with the resurrected Christ entails - looking for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. In this light therefore dear friends, "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:3).

Dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we therefore need to ask ourselves whether our lives are based on the things of heaven or the things on earth. If it is based on the things on earth, then remember: what does a man gain if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?

Let us therefore examine ourselves and see those things which make us not to live this new life with the resurrected Christ. As well, let us ask our resurrected Christ for the graces to do away with these things and place our eyes, hearts, and actions on the things of heaven.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 13/04/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £87.61, Envelopes £41.30, Easter Offering £40 and Holy Places £2, donation of £200 to Portsmouth Friends of Bamenda

Contactless Collection: General £6, Easter Offering £50, Votive Candle £8 and Lenten Retreat 10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £205.77, Envelopes £65, Coffee £11.80, Candles £7.60, Clergy Assistance Fund £5 and Easter Offering £5

Contactless Collection: General £92, Easter Offering £45, Votive Candle £4, Lenten Retreat £30 and Holy Places £20

STANDING ORDERS MARCH 2025 £1,397

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 January & February was £82.14. Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets.

100 CLUB

Our next draw will be next Sunday 27th of April 2025 at St Joseph Hall.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Thank you to those who signed up and those who increased their donations for our parish. You can sign up for Gift Aid at any time, so please see Teresa/Angela for St Joseph and Jenny/Joy at Corpus Christi.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT IN THE PARISH: As part of the future parish, we are being encouraged to sign up for the Dona contactless payment scheme, which are now operational in all the churches. The arrangements for this have already been made and the contactless payment scheme is now operational in our parish. We will be able to use this scheme to pay for votive candles, offerings, mass intentions, stole fees, donations, etc.



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 14th of June 2025 and 11th of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be today Sunday 20th of April 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 25th of April 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next session will be on Thursday 24th of April in Corpus Christi Presbytery at 6 pm.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE WORK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

It is important to maintain our churches so that we don't ever have the disaster that shut St. Joseph's for two years. We apologise for not giving notice that the disabled ramp was being repaired, but we only knew the night before: I think you will agree that they have done a great job. Also, the hall has been closed this week so that the floor can be revarnished. At the same time, the toilets in the hall are being redecorated and the piece of glass in the west window that was damaged while the repair work was being done, has been replaced. Next week, we will be repainting the white lines on the steps (nosing). Please avoid the steps and use the ramp or side entrance. Thank you.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK 2025 PROGRAM FOR CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH

1. **HOLY SATURDAY: 19th April 2025**
 - **1 pm:** Polish blessing of food at Corpus Christi (**Polish people are invited to get involved**)
 - **6 pm :** Easter Vigil Mass at St Joseph
 - **8:30 pm:** Easter Vigil Mass at Corpus Christi
2. **EASTER SUNDAY: 20th April 2025**
 - **9 am:** Mass at St. Joseph
 - **11 am:** Mass at Corpus Christi

ANNIVERSARIES: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact **YOUR PARISH SECRETARY** or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return.

Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form.

Again, if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address:

St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX

Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

EASTER OFFERINGS: Envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday. Please remember this collection goes to our Priests for everything that they do for our parish. You can also donate using the contactless payment machine in both churches.

Below is the link for this year's Easter Collection.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/portsmouth-corporus-christi-and-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-second-collection>

JUBILEE YEAR: Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope bookmark will be said after every mass throughout the jubilee year.

DONATION OF £200: We thank a generous Parishioner for the donation of £200 to Portsmouth Friends of Bamenda. We have recently donated £5,000 to the Bamenda Commission and are waiting to hear how that money will be spent. Please remember to donate via the buckets at the back of each church.

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

Jean Prince, Sonia Hopwood, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaward, Teresa & 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.

COLIN GREEN: Colin was a former Parishioner at St. Joseph's and many of you will remember him. Sadly, he passed away recently. Funeral details later. Please keep him in your prayers.

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. Parish Jubilee celebration at the cathedral will surely be on Ascension Thursday (29th May 2025). Necessary arrangements towards this shall be made and concrete programme communicated later by parish
3. A Jubilee pilgrimage will take place in October and location will be advised in due course.
4. 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.
5. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025.

NB: Launching of Jubilee year and Parish Retreat has already taken place.

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