



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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Palm Sunday – 13th April 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

(Response): **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this event is included in every Mass, with the procession or the solemn entrance before the principal Mass, with the simple entrance before the other Masses. The solemn entrance (but not the procession) may be repeated before one or other Mass that is usually well attended.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 12th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

Sun 13th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Joan Edwards

11 am (CC): In thanksgiving to Fr Emmanuel for arranging the Lenten Retreat

Mon 14th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 15th: 11 am: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral presided by the Bishop

Weds 16th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 17th: 6 pm (SJ):

8 pm (CC):

Fri 18th: 3 pm (SJ):

3 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: FOR MY PART, I OFFERED NO RESISTANCE

Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, begins the celebration of Holy Week. For us as Catholics, this celebration begins when we gather at the entrance of the church or nearby the church, to bless the palm branches that we eventually carry in procession, to join with the whole world in singing Hosanna to the King of Glory. It has always been an emotional moment for me as a Priest celebrating this great day and marching with palms and singing with the Christians, as we walk into church. We missed these processions some time ago because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

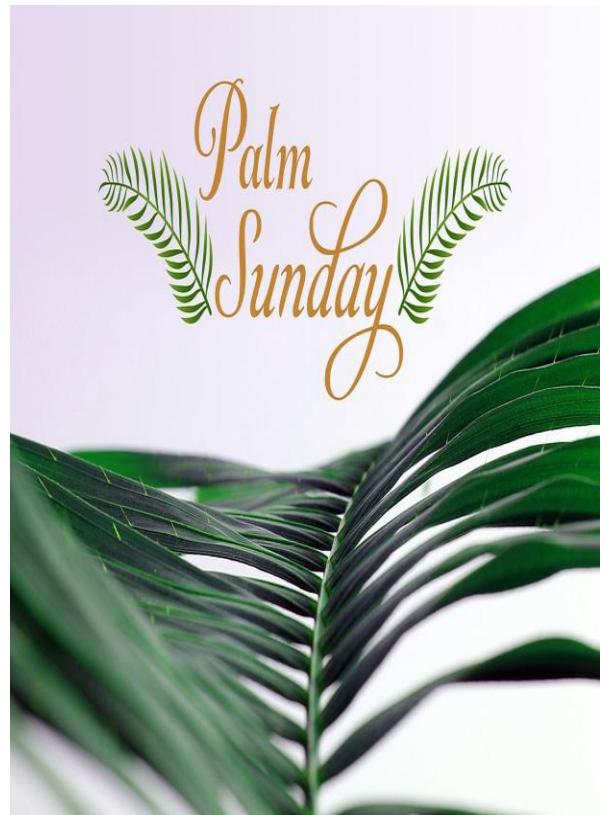
As we celebrate Palm Sunday today, I would like us to reflect on the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading of today which reads "For my part, I offered no resistance" (Is 50:5). This comes from the third song of the servant of the Lord where the prophet predicts in a way the coming sufferings of the Messiah. It is about a servant whom the Lord had given a disciple's tongue. This is a servant whom God had opened his ears to listen to Him and the Lord had endowed him with the grace of speaking and uplifting the wearied. In this regard, the prophet notes that he made no resistance, nor did he turn away but offered up himself to those who wanted to kill him. They struck him, tore his beard but he did not cover his face against spittle or insults since the Lord came to his help. It is exactly what happened with our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, whose resolute decision to enter Jerusalem is going to invite for him an identical experience.

Jesus as the Son of God did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men (Phil 2:6-7). All this because he wanted to save us from our sins. He gave himself and was disfigured for our salvation. We find him today making that entrance to Jerusalem to die for our sins. On his part, he offered no resistance because he knew how great his mission was to save all of us. Going through the passion narrative, which is recounted by all four gospel writers (Mt 21:1-17; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:29-40; Jn 12:12-19), we can find Jesus' wholehearted surrendering to the will of the Father. He knew that he was entering Jerusalem for the last time to pay the price, which will be repeated on Good Friday, so as to provide us with the opportunity to journey through out this week with the Lord and surrender to him. In a

sense, it is a calling to each one of us to remember throughout this week all that Jesus went through for our sake and a call to die to sin and rise with him to new life.

This Palm Sunday, as we are celebrating Palm Sunday, Jesus is asking us to make no resistance in believing in him and in following him, the saviour. He has died to save us from sin and death and wants to share that blessing with us. Can we entrust ourselves to him without any resistance especially alongside those things that take us away from him?

May we pray for the graces to have a fruitful Holy Week where we die to our old life of sin to rise in a new life of grace. To do this, we need not offer any resistance to the promptings of the Holy Spirit working in us. Let us also use this Holy Week to pray for ourselves, family members and friends, priests and religious, world leaders, the sick, souls in purgatory, Ukraine and Russia and for those who do not believe in God.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 06/04/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £88.14, Envelopes £39.60, Candles £47.15, Clergy Assistance Fund £76.50 and Hall Rent £1,483.00

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £130.71, Envelopes £40, Coffee £8.64, Candles £27.29, Donation £50 and Mass Stipend £20

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE RETREAT: CASH £166.83 AND ONLINE £40

STANDING ORDERS FEBRUARY 2025 £1,344

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

Here are our winners for the month of March:

1st Prize	Andrew Heaword
2nd Prize	Terry Walmsley
3rd Prize	James Cuffe

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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP will be meeting on Saturday 12th April in St Joseph's church hall at 10am. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK 2025 PROGRAM FOR CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH

1. **Monday 7th April 2025**
 - **6 pm:** Penitential service at St. Joseph
2. **Wednesday 9th April 2025**
 - **6 pm:** Penitential service at Corpus Christi followed by the normal evening mass
3. **PALM SUNDAY: 13th of April 2025**
 - 9 am: Mass at St. Joseph
 - 11 am: Mass at Corpus Christi
4. **TUESDAY OF THE HOLY WEEK: 15th April 2025**
 - **11 am: Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral presided by the Bishop
5. **HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April 2025**
 - **6 pm:** Holy mass at St Joseph
 - **8 pm:** Holy mass at Corpus Christi

There will be washing of feet in both churches and adoration will take place after mass till midnight at Corpus Christi.
7. **GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April 2025**
 - **3 pm:** St Joseph
 - **3 pm:** Corpus Christi

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross before Good Friday ceremonies
8. **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
9. **EASTER SUNDAY: 20th April 2025**
 - **9 am:** Mass at St. Joseph
 - **11 am:** Mass at Corpus Christi

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-h-corporis-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.

LENT SEASON: The season of Lent has begun. During this time we will be having rosary, vespers and Benediction beginning at 6pm every Sunday. All are invited.

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 last week. 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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