



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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3rd Sunday of Easter – 4th May 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

(Response): **I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

'It Is The Lord'

In this eucharist we proclaim that Christ is the Lord, the Lamb that was sacrificed and who is worthy to be given power, riches wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing. The apostles accepted every kind of humiliation rather than give up proclaiming his name.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 3rd: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

Sun 4th: 9 am (SJ): For the souls in the purgatory

11 am (CC): Birthdays & anniversaries of the members of the African Community in May 2025

Mon 5th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Louise Heaney

Tue 6th:

Weds 7th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Diego DaCosta's grandparents

Thurs 8th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Audrey O'Leary FM

Fri 9th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Manuel DaCosta

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: FEED MY SHEEP

In the gospel passage of today, we find Jesus entrusting to Peter the task of feeding his sheep. This was done after Jesus had ascertained the depth of Peter's love for him. We all belong to God's flock as his sheep. As his sheep, he has given us, like Peter, the responsibility of feeding other members of his flock. Our duty therefore as Christians is to feed God's flock.

This duty which Christ has given to us is of utmost importance giving the fact that many of his sheep go hungry without someone to feed them. Some of God's sheep are in need of God's word, the Eucharist, Counselling, etc., while others are in need of forgiveness, progress, blessings, courage, etc. If we want to share in this ministry of feeding God's sheep, then the following qualities gleaned from the readings of today are paramount:

1. Obedience: After the apostles were unable to catch fish the whole night, Jesus with no knowledge of fishing ordered them to cast their net once more for a catch and they did without any hesitation (Jn 21:6). The result was a great catch. This insinuates that expert knowledge is not always sufficient, but trust in God can provide the solution we need.

2. Service: Anyone who wants to feed the flock of Christ must be a true servant. This is seen in Peter at the shore after the catch. Jesus ordered for fish to be brought, and it was Peter who promptly responded to this (Jn 21:10-11). Service is meant to be at the prime of conversion and I greatly appreciate all the volunteers, who pledge their allegiance and time to serve the beautiful communities, churches and groups they belong to. God alone will repay us abundantly.

3. Be willing to be fed by Christ: Those to feed Jesus' flock must allow themselves to be fed by Christ as he did at the lake side with his apostles (Jn 21:12-13). Being fed by Christ is an invitation to the Eucharistic meal, the Word of God, homilies/sermons, spiritual talks/readings, etc. It's an invitation to meditation and contemplation of the Word of God.

4. Love: Christ had to ascertain the level of Peter's love for him before handing over to him the responsibility of feeding his sheep (Jn 21:15-17). Our love for God and neighbour should propel us to want to always serve others.

5. If one must feed Jesus' sheep, then one must be his follower (Jn 21:19). This is true because you can have charge of feeding Jesus' sheep but at the same time not a follower of Christ. That is why we have priests, deacons and religious like me, unworthy, who lead the people of God, but not doing what God wants them to do. All we need to do is to pray for church leaders and ourselves as well, that we may be faithful servants.

Once we take on the task of feeding Jesus' sheep, we must be ready to face trials and persecutions. That is what the apostles experienced in the first reading. At the same time, we should not relent to feed the sheep of God amidst trials and persecutions but should use them as opportunities to bear witness to the Lord. Trials and temptations may come through persecution, blackmail, gossips, envy, outright rejection or confrontation, etc. They may come as a result of misunderstanding, negative energy, people who do not like you or want to bring you down. All we need to do at such hours is to turn to the Lord in prayers and meditation in supplication for the graces to be patient, to resist and not to give up. Some have given up at such moments and lost the glory that was supposed to be theirs.

Let us ask for forgiveness from the Lord for the many times when we have failed to feed God's sheep either by our admonitions, advice, or actions. Forgiveness also for the times we have instead fed from the sheep rather than us feeding them.



MEN'S GROUP ON FIRST FRIDAYS

Are you looking for fraternity? Then come and join fellow Catholic men at the St. Joseph's Men's Group for first Friday devotions. We meet every first Friday of the month, starting with Mass at 18.30 at St. Joseph's Church, Copnor. The next meeting is 2nd May. For more information email: rturner@coopervision.co.uk

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 27/04/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £62, Envelopes £26.20, Holy Places £10 and Hall Rent £185

Contactless Collection: General £21 and Votive Candles £5

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £200.21, Envelopes £20, Candles £5 and Mass Stipend £120

Contactless Collection: General £20 and Votive Candles £10

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-corporus-christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for March and April was £549.80. This includes two donations of £100 & £200. Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets and you can now use the contactless payment machine in both churches to donate to Bamenda.

100 CLUB

Here are the winners for our April draw:

1st Prize – Sue McCrohon

2nd Prize – Hubert Singh

3rd Prize – Ruby Jeffries

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.



PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR THE YEAR OF HOPE AT THE CATHEDRAL: Arrival at the Cathedral at 11 am for a talk, rosary and confessions. Mass at 12:30 pm. We are all invited.

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 on Sunday 11th of May 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 9th of May 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions will be online.

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. The hall is now open and the newly varnished floor looks lovely. Please be vigilant not to scrape tables and chairs across the floor as this makes deep gouges that cannot be repaired. Also, the toilets in the hall have been redecorated and freshened up and the piece of glass in the west window that was damaged while the repair work was being done, has been replaced. The next job is to repaint the white lines on the steps (nosing). Hopefully this is happening this week. Please avoid the steps and use the ramp or side entrance. Thank you.

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

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Corpus Christi Church needs your URGENT help

The heating system for the church has been condemned and cut off, so from now on and into the winter, unless we do something soon, there will be NO HEATING in the church.

We URGENTLY need your help to raise money for a new boiler. We have had one quote and that is in excess of £50,000. We are obtaining two more quotes.

Please help however you can. Donations can be made in various ways, through one-off donations, through the Parish account (Account Name: CDP Corpus Christi & St. Joseph, No: 00884996, Sort Code: 30-93-04) or the DONA contactless payment system in the porches of both churches (there is a special named section for boiler donations).

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

CHARITY AND VOLUNTEER NETWORKING EVENT: Join us for an afternoon of networking with people who are passionate about social justice through supporting people in their local community. Representatives from CAFOD, SVP, Stella Maris and Medaille Trust along with a number of parish-based projects will be there to chat, discuss volunteering opportunities and see how it might work in your community. Saturday 7th June 2025, 2:30-4:30 at St John the Baptist, Andover SP10 3AD. For more information contact Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

May Edwards, Gail Edwards, 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.

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 will 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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS PORTSMOUTH: Join a community of Catholic mums growing in faith together. Join us for prayer, discussion, friendship and a space to encourage and support each other. Children are welcome too!

This will be in St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Portsmouth parish hall (parking is available at the Cathedral) at 9:30-11:30am on Mondays 28th April, 19th May, 16th June and 14th July 2025

You are most welcome to email us for more information: please contact Maria or Katherine via our email address catholicmothersportsmouth@gmail.com

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