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4th Sunday of Easter – 11th May 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5

(Response): **Alleluia!**

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

The Lamb Will Be Our Shepherd
We offer in sacrifice the Lamb
that takes away the sins of the
world. He who was slain is now
our Shepherd. He will lead to
springs of living water all who
do not reject him.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

Sun 11th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Smith family

11 am (CC): RIP of Lorna DaCosta's grandparents

Mon 12th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Diego DaCosta's family

Tue 13th:

Weds 14th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Lorna DaCosta's family

Thurs 15th:

Fri 16th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Piedade Coelho



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: MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE AND FOLLOW ME

Every fourth Sunday of Easter is ordinarily referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of this day in our rich Catholic faith is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). It's also a day when we remember Christ our Good shepherd. On this day in the Church, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayers for Vocations, and this year marks the 62nd edition and is always accompanied by a message from the Holy Father. This year as we celebrate vocations to the priesthood and religious life and pray for increase in vocations as well, I would like us to reflect on the fact that the Church is the mother of all vocations; for all vocations are born in the Church, nurtured in the Church and meant to serve the Church. In this light, we reflect on the words of Jesus in the gospel of today: "My sheep hear my voice and follow me."

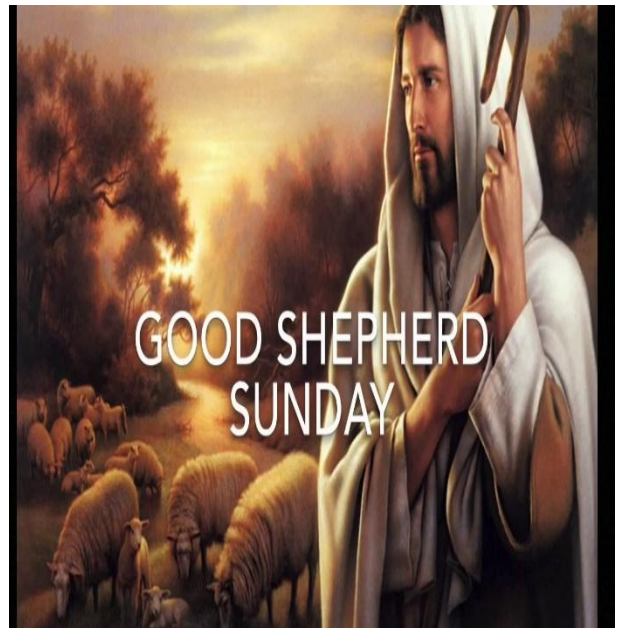
1. My sheep hear my voice: Christ himself listened to his Father's voice and strived to do the Father's will at all times. This accounts for why despite his busy daily schedule, he always sought to listen to his Father in prayers so that the Father's will may be done; not his. Like Christ who listened to his Father through prayers, prayer as well is the medium through which we can listen to the voice of Christ. This is very important because of the many voices that speak to us daily: the voice of the self, the world, our friends, the devil, Christ, etc. We need to spend ample time in daily prayers to discern the voice of Christ. When we do this, then we shall know Christ and he shall know us as well and the journey to his kingdom shall not be a difficult one for us.

2. The sheep that listens to my voice follow me: When we listen to the voice of Christ, we need to follow him. To follow Christ is the response we give to Christ after listening to him. To follow Christ means surrendering ourselves to him, so that he leads us to whatever direction he is calling us to. We need not resist especially if he is calling one of us to the priestly or religious vocations. We find Paul and Barnabas responding positively to the vocation Christ called them to in the first reading. Their preaching in Pisidia (in Antioch) brought many people to listen to the Word of God.

When we listen to Christ and follow him in the right manner, we are assured of one thing, eternal life as St. John describes in the second reading of today. We all need to follow Christ to heaven so that where the Master is, so too we shall be.

As we celebrate the 62nd World Day of Prayers for vocations, let us learn to listen to Christ and follow him. This is the sure guarantee we have for more vocations in the Church. Let us as well pray and encourage vocations to the priestly and religious life; not just today but always. If God is calling you to the priestly or religious vocations, do not resist and do not listen to discouraging voices. This is especially useful because the worse thing in life is to choose a wrong vocation.

May we pray today for vocations in the church and for each one of us to be able to discern the right vocation God is calling us to.



WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Weekday adoration will take place in Our Lady Chapel of Corpus Christi Church before each Mass. On First Fridays, adoration will be at 10 am to 6 pm.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 04/05/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £134.97, Envelopes £27.50, Holy Places £95.14, Clergy Training Fund £5 and Hall Rent £ 668

Contactless Collection:

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £124.20, Envelopes £45, Candles £13.55, Coffee £2.42, Clergy Training Fund £10, New Heating System £ 5 and Mass Stipend £10

Contactless Collection: General £10 and New Heating System £115

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**

THANKS FOR NEW HEATING SYSTEM DONATIONS

We are very grateful for the donation of £1000 towards the cost of the new heating system. Thank you also for all other donations.

If you are thinking of making a contribution towards the cost of the new heating system, if you are a tax payer, please consider gift aiding this. For every £100 donated, we will receive £25 from the taxman. Please see Jenny (CC), Angela or Teresa (SJ) for a declaration form.

NEW POPE:

We are delighted to hear that a new Pope has been chosen – Robert Francis Prevost from America – who will be known as Pope Leo XIV. We pray for his health for this very demanding job and that he will lead us forward in this 21st Century.

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be on Sunday 11th of May 2025 at 9:15 am.
- 3. CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 16th of May 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
- 4. 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). This is being done on Wednesday, 14th May. Please avoid the steps and use the ramp or side entrance. Thank you.

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

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: This is our second collection for this week.. This is to support our seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

AFRICAN COMMUNITY: There will be a meeting on Sunday 25th of May 2025 after the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Hall.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS

OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: May Edwards, Gail Edwards, Jean Prince, Sonia Hopwood, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaword, 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) – see below. 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.

PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR THE YEAR OF HOPE

AT THE CATHEDRAL: This will be on Ascension Thursday 29th of May 2025. Arrival at the Cathedral at 11 am for a talk, rosary and confessions. Mass at 12:30 pm. We are all invited.

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

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