



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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5th Sunday of Easter – 18th May 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-12

(Response): **Alleluia!**

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, say the Lord,
That you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

The New Creation

Christ at this season puts fresh heart in us to spread his kingdom. He gives us his new commandment of love and encourages us with the promise of the new Jerusalem.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 17th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

Sun 18th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): RIP of Joan Taws FM

Mon 19th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Florencio Brito

Tue 20th:

Weds 21st: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Terry Butler FM

Thurs 22nd:

Fri 23rd: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Philomena Brito



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: ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO PERSEVERE IN THE FAITH

Ours is a time when we are experiencing a crisis of faith. It is a time when some people think the faith is outdated. Ours is a time of Relativism where people depend on feelings and emotions and subjective views for judging reality. It's a time of Materialism where people spend more time on achieving earthly to spiritual things. It's a time of sophisticated modern technological discoveries which has made man more comfortable and has built for man a modern areopagus; a world where religion and faith is relegated to the backdrop. Relativism, Materialism and technological discoveries have in a sense drifted many from the faith. We are therefore called upon to encourage each other to persevere in the faith. The passing things of this moment may seem nice, but they are ephemeral.

The need to encourage each other to persevere in the faith is what the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV is calling us to when he preached during his first mass as Pope with the Cardinals. He called everyone to bring the faith especially where money and power has replaced God. Like the Holy Father, it is the same call of St. Paul and Barnabas to the Church in Antioch in today's first reading. We are told that they moved through Lystra, Iconium to Antioch and put fresh heart into the disciples by encouraging them to persevere in the faith especially because when hardships come, people are tempted to neglect the faith.

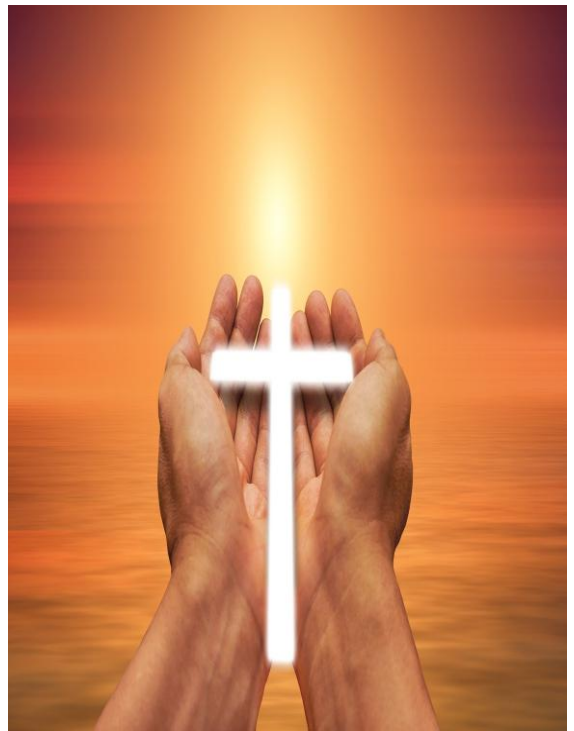
We too might be going through hardships or experiencing some of those challenges that can take us away from the faith. Are we going to abandon the faith? No matter what happens to us, we need to hold on to the faith we professed at Baptism, or at the reception of First Holy Communion, or at Confirmation. Our faith is what will save us is the message of St. Paul to the Romans and to us.

In order for us to persevere in the faith, three things are suggested for us: prayer, fasting and love. The first two come from the first reading and the last from the gospel. We must note that a prayerful Christian is a powerful Christian. Without prayers, we can't do anything and with prayers we can do everything. Prayer is very important, and we should pray at all times.

For fasting, we should not limit it only to the season of Lent but fast always by denying ourselves of legitimate pleasure and entertainment for the good of our relationship with God.

Finally, let us learn to love. Jesus assures his disciples in the gospel passage of today "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (Jn 13:34-35). Can we let love lead us in everything; uncontaminated love? Love is pure when we love as Jesus Christ has loved us.

Let us therefore pray for the graces to encourage ourselves and one another to persevere in the faith especially when trial moments come because that is what will lead us closer to God.



SPORTS AND GAMES: On Monday 26th of May 2025, we will be having sports and games for the young people at 1 pm. This will be at the back of Corpus Christi hall. All are welcome.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 11/05/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £69.23, Envelopes £47.70, Clergy Training Fund £68.88 and Catholic Communication Network £5

Contactless Collection: General £2

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £122.30, Envelopes £15, Candles £7.80, Coffee £11 and Clergy Training Fund £109.20

Contactless Collection: General £43 and New Heating System £300

STANDING ORDERS APRIL 2025 £2,538

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.

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 taxpayer, 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.

DONA CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE: You will all by now be familiar with the new contactless payment machine. You can use this to gift aid your giving. Please use it either before Mass, during the collection or at the end of Mass. This way we will avoid a crush in the porch with many people trying to make donations.

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 18th of May 2025 at 9:15 am.
3. **CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 23rd 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:

You will all have seen the “nosing” on the steps outside St. Joseph's. This has been done for your safety, particularly in the dark, winter months.

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

100 CLUB

Our next draw will be next Sunday 25th of May at Corpus Christi Hall after the 11 am mass.

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

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.

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 on the 6th of June 2025. For more information email: rturner@coopervision.co.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 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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