



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

(Response): **Alleluia!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

The Radiant Glory Of God  
The Holy Spirit is the radiant  
glory of God that enlightens  
the Church and guides it on  
its way through the world in  
all its decision.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Eddie Colhoun FM

Sun 25<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Bridie Johnson FM

11 am (CC): RIP of Fr. Antonio Fernandes

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Philomena Salmon

Tue 27<sup>th</sup>: For a special intention

Weds 28<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Joan Pidgley FM

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ): 11<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination anniversary of Fr. Emmanuel

Fri 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Beatrice Vacher FM



**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 OWN PEACE I BEQUEATH TO YOU

Peace is a needed gift in the lives of so many individuals, homes, communities, and countries and I think especially in Cameroon, Ukraine, Gaza, India and Pakistan at the moment. Peace is not just the absence of war or external cohesion but an internal disposition of calm and quiet even amidst difficulties and challenges. Without this gift of peace, many things go wrong in our lives. For example, some of the sicknesses we suffer daily are the result of the absence of peace in our lives. We all need the gift of Christ's own peace in our lives.

Jesus in today's gospel assures us of this gift when he says: "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you" (Jn 14:27). The kind of peace Jesus wants to give us is his own peace; peace which is different from what the world gives. This is simply because Jesus' peace is eternal and reliable while that which the world gives is temporal and unreliable. This is true because the systems in the world today, be it governments, political parties, institutions, communities, and families, are all structured towards guaranteeing peace. But most often they miss this goal because the peace they strive to give is not Christ's own peace, but peace according to their own standards.

Peace is greatly needed in many communities today. In the first reading, we find that the peace of the early Christian community had been tampered with by wrong doctrines. This was because disagreements broke out as some men from Judaea came teaching that: "Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). This had to be resolved by the apostles and peace restored at the first ever council of the Church, the Council of Jerusalem.

As the apostles under the leadership of the Holy Spirit restored peace to the early Christian community that was ransacked by disagreements over issues of doctrine, so too Jesus wants to restore you with the gift of his own peace. This can come when we take into consideration the following fourfold recommendations:

1. Jesus' own peace comes from loving one another. This love is not one which is conditioned by the response we get from others but from our unconditional love for them. It comes from keeping God's words. This is evident when Christ says, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23).

2. Jesus' own peace can be experienced when we surrender all to him; all our trials, problems, temptations, challenges, etc. He himself after assuring us of the gift of his own peace to us says "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27c). So why worry and be troubled of heart when Christ wants to take away all these things and give us the gift of his peace?

3. The peace that Jesus is giving us comes when we focus on him. Many of us focus on so many external things to give us peace: money, cars, businesses, persons, institutions, traditional medicine, law courts, etc. All these cannot give us true peace. True peace comes when we replace these things with Christ. When Peter focused on Christ, he was able to walk on water (Mt 14:22-32). If we focus on Christ as well and on his work, he is going to give us true peace; a peace that the world cannot give.

4. Finally, Jesus' own peace is a gift from the Holy Spirit. It is a fruit from the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. As such, it gives us a stable disposition which enables us to live out our daily lives joyfully irrespective of the many trials and temptations we may be going through. This means that if we have Jesus' peace, irrespective of turbulent internal/external circumstances and experiences, we remain calm and joyful.

Let us therefore aim at this precious gift which Christ is offering us today and always, the gift of his own peace, and live it out in our daily lives.



**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Are you ready for a transformative adventure through Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Italy, and France? The Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025 is more than just a journey—it's an extraordinary experience of faith, culture, history and breathtaking landscapes! This will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Of October 2025. Limited spots available only from 7<sup>th</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> May. Don't miss out, contact Fr Marcin Drabik through email: [mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to receive the Registration Form or if you have any questions.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 18/05/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £68.10, Envelopes £32.20, Clergy Training Fund £40, Candles £45.63, Coffee £25 and Hall Rent £1350

**Contactless Collection:** General £10

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £111.72, Envelopes £15, Candles £1.50, 100 Club £10, Mass Stipend £10, Day for Life £10, Catholic Communication Network £10 and Clergy Training Fund £18

**Contactless Collection:** General £40 and New Heating System £10

## 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-corpus-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

We are having our draw today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at Corpus Christi Hall after the 11 am mass.

### THANKS FOR NEW HEATING SYSTEM DONATIONS

We are very grateful for the donation of £200 and 2 £50 towards the cost of the new heating system. Thank you also for all other donations. If you are thinking of contributing 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.

**BAPTISM:** There will be baptism next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2025 during the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Church.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am.
2. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Next session will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 at 9:15 am.
3. **CONFIRMATION:** Next session on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at the Cathedral at 6pm.
4. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions will be online.

**BAFFINS THE TITANIC & CATHOLIC PROCESSIONS:** This will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 7 pm in St. Joseph Hall. All are welcome.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY:** There will be a meeting today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 after the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Hall.

**SPORTS AND GAMES:** On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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).

**MEETING AT CORPUS CHRISTI PRESBYTERY:** This is today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of June after the mass. This is to plan our summer activities especially the outdoor mass and the fundraising.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. For more information email: [rturner@coopervision.co.uk](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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