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7th Sunday of Easter – 1st June 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2. 6-7. 9

(Response): **Alleluia!**

2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

The Spirit And The Bride

The Church is wedded to
Christ in the love of the
Spirit and looks forward to
the final fulfilment of that
love in the glory of heaven.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31st: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 1st: 9 am (SJ): For the souls in purgatory

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

Mon 2nd: 9:30 am (CC): For a special intention

Tue 3rd: For Fr Emmanuel's personal intentions

Weds 4th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Nora Fahy FM

Thurs 5th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Bill & Rosa Galliver FM

Fri 6th: 9:30 am (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: I WANT THOSE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME TO BE WITH ME WHERE I AM

In the Creed, be it the Apostles creed or the Nicene-Constantinople creed that we take at mass every Sunday, one of the articles of faith there tells us that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. From this right hand of the Father, he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. Where Jesus is seated, the Father's right hand, he also wants each and every one of us to be there with him.

The above theme is the essential aspect of our Christian life. It is the reason for our very existence. When the Penny Catechism asks the question: why did God make me? The response is: to know him, love him, serve him and to be happy with him forever in heaven. This means heaven is our homeland. This is what we accepted at the time of our Baptism. We accepted to denounce everything, Satan and all his works and empty promises, and to serve God entire.

Last Thursday, we celebrated Ascension Thursday. Ascension Thursday marks forty days after Jesus rose from the dead and it is the day Jesus went up to heaven body and soul. Recounting this event, the gospel of Luke relates: "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God" (Luke 24:50-53). This experience brings us to remember Jesus' words in John's gospel when he said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (Jn 14:1-3). Therefore, Jesus longs for us and wants us to be with him. Once our place is ready, he comes to get us to be with him.

For us to be with Jesus Christ, we then need to make up our minds for that journey. If we want to be with him where he is seated at the right hand of the Father, we must learn the faith and always defend it. This is exactly what St. Stephen does in the first reading of today and dies on account of that. He declares to the Jews that he has seen Christ standing at God's right hand in heaven. According to the Jews, this was blasphemy. He was making Jesus the equal of God, exactly part of the same

reasons why they killed Jesus. When Jesus had declared that he and the Father are one, this had angered the Jews which became one of the reasons why they wanted to kill him.

Also, if we must be where Jesus is at the end of our earthly pilgrimage, then we must follow the admonition of Jesus Christ to be one as he and the Father are one. To be one does not entail uniformity but unity in diversity. That oneness means that despite our colour, race, religion, ideologies, feelings, etc, we must learn to love one another. Our oneness can only be expressed through love. Love is the universal language that everyone understands. If only we can learn to love sincerely, then we shall be making our way to heaven where Jesus is. To love, we must love not by our own standards but according to how Christ love us; unconditional and sacrificial love.

It is this love that brought me to the priesthood. As we are journeying with the novena to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, let us ask the good Lord to increase our love for Him and mankind so that we may live worthy lives that would lead us to Him when we leave this earthly dwelling.



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 6th to 18th Of October 2025. Limited spots available only from 7th until 28th May. Don't miss out, contact Fr Marcin Drabik through email: mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to receive the Registration Form or if you have any questions.

SPORTS: Next Sunday 8th of June 2025, we will be having sports for the young people at 2 pm. This will be at the back of Corpus Christi hall. All are welcome.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 25/05/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £74.63 and Envelopes £18

Contactless Collection: General £43 and Votive Candles £10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £178.56, Envelopes £15, Candles £9.60, Coffee £6.70, Mass Stipend £10, Clergy Training Fund £5 and New Heating System £1000

Contactless Collection: General £30, Votive Candles £2 and New Heating System £15

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

Here are the winners for our May 2025 draw:

1st Prize: Louis Rabaud
2nd Prize: Maureen Blair
3rd Prize: Angela Waldren

THANKS FOR NEW HEATING SYSTEM DONATIONS

We are very grateful for another donation of £1000 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.

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 8th of June 2025 at 9:15 am.
- CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation retreat on Saturday 31st May 2025 beginning at 9am to 1pm at Corpus Christi church
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions will be online.

BAPTISM: There will be baptism today Sunday 1st of June 2025 during the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Church.

COLLECTION OF MISSIO/RED BOXES: Please bring your Red Box on the 8th or 15th of June to the church as the full total needs to be sent to London Office by 25th of June. Please give your red box to Marion (SJ), Terry (CC) or you can place it in the sacristy. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION NETWORK: World Communication Day 2025 second collection today Sunday 1st of June.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

8th of June Sunday - Cake Sale after mass at Corpus Christi Hall

14th of June Saturday - Car wash fundraising, £10/car (external only) from 0930 am - 2pm at Corpus Christi

20th of July Sunday - Parish Summer Fair Fundraising £10/person or £40/ family of 5 for food, drinks, raffle and games. Tickets will be on sale soon.

24th of August Sunday - Outdoor/ Cultural Mass. There will be food tasting and display for a donation. Money will go to Corpus Christi Church new heating system.

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 New Heating System).

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

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, 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. A Jubilee pilgrimage will take place in October and location will be advised in due course.
3. 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.
4. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025.

NB: Launching of Jubilee year, Parish Retreat and Parish Jubilee celebration at the Cathedral has already taken place.

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

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. For those who want to volunteer for this Friday, the sheet is at the table by the main entrance of Corpus Christi Church.

WORD OF THANKS: Thanks to all our Parishioners who attended our Parish Jubilee celebration at the Cathedral. It was a good turn up. May God immensely bless you all.

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