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Pentecost Sunday – 8th June 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

(Response): **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Or Alleluia!**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

The Day of Pentecost

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 7th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 8th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of May Edwards

11 am (CC): RIP of Pace & Ellul family

Mon 9th: 9:30 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Jenny Pearce

Tue 10th:

Weds 11th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Pam Farr

Thurs 12th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 13th: 9:30 am (CC): Thanksgiving of Terry Walmsley

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: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or "a week of weeks") after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law.

From a strictly practical point of view, Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries. On this day of Pentecost, we are crying and praying to God in the words of the response to the responsorial psalm that God should Send forth His Spirit and renew the face of the earth (Ps 104:30).

The above theme comes alive in today's world particularly because our world is sinking into sin and many people are suffering immensely because of the greed of others. Many people no longer care about their fellow brothers and sisters but think more of themselves in everything they do; they do things because of the benefits that accrue. When we look around, we find brothers killing each other, many dying of hunger, many clinging to power, more and more people becoming refugees and strangers to one another even when they are living in the same house. That is why on this day of Pentecost, we need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit from God in order to renew the face of the earth.

The world today needs renewal just as it needed it during the time of the descend of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday on the apostles. On this day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles after Jesus had assured them of its coming and the renewal it was going to bring. They waited for this patiently in prayers behind closed doors because they were afraid and because they did not understand many things and needed the Holy Spirit to come and reveal the complete truth to them, commission and empower them as Christ had promised.

The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost in the form of a strong wind and settled on the disciples as tongues of fire. It renewed them and brought them out of fear and gave them flesh understanding of the things of Christ. The results were manifold; thousands became believers.

We also need the Holy Spirit in a new way in our lives. Most of us have received the Holy Spirit at Baptism but sometimes, nothing seems to show case that we have the Holy Spirit because of the kind of life we live. We must allow the Holy Spirit to bring renewal in our lives. If we do this, then we should be rest assured of the following:

1. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit no longer lives the sinful life of the flesh but life in the Spirit (Rom 8:12-14).
2. Many should wonder at the things we do because of the reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:7-12).
3. When we receive the Holy Spirit, our greatest task is to bring many to Christ as the apostles did on Pentecost (Acts 2:41).
4. The reception of the Holy Spirit makes us heirs of God and coheirs with Christ in heaven (Rom 8:17). We should not miss this opportunity.
5. Finally, with the reception of the Holy Spirit, we have a new understanding of what suffering is all about (Rom 8:17). It's no longer punishment but a purifying agent that brings us closer to Christ and his work.

We should not be afraid of our limitations in bringing the renewal we and the world needs. When the Holy Spirit comes, it brings along the needed gifts. Let us allow ourselves to make use of the gifts so that it bears fruits in our lives and in the world.

May the Holy Spirit which we receive today give us the renewal we need in order to renew the face of the earth. The earth is waiting for you and me to begin the renewal. Are you and me going to refuse this task?



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.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 01/06/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £58.11, Envelopes £35.25, Catholic Communication Network £28.15

Contactless Collection: General £53.33 and Catholic Communication Network £15

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £189.86, Envelopes £45, Candles £6.03, Mass Stipend £50, Catholic Communication Network £61 and Bamenda £25

Contactless Collection: General £35

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.

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.

DAY FOR LIFE: Our second collection next Sunday 15th of June. This is dedicated in raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

NEW HEATING SYSTEM DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated for the New Heating System of Corpus Christi Church. 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.

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 next week Saturday 14th of June 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Saturday 14th of June 2025 at 10 am till 2pm is the Retreat Day at Corpus Christi.
- CONFIRMATION:** Saturday 7th of June at 2:30 pm is the Reception of Confirmation by Group 1 and Sunday 8th of June at 3 pm is for Group 2 at the Cathedral.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online.

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.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT: Last week, two young girls were found in the toilets in the hall at St. Joseph's, we think doing drugs. They were "shoo'd" out, but then tried to get into the church. Please make sure when you leave the church, if you are the last, that there is no-one left behind.

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 Front Car Park

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).

MUSICIAN/PIANIST URGENTLY REQUIRED:

Both Churches are looking for an organist/musician/pianist to help with their masses and choir every Sunday (9 am SJ [organist] and 11 am CC (pianist). If you're interested, please talk to Fr Emmanuel or Angela (SJ) or Christian (CC)

SPORTS: Today 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.

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 and it ends with

EASTER HOLIDAY: Fr Emmanuel will be away for his Easter Holiday from 23rd of June till 30th of June 2025. There will be **NO WEEKDAY** mass while he is away.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS

OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: Gail Edwards, Sonia Hopwood, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaward, 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, Ann Del Rosario, 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 at Bournemouth Oratory from 8 am – 6 pm.
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.

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

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.

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