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The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles – 29th June 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

(Response): **From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

We celebrate the feast of the princes of the apostles, from whom we derive our Christian faith. The Lord stood by them and gave them power, so that through them the whole message might be proclaimed for all the world to hear.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Martyn White

Sun 29th: 9 am (SJ): For the healing & full recovery of Stanislav

11 am (CC): RIP of Maria Francisca de Ventura Diaz

Mon 30th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 1st:

Weds 2nd: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Joan Pidgley FM

Thurs 3rd: 9:30 am (SJ): For the souls in purgatory

Fri 4th: 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: MY LIFE IS BEING POURED OUT LIKE A LIBATION

Today, we are celebrating the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles on which the church's foundation rests. In the gospel of today we find Peter, who is the Rock on which the Church is built. He was the brother of Andrew and a Galilean fisherman who despite all his human weaknesses, was called by the Lord and eventually chosen to be the leader of the twelve and apostle to the Jews. Paul was a tent maker from Tarsus, a Pharisee, and a Roman citizen. On his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians, the Lord himself chose Paul to be converted to Christianity. After his conversion, he became an apostle to the Gentiles. They both worked tirelessly to ensure that the gospel message of Christ reached the ends of the earth. It is on account of this gospel message that they suffered persecutions for the sake of Christ. They never relented and died as a result; the Lord set them free from all their terrors. Both were martyred in Rome. Peter was martyred by being crucified upside down on an X-shape in AD 64; he did not see himself worthy to be crucified in the same way as his master. Paul on his part was tortured and beheaded by the wicked Emperor Nero in Rome in AD 67. As we celebrate their feast days today, we are invited to pour out ourselves as a libation for the sake of Christ.

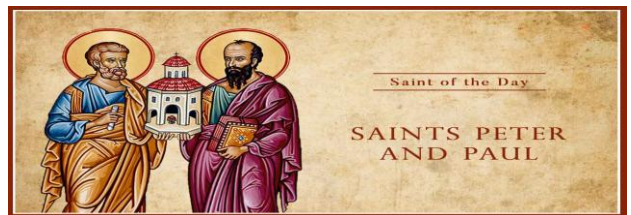
These are the words we get as admonition from St. Paul in the second reading of today when he says: "My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought a good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing" (2 Tim 4:6-8). In brief, we realize from the above that for us to pour out ourselves as a libation for the sake of Christ entails commitment in the service of the Lord as saints Peter and Paul did. They gave up themselves to serve the Lord and his people and died for that noble course as martyrs. They are inviting us to follow in the same direction.

We must rise above ourselves today to become true libations for the sake of Christ in the manner of Peter and Paul. To be able to do this, we must first truly love Christ and his church by looking for new ways of making the gospel message attractive, relevant, and meaningful to the people of this world. To love Christ demands we spend time to know him. This is because we cannot claim

to love someone if we do not know the person. Come to think of it, if you have a friend and do not know or spend time with that friend, that relationship is then baseless. For us to know Christ is to seek him in the scriptures. Jesus in the gospel handed the keys of the kingdom to Peter because he was able to see the love and knowledge Peter had for/of him and the church and heard what people said about him.

Secondly, if we stand up to pour ourselves as a libation for the sake of Christ, apart from loving Christ and knowing him, we must be ready to suffer for his sake. Persecution for the sake of Christ is the necessary path of anyone who calls his or herself a Christian. The apostles and saints suffered this as a sign to us that when persecutions and trials come, we should never give up. Peter and Paul went through much suffering for the sake of Christ, but Christ was always there to rescue them from the mouths of the lions. We find St. Peter in chains in prison in the first reading of today but was miraculously saved by the Lord. Peter was not afraid to suffer for the master, he put his trust in him and Christ rescued him. This shows us that Christ will always lead anyone who trusts in him towards the right direction.

Dear friends, we need today to ask for the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul for the grace to truly offer up ourselves to become true libations for the sake of Christ. This will entail a complete denial of self for the sake of the gospel values, even to the point of giving up our lives for this same gospel message. May saints Peter and Paul help us in this regard.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025

- 1. BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** Our next session will be on Saturday 18th of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am. Please note change of date.
- 2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** Today Sunday 29th of June 2025 at 9:15 am is the final session at Corpus Christi Church.
- 3. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 22/06/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £72.71, Envelopes £16, Day for Life £0.85, Mass Stipend £40 and Hall Rent £850

Contactless Collection: General £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £387.50, Envelopes £40, Candles £12.10, Mass Stipend £30 and Day for Life £25

Contactless Collection: New Heating System £130

Online Donation: General £40

STANDING ORDERS MAY £1,606

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 29th of June 2025 at St Joseph's Hall after the 9 am mass.

DONA CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE:

You will all by now be familiar with the new contactless payment machines in our churches. 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.



CHURCH COLLECTION

Also, you will have noticed some slips of paper with a QR code on them. This is another way of accessing the DONA machine rather than queueing at the machine. Just point your phone's camera at the QR code and then follow the instructions on your phone.

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.

PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE - Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself.

DONATING TO THE PARISH. Are you new to the Parish? Or a long-standing Parishioner? Do you want to set up a standing order or direct debit? If you do, please speak to Jenny as, if you are a taxpayer, we can reclaim a further 25% back from your donation, so if you donate £100, that can mean £125 in real terms.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER HOLIDAY: Fr Emmanuel is away for his Easter Holiday from 23rd of June till 4th of July 2025. There will be **NO WEEKDAY** masses while he is away. Jenny will continue to man the office.

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 or cantor 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).

WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Weekday adoration will take place in Our Lady Chapel of Corpus Christi Church before each Mass. Next month First Friday Adoration will be on the 11th of July at 10 am to 6 pm and it will end with Benediction.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

This day pilgrimage will be in Bournemouth Oratory on Saturday 4th of October 2025. Sign up sheets are at the back of both churches. Please sign if you are interested in going. A coach will be booked and we are hoping for 50 people. More information to follow.

JOINT EVENT WITH FRIARS' COMMUNITY

This is a social event and will be talking about Gregorian Chant. It will be on Thursday 24th of July 2025, 6 – 9 pm at St. Joseph's hall. All welcome. There will be a planning meeting this Sunday at 10.15 am in the hall at St. Joseph's

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.

FUNERALS: Two of our parishioners recently died. The funeral mass for Jean Prince will be on Monday 30 June at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church and will proceed to Kingston Cemetery after. Pam Farr's funeral mass will be on Thursday 10 July at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church and her ashes will be buried in our Garden of Remembrance. Let's us all pray for the repose of their souls.

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 Parish Jubilee pilgrimage.
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.

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