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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – 22nd June 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4

(Response): **You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

The Priesthood of Melchizedek
Like Melchizedek of old we
bring bread and wine to the
altar and Christ transforms it
into his own body and blood for
the life of the multitude of the
redeemed.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21st: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 22nd: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Eileen & Farrell Humphries

11 am (CC): For the FHC candidates & their families

Mon 23rd: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Jean Prince

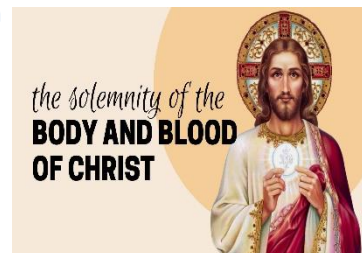
Tue 24th: RIP of Raymond & Dorothy Fisher FM

Weds 25th: 7 pm (CC): For private intention

Thurs 26th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Mary Ellen Bryant FM

Fri 27th: 9:30 am (CC): For the repose of the soul of Antoon

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: JESUS SATISFIES OUR HUNGER WITH HIS BODY AND BLOOD

Today is the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ commonly called Corpus Christi. The solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV on September 8th, 1264, in a bull Transitus. The feast ordinarily falls on the Thursday after the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, but in countries where this day is not a day of obligation, the feast is transferred to the nearest Sunday. On this day, we usually have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to show to the world who Jesus is to us. We did this on Thursday with our school children after we had our whole school mass. For us in Cameroon, this procession is deferred for the Solemnity of Christ the King (last Sunday of the year) because of the rains at this time of the year which may disrupt the procession.

As we celebrate this feast, we are reminded of the fact that Jesus is the only one who can satisfy our hunger. He does so with his body and blood, this is evident in the gospel of today. After spending the whole day in a lonely place with a multitude of over 5,000 people, night fall was approaching, and the apostles demanded Jesus let the people go, so that they can buy something to eat in the neighbouring towns, since they were in an isolated place. But Jesus demands they give them something to eat themselves. With such a large crowd and only five loaves and two fish, how could that satisfy the hunger of the people? But Christ orders them to place them in groups. He took the bread and fish blessed them and gave them to be shared and behold the remains from the banquet totalled 12 baskets. Their hunger was satisfied by Christ.

This same miracle takes place every day in the Eucharistic banquet, where through the action of the priest, Christ performs the same miracle by making himself available to quench our thirst and to satisfy our hunger. But it's rather unfortunate that sometimes we do not avail ourselves worthily for the reception of this great sacrament. We do this by either receiving Christ in a state of sin or without much preparation. The latter accounts for why some people come to Church without participating at the table of the Word but go ahead to participate at the table of the Eucharist. By doing so, we only seek our own condemnation. For those who for one reason or another cannot receive Christ because of impediments (such as cohabitation), we should know that we are missing something great in our lives. Christ wants to satisfy our hunger. Do everything within your power to overcome the blocks, so as to receive Christ present in this most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

As we strive daily to be satisfied in our hunger by Christ, let us as well take up time to adore and worship him in the blessed Sacrament. He is left abandoned in so many tabernacles because many of us are too busy about our own concerns and have no time for him. Can we create time daily or weekly, say an hour or two to adore and worship him before the Blessed Sacrament? Try this out and see the many miracles he is going to perform in our lives.

Today our First Holy Communion candidates will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. These children have been trained to fall in love with Christ and to hunger for his body and blood always. By themselves they cannot do it but need us the parents and family members to support them in this journey. We need to help them long to receive Christ always and to learn to come before him in prayers and adoration. We need to help them understand the value of this sacrament in their lives so that they know they have something to rely on especially in trying moments.

May we always turn to Jesus when in need and he is going to satisfy our hunger. Nothing on earth can do so for us. As we celebrate this feast, let us in a special way pray for priests who make Christ available to us in the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. Though unworthy we are, may we, priests, allow ourselves to be transformed by Christ so that directed by him, we may lead his people in holiness.

May the Body and Blood of Christ which we receive at mass help us to love and serve him daily.

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 22nd of June 2025 at 11 am is the First Holy Communion Day at Corpus Christi Church.
3. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online.

EASTER HOLIDAY: Fr Emmanuel will be 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.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 15/06/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £84.88, Envelopes £29.45 and Day for Life £29.40

Contactless Collection: General £5

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £134.56, Envelopes £15, Candles £10.65, Coffee £0.50 Mass Stipend £20, Catholic Communication Network £5, Day for Life £67.01 and Car Wash £195

Contactless Collection: General £25 and New Heating System £10

Online Donation: General £22 and New Heating (Car Wash) £59.04

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 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 queuing 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.

Our thanks to the Baffins Yarn Bombers for replacing the bunting outside the hall and up the ramp to the church. A lot of hard work has gone into this and we are eternally grateful.

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 tax payer, 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

WORD OF THANKS: We want to thank all the volunteers who helped in our cake sale (£207.40) and car wash fundraising (£254.04) for our new heating system. May God bless you all immensely.

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.

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

PROCESSION SUNDAY, 22 June 2025

There will be a procession to Baffins Pond and back along Tangier Road on Sunday, 22 June starting at 1 pm. It would be lovely if some of the First Communion children could process in their special outfits. Please be outside St. Joseph's by 12.45 pm.

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

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 will take place on Saturday, 4 October 2025 at Bournemouth Oratory. If enough people are interested, we will organise a coach, but we need at least 50. Times will be given later. Please speak to Gail or Marion if you are interested.
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.

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