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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 15th June 2025 COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-9

(Response): **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
through all the earth!**

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Glory To The Father, The
Son, And The Holy Spirit
The Spirit glorifies the Son
of the eternal Father, and
today we in the Spirit give
glory to God, for the love of
God has been poured into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 15th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): For good health & God's blessing to all the volunteers in our parish

Mon 16th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM

Tue 17th:

Weds 18th: 7 pm (CC): In Thanksgiving to God for birthday & 10 years wedding anniversary

Thurs 19th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Barbara Polli FM

Fri 20th: 9:30 am (CC): For the souls in purgatory

**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: SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

In the Catholic Church, there are three fundamental truths or dogmas on which all doctrines and life of the Church is built. They are the dogmas of the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation and the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Today we are celebrating one of these truths, namely, that there is one God who is made up of three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Whether we are aware of this truth or not, we profess it in so many ways in the Church. For example, we are baptized in the name of the Trinity, begin mass with the name of the Trinity, begin and end prayers with the name of the Trinity, celebrate the sacraments with this name and all doxologies in the Church use this formula. These examples are clear indication of the great place that the Trinity has in our lives as Catholics.

When we talk about the Blessed Trinity, we are not talking about three gods but One God in three persons. The emphasis is because there are many Catholics and non-Catholics alike who strive to contest or make a mockery of this dogma simply because they say the fact of God being One in three persons is incomprehensible. That is true but it is the truth that God is that way. Jesus revealed this to us.

God had surely foreseen this difficulty of understanding him as one God in three persons with the Jews. This accounts for why there are no explicit Old Testament texts on the Trinity. Surrounded, as they were, by nations that practiced polytheism, there would have been a danger that the Jews might have interpreted three persons in one God to mean three gods, leading to polytheism.

Our belief in the doctrine of the Trinity is not something conceived by the human mind but a revelation which man accepts wholeheartedly from God. Man would never have known that God is One in three persons if God himself did not reveal this to him. The revelation of the nature of God as One God in three persons comes from the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. He makes us realize that God is a unity of persons, three persons in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. These three persons of the Blessed Trinity are bonded together in unity by LOVE and TOTAL SELF-GIVING. Each has his own function to perform, even though when each person of the Trinity acts it is the Trinity acting as one. The Father is the creator, and he is the one who begets the Son. The Son is the redeemer and purifier. He is the one who purifies us and makes us fit for God's kingdom. He is the one that took flesh and not the Father. The second reading tells us that the Son is the judge. It says, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory" (Rom 5:1-2). After finishing his work on earth, the Holy Spirit is promised to us for our sanctification. This we find in the

gospel of today when Christ says "I still have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as for himself, but he will only say what has been learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come" (Jn 16:12-13). From this we can see that the Holy Spirit is not only the sanctifier but one who reveals the complete truth to us. Without the Holy Spirit, man would not have comprehended well all that Jesus taught and did and the things still to happen after he left this world.

As we celebrate and remember this great dogma of our faith, we must all strive to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity. We have seen that the persons of the Trinity are a unity of persons bonded by love and total self-giving. This is a call for us all to be united and be a source of unity wherever we find ourselves. There are lots and lots of division in the world today. Families, workplaces, institutions, churches, etc. are living in separation, people don't see eye to eye, etc. We are all sharing in the life of the Trinity by being agents of unity. To carry out this task, we must be guided by God's love and the Spirit of total self-giving. It's a challenge for us to ask ourselves whether we love those around us. Do we give up ourselves daily to be of service to others or we only want others to serve us?

Sharing in the life of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to carry out our respective functions with the spirit of love, unity and total self-giving be it as parents, children, teachers, politician, administrator, leaders of any sort, etc. Once we cannot do this, then we are not sharing in the life of the Trinity. May the three persons of the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit help us to share in their life and may they bestow on us the graces to do this daily.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 08/06/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £43.22, Envelopes £22, Catholic Communication Network £20, Clergy Training Fund £10, Day for Life £3 and Hall Rent £766

Contactless Collection: General £15

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £133.94, Envelopes £15, Candles £2, Mass Stipend £20, Catholic Communication Network £23 and Cake Sale £207.40

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

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-corporus-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.1

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. **We now have QR code in our benches and entrance of the church where you can also do your offering/donations. Thank you for your generosity.**

DAY FOR LIFE: Our second collection today Sunday 15th of June is "Day for Life". 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.

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

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:** Our next session will be on Saturday 11th of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am.
- 2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2024/25:** 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.

COLLECTION OF MISSIO/RED BOXES: Please bring your Red Box today 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. **"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."**

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

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.

WORD OF THANKS: We want to thank all the volunteers who helped in our cake sale (£207.40) and car wash fundraising 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)

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.

SPORTS: Today Sunday 15th 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. Next month First Friday Adoration will be on the 11th of July at 10 am to 6 pm and it will end with Benediction.

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.

FUNERALS: Two of our parishioners just recently died. The funeral mass for Jean Prince will be on Monday 30th of June at 11 am at Corpus Christy Church and will proceed to Kingston Cemetery after. Pam Farr's funeral mass will be on Thursday 10th of July at 11 am at Corpus Christy 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 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.

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