



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 66:10-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

(Response): **Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Christ Our Peace

The peace of Christ which we celebrate today should leave its mark on us so that we become messengers of peace of all around us.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm (SJ): For the deceased members of Heywood & MacCachen families

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Mary Edwards

11 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Kerela Community

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 8<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 9<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Paul Chidyausiku



**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: CHRIST IS OUR PEACE

There are some areas, countries and people who have not known peace for a while. I think particularly of the people of the two English speaking regions of Cameroon who have not known peace since the close of 2016 and the people of Ukraine, who are at war with Russia to defend their land. I also think of Israel and Iran and the other places experiencing internal turbulence. In such places as above, people go to bed with restless hearts and not sure of seeing the next day. Some go to bed and cannot rest because their eyes are dripping down with tears and they end up getting up with headache or anxieties and depression the next day. There are some who "daydream" because of the problems they worry about, might be ill-health, loss of someone dear, challenges in life, poverty, unfortunate happenings, etc. All these and more take away the peace which they were supposed to be enjoying as children of God.

Are you in crisis, difficulties, going through challenging moments? Is your marriage on the rocks, sickness at your doorsteps, friends troublesome, bereaved, etc.? Despite these, the readings are assuring us that Jesus is our peace. He will give us peace even amidst the difficulties we encounter.

The people in the first reading of today are assured of peace by the prophet Isaiah. They had abandoned God through their sinful ways and were taken captives to Babylon. They worry about the ruined city of Jerusalem and long to go back. The prophet brings words of peace and consolation by assuring them that they will go back home soon. In the gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples to preach the gospel; a gospel that brings peace. He instructs them that their first words to any home they visit should be: peace be to this house. If a person of peace lives there his peace will come there otherwise it will be taken away.

We need to enjoy the peace God gives us each day. Peace was his first words to his apostles after his resurrection. It is the same peace given to us at mass by the priest at the sign of peace. But why is it that peace is nearly absent in the lives of some of us? I have come to realize that peace is taken away from us when we are in sin (because of a guilty conscience), when we concentrate on material things and relationships more than Christ (because they do fail us), and when Christ is absent at the centre of our lives. We need to check out these three things.

We surely know many families, communities and individuals who do not enjoy peace. But the question to help us at the moment is: even if I have not been enjoying peace, how then can I get back on track in order to enjoy the peace Christ brings to me? The following thoughts will be helpful.

1. Peace is not the absence of war or the silence of the graveyard. It has to do with the state of mind. That is why it is often said that peace is an inside job. When we have conditioned our minds and know that we can enjoy peace at all times, then we have a different look at life and even amidst sufferings and persecutions, failures and challenges, we shall still enjoy peace.

2. Peace is not gotten from material things or from relationships especially the erotic type. They do fail us and leave us with broken hearts. The lives of many around us can testify to this. So do not allow yourself to be fooled.

3. Peace comes from Christ alone. He is our peace. It comes by listening to his word, reflecting on it and putting it into practice each day. It comes when Christ recites in us and quietens the conscience and emotions that come to derail us. Without the presence of Christ, the heart becomes an erupting volcano.

As we end this reflection, I would invite us to personalise the Prayer for Peace of St. Francis of Assisi which says:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life".

May we pray that the peace Christ gives us each day may be enjoyed by all his sons and daughters who seek him, with sincere and humble hearts and also by those who do not know him or seek him in shades and shadows.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The St. Joseph's friendship club will meet next Saturday, 12 July between 10 and 11.30 am in the hall. All welcome. Come and bring a friend and meet others over a cup of tea or coffee and cake !!

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 29/06/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £64.90, Envelopes £24.50, Peter's Pence £30.90, Candles £26.46, Coffee £12, Stella Maris £20 and Hall Rent £645

**Contactless Collection:** General £15, Votive Candles £10

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £230.31, Envelopes £45, Candles £6.90, Mass Stipend £10 and Peter's Pence £67 and Coffee £5

**Contactless Collection:** General £25, New Heating System £15

**Online Donation:** General £51, New Heating £10

## **STANDING ORDERS JUNE £ 1,821**

**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 May and June was £106.02. 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/QR code in both churches to donate to Bamenda.

## **DONA CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE:**



CHURCH COLLECTION

Please remember you can make your donations to the church via the DONA machine in the porch or by scanning the QR code. This is an easy way of accessing the payment method, rather than queueing at the machine. Just point your phone's camera at the QR code and then follow the instructions on your phone.

**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.

## **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:** Our next session will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am. Please note change of date.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online.

## **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE DRAW**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – TOM BLAIR**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – RUBY JEFFRIES**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – DANNY EDWARDS**

## **CRAFT MARKET IN THE HALL**

One Sunday a month, there is a craft market in the hall at St. Joseph's between 12 and 2. All Welcome. The next one is Sunday, 27 July.

Also, there are many different group meeting in the hall, from keep fit, yoga, etc. please see the notice on the wall in the hall for details

# CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

20TH OF JULY SUNDAY - Parish Summer Fayre Fundraising at Corpus Christi after the 11 am mass. £10/person or £40/family of 5 for food, drinks, raffle and games. Tickets are on sale now at the back of both churches. Please look for Angela (SJ) or Joy (CC).

24TH OF AUGUST SUNDAY - Outdoor/ Cultural Mass at Corpus Christi. There will be food tasting and display for a donation. Money will go to Corpus Christi Church new heating system.

### **HELP! HELP! HELP!**

Please don't forget we need funds for the new heating system for Corpus Christi Church. You can donate via the DONA machine in both churches or the QR code.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST JOSEPH PARISH PILGRIMAGE 4TH OCTOBER 2025**

**BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TRAVEL COST TO BE ARRANGED**

**SIGN UP SHEETS AT BACK OF CHURCH**



### **MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**

**WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:** Weekday adoration will take place in Our Lady Chapel of Corpus Christi Church before each Mass. This month's First Friday Adoration will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, 6 – 9 pm at St. Joseph's hall. All welcome.

There was a site meeting at St. Joseph's church this week because a small leak had been spotted. The area is now barricaded off and the leak will be repaired as soon as possible.

### **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:**

Gail Edwards, Sonia Hopwood, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaword, 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 Mukhlane, 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.**

**FUNERAL:** Pam Farr's funeral mass will be this 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 her soul.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Val Croughan, a former Parishioner, who died this week and also Carolina Baker, a regular Parishioner who died recently.

### **JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING OUTCOME**

The ongoing parish activities during this jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope are as follows. 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.

1. Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope bookmark will be said after every mass throughout the jubilee year.
2. **A Parish Jubilee pilgrimage – see notice opposite.**
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.

### **SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE PRIZES**

If anyone has any unwanted gifts or new items that they could donate to the Fayre, these would be gratefully received. Please give to Angela Waldren (SJ) or Joy Cagape (CC).

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