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15th Ordinary Sunday – 13th July 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14, 17. 30-31. 33-34

(Response): **Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;

you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

His Word Is Near

We celebrate the nearness
of the Lord to us his people.

He is the Good Samaritan
who comes close to us and
heals us, raising us to life as
his own body.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 12th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 13th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Matthew McDonnell

11 am (CC): RIP of Paul Chidyausiku

Mon 14th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Paul Chidyausiku

Tue 15th:

Weds 16th: 7 pm (CC): Wellbeing of Jenny Pearce

Thurs 17th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 18th: 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: WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOOD SAMARITANS TO OUR NEIGHBOUR

The Samaritans were hated by the Jews at the time of Jesus. It would seem the Jews had every good reason for hating the Samaritans and looking down on them. This was because the Samaritans had contaminated religion with pagan practices and rites and by this fact lived in ritual impurity. Therefore, at that time, to insult a Jew or to look down on a Jew or to provoke a Jew was to call him a Samaritan. Calling a Jew, a Samaritan was like calling him a bastard, a good for nothing somebody, or a renegade or a heretic (Jn 8:48). But Jesus today clarifies the wrong notion of Samaritans and invites us to be Good Samaritans to our neighbours.

The first reading of today is an admonition from Moses to the people of Israel. Moses invites the Israelites to: obey the voice of the Lord, to keep the commandments and laws of God, and challenges them to return to God with all their heart and soul. He makes it clear to them that the law which he enjoins on them today is not something far beyond their strength and their reach. It is not a law that is in heaven, lest someone complains that he hasn't heard of it and so cannot keep it. The law is not far beyond the sea so that we would wonder who will go across the sea to get the laws for our hearing and keeping. Rather, the law is very near to us, it is in our mouths and in our hearts for our observance.

Having heard these words this morning, we cannot doubt where the law is; for it is in our hearts for our observance. But we can sometimes thwart the law so that our hearts are hardened and the law remains only something theoretical. This is what is expressed in the gospel of today. We are told in the gospel that a lawyer or a scribe, who are those who had made a life-study of the law of Moses, wanted to try Jesus, to confuse him and to embarrass him in public. Together with the Pharisees, the Lawyers were very much opposed to Jesus and his message. They frequently put questions to him, hoping to trick him into some answer that might turn the people or the Roman authorities against Jesus. That is what this lawyer wanted to do today. This is because the lawyer was not ignorant of the answer to the question he posed to Jesus.

The gospel begins with this question from a lawyer who wanted to disconcert Jesus: "master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response, Jesus asks "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The man replied that "You must love the Lord your God with all

your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Jesus tells the lawyer that he has given a perfect answer and encouraged him to do that and he will have life.

The religious leaders in the days of Jesus had an ongoing discussion especially among the rabbis as to who one's neighbour was. At the end of the day, they all agreed that people, who are living far away from Israel and the enemies of Israel, such as Samaritans, were not to be considered neighbours. This is probably why the lawyer, wanting to justify himself, asks Jesus who really is his neighbour. We are very thankful to this lawyer that his question brought forth one of the most beautiful and teaching parables Jesus ever taught: the parable of the Good Samaritan as it is called today.

We are all familiar with this parable. But permit me to look at it again for the purpose of our message this morning. This parable is recounted between a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho, a distance of about 27km; a journey to be undertaken for 5 hours on foot. The road was a very dangerous one with so many bends and at every bend, there was the possibility of running into bandits. A Jew had been attacked by bandits and mercilessly beaten leaving him half dead. Two classes of people, a priest and a Levite, passed by this fellow Jew without offering him a helping hand. But why should these Church leaders and neighbour to this wounded Jew passed without offering a helping hand? May be they were afraid of being attacked themselves or maybe they were worried about losing their ritual purity since they were probably to offer sacrifices in the Temple. But perhaps I think that the real reason behind their not helping was the false religion they practiced which had hardened their hearts and so made them insensitive to those in need.

Now a Samaritan was taking the same road to Jericho and comes across this wounded Jew. Even though he did not have any theoretical knowledge of the law of God, this law was written in his heart for his observance. That law is love. Love moved him to compassion. He also had his own duties and concerns to execute but unlike the priest and the Levite, he immediately forgot about his own concerns and duties in order to help the wounded Jew

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The St. Joseph's friendship club will meet this Saturday, 12 July between 10 and 11.30 am in the hall. @The next meeting will be Saturday, 9 August. All welcome. Come and bring a friend and meet others over a cup of tea or coffee and cake (this week, it's scones)!!

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 06/07/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £79.36, Envelopes £30.45, Peter's Pence £33, Day for Life £32, Stella Maris £20 and Hall Rent £120

Contactless Collection: General £5

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £162.61, Envelopes £60, Candles £6.80, Mass Stipend £35 and Peter's Pence £23, Stella Maris £10, Coffee £11.71, Cath Herald Mag £5

Contactless Collection: General £0, New Heating System £90 and mass intention £20

Online Donation: General £37

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.

Are you new to the Parish? Or a long-standing Parishioner? Would you like to set up a standing order or direct debit? If you do, please speak to Jenny (CC) or Angela (SJ) 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 18th 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

1ST PRIZE – TOM BLAIR
2ND PRIZE – RUBY JEFFRIES
3RD 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). You will need to sign a list as the cost includes entry to the raffle.

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).

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! - the boiler at CC needs replacing

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

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. Refreshments will be served. We need volunteers to distribute flyers around the local streets. There is a list of roads at the back of the church. If you are able to do this, please cross off the road you are going to deliver to so that it is not done twice!!!

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

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.

PLEASE PRAY for Val Croughan, a former Parishioner, who died last 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.

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

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 11th of July at 10 am to 6 pm and it will end with Benediction.

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