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16th Ordinary Sunday – 20th July 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

(Response): **O Lord, who may abide in your tent?**

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Our Friend

The mystery of today's celebration is Christ among us as our friend. We welcome him as Abraham welcomed the Lord at Mamre, and Martha and Mary welcomed Christ at Bethany.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 20th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Luizin Braganza

11 am (CC): Thanking God for life in the UK & blessings ahead

Mon 21st: 9:30 am (CC): Thanksgiving to God for blessings by Terry

Tue 22nd: For Gerard Doyle's wellbeing

Weds 23rd: 7 pm (CC): RIP of James and Hilda Ross

Thurs 24th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 25th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Kieran Scott Towler

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: THE BLESSINGS OF HOSPITALITY

Hospitality has been defined as a friendly or generous reception and entertainment of a guest, visitor or stranger. It has to do with welcoming others and making them feeling being welcomed as well. This is what the readings of today are inviting us to practice always as a sign of true Christian living. It guarantees us that when we practice hospitality, there are blessings that accrue from it.

In the first reading, we find Abraham taking his rest at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day at the Oak of Mamre. As he was resting, he saw three men whom he beckoned not to pass by without resting in his house. As the people accepted his offer, he disturbed the wife's comfort by asking her to prepare loaves of bread and the servant to prepare a calf for his guests. When everything was ready, he personally served them and being satisfied with his hospitality, the men decided to bless him and the wife with the promise of a child that same time the following year. One thing that is remarkable about Abraham's hospitality is that he did not even know these people whom he personally served. He served Angels without knowing and was blessed thereafter.

In the gospel as well, Jesus is accorded hospitality by Martha and Mary. Jesus comes to their home and is welcomed by Martha who stays in the kitchen preparing something for him and Mary at his feet listening to him. This is a challenge to us to find out how we welcome guests and strangers who come to our homes, offices, shops, etc. Are we hospitable to them? Personally, I am happy when I visit a home or office and I am welcomed and well taken care of and this has challenged me to always do the same to others who come my way. It is a virtue we all can strive to practice each day so that it eventually becomes a habit.

In the gospel story of today, we can see that Jesus wants us to realize that hospitality takes various forms. It's not just about physical entertainment, like Abraham and Martha did, but about a spiritual reality. In most part, hospitality should deal with giving our time to listening to God who comes to visit us daily. Martha was carried away by serving but Mary went for the listening part: sitting at the feet of Jesus and relishing from his banquet of eternal Word. That is why Jesus advocates that Mary chose the better part because the Word of God is far more important.

Therefore, apart from ordinary entertainment of visitors, guests and strangers, we need to go deeper by entertaining the Word of God in our lives. God wants us to be hospitable to Him by reading his Word in Scriptures and by listening to him in prayers. We do sometimes and for other, often neglect this.

The above notwithstanding, I would like to share few things we ought to take into consideration when we practice hospitality. They are all drawn from the readings of today.

1. In hospitality, we take the first step by judging the needs of the others first and act without any hope of expecting something in return. It should be gratuitous. This is what Abraham did.
2. Hospitality calls on us to sacrifice our time, money and other resources for the sake of others. In a sense, hospitality goes with the burden a burden on the host. Abraham, Martha and Mary did just that. We too can do that.
3. In practicing hospitality, we must be humble servants in the manner of Abraham. Without humility and servanthood, we will find it difficult to practice this virtue.
4. Finally, hospitality affords us the opportunity to change our own programme for the sake of the others. It is not something easy. Abraham was resting and probably the wife and servant. But in the face of these strangers, their programmes were all changed to accommodate their needs.

Dear friends, one thing that is sure about being hospitable is that God always reward us for our hospitality. We should never be afraid to practice this virtue daily despite the abuses that have gone with it. It is true that people have welcomed strangers in their homes in the name of hospitality and these people ended up dubbing them or stealing from them. It is painful, but we must remember that abuse does not take away use. Many today pose as destitutes in need of our hospitality. God too today pose like a destitute in need of our hospitality. What is needed of us is prudence, discernment, patience, change of personal program and God's guidance in the practice of hospitality.

As we strive each day to be hospitable, we should never practice it out of self-interest but for the sake of the love for mankind.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 13/07/2025

1. Collections will be counted next week as the those involved in counting are on vacation/sick.
2. We use this opportunity to say a big thank you to Goerge Comerford, one of our Corpus Christi primary school children, who has been able to raise for us close to £200 for the church heating through sales of bracelets and crochets. May God abundantly bless him for us.

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-corporus-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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be on Saturday, 9 August at 10 am to 11.30 am.

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 2025

1. **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** Our next session will be on Saturday 18th of October 2025 in St Joseph Upper Hall at 11 am.
2. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Candidates are being prepared and near completion.

MAARIAGE BANNs

Ogechi Okonkwo and Kpoobari Kevin Peter are preparing for their wedding beginning of next month. Let us pray for them. If you have any concerns why they can't be married, please do contact the parish priest.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are appealing for volunteers at Corpus Christi as catechists for children's liturgy, welcomers, choristers, tea/coffee, cleaners, etc. Please, if you can help our contact the parish priest or Joy Cagape.

Please note slight changes to the layout in the porch at St. Joseph's. This has been done to ease congestion for people returning hymn books etc

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

20TH OF JULY SUNDAY – Today is our 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. Please come and support. If you have any raffle prizes, please bring them along on the day.

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

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, 7 – 9 pm at St. Joseph's hall. All welcome.

RECEPTION OF ST. GUILD MEDAL AT ST. JOSEPH

On Sunday 27th July 2025, Cathy-Anne is going to receive the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen Medal of Merit for her dutiful and dedicated service at the sanctuary at St. Joseph for more than two decades. We thank her for her services and pray for God's continued guidance over her.

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.

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.

CAFOD are hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. **Closing date 27 July 2025.** See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

Music at St. Joseph: For a long time, we have not had music with the organ at SJ. Chris Kimber has freely accepted to come back and assist with the playing of the organ. We welcome him back and ask him to work with Janette Nevett to ensure all goes on well.

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