



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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17th Ordinary Sunday – 27th July 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8

(Response): **On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Our Father In Heaven

Christ has given us in very truth the power to become the children of God. Compare the timidity and self-abnegation of Abraham's prayer with the confidence with which Christ teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 26th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 27th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Terence Anthony Hutchins

11 am (CC): For Afri. Comm. Members celebrating BDs/anni in July

Mon 28th: 9:30 am (CC):

Weds 30th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 31st: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 1st: 9:30 am (CC): For intentions of First Friday adorers

12noon: Wedding mass of Ogechi Okonkwo and Kpoobari Kevin Peter

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: LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY

We have probably heard it said that prayer can move mountains or that a prayerless Christian is a powerless one. These two phrases bring out the important and need for prayers in our lives as Christians. The disciples of Jesus had watched Jesus prayed several times, spending even whole nights in prayers. They had seen the Pharisees prayed and Jesus warning them not to pray like the Pharisees who are hypocrites and like to make long prayers in public to show off (Mt 6:5). They had seen or heard that John the Baptist had taught his disciples how to pray. They were surely wondering: what is prayer and what is the best way to pray or how should we pray? To clear their doubts, after Jesus had finished praying in a certain place, one of his disciples came forward and asked him to teach them how to pray: "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples" (Lk 11:1).

In response to this question, Jesus gave the formula and pattern of all prayers summarised in the "Our Father" prayer. He told them to say the following when they pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test" (Lk 11:2-4).

This version of Luke is slightly different in formulation and structure from that of Matthew which is the version the Church has approved for communal prayers. But what is important for us as Christians is not just a mere recitation of the prayer but to follow the steps outlined by Jesus in praying. It means for us to be able to pray well, the following elements must be considered as revealed in the prayer formula of Jesus and the readings of today:

1. Our prayers should contain the element of praise and worship of God.
2. It should allow room to discern God's will and not our will (surrendering to God).

3. It should be able to ask for the needs of today and not the needs of today and tomorrow.
4. We should be ready to forgive if we expect to receive forgiveness.
5. Our prayers must be persistent, constant, humble and sincere as expressed in first reading and gospel.
6. It should have the good of the others at heart.

With these in mind, our prayers will become more meaningful and our dialogue with God and mankind shall become fruitful as well.

Dear friends in Christ, we should be able to realize that prayer is the key. There are no challenges, trials, problems, difficulties, etc which God cannot answer in prayers. All we need do is to persist in praying and trusting in God and believing in our hearts that what we ask in prayers we have received already.

Sometimes we fail to persist in prayers and give-up easily when our requests seem not to be answered immediately. It should not be the case. At other times, we think priests, religious, bishops and men of God are those whose prayers are mostly answered. That's not true. We all need to be prayerful men and women with the fear of God in our hearts. We need as well to ask Jesus daily to teach us how to pray. May we be prayerful persons and intercessors for one another and teach others to pray as Jesus teaches us to pray today.

MARRIAGE BANNES: Last call

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 and St. Joseph's 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 or Angela Waldren in the first instance.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 20/07/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £123.47 & £86.58, Envelopes £33 & £45.50, Coffee £18, Stella Maris £39.60 and Hall Rent £1,138

Contactless Collection: General £0, Votive Candle £0

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £59.66 & 94.13, Envelopes £15 & 35, Candles £1.20, Mass Stipend £ and Stella Maris £72 & 25, Peter's Pence £15, summer Fayre £610, George Comerford church heating £260, Terry's sale of bottle lights £28.

Contactless Collection: General £15, New Heating System £0

Online Donation: General £28, New Heating £30, mass intention £5

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 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.

RECEPTION OF ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD MEDAL AT ST. JOSEPH

On Sunday 27th July 2025, Cathy-Anne Gray 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.

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.

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

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

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.

2 NOVEMBER: Bamenda Sunday. By many requests, the Bamenda lunch is returning, but in a different form. Watch this space for more information. But please put the date in your diary.

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

VOTE OF THANKS TO ORGANISERS OF LAST FUND RAISING EVENT

We want to thank all the volunteers who helped us with the summer fayre and fundraising last week particularly Hubert, Joy and Julia. We had more than enough left over as food/drink and hoping to do a fund raise again before the summer holidays come to a close.

100 CLUB draws: Will take place this week after mass in the hall at Corpus Christi.

WORD OF THANKS TO GEORGE COMERFORD:

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 £260 for the church heating through sales of bracelets. May God abundantly bless you for this good work.

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

Heather Walker, 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 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.

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.

THE FUNERAL of Val Croughan will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville at 12 noon followed by private committal

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

at Corpus Christi. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church for people to sign up times they will be coming to adore Christ and pray.

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