



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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18th Ordinary Sunday – 3rd August 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14, 17

(Response): **O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.**

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Christ Who Is Everything And In Everything
Today our thoughts are on heavenly things,
not on the things of earth where without
Christ all is vanity and great injustice.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 2nd: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 3rd: 9 am (SJ): For Gail Edwards' health and recovery

11 am (CC): For Michael Smith

Mon 4th: 9:30 am (CC): For Michael Smith

Tue 5th:

Weds 6th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of John Heywood FM

Thurs 7th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 8th: 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: OUR LIVES ARE NOT MADE SECURE BY WHAT WE OWN

After receiving First Holy Communion as a kid all I wanted to do was to serve God. My heart was on the things of heaven and not on the things of this earth. I joined the Altar Servers group and was very faithful and devoted. All I thought about was becoming a priest. But at adolescence, with its crisis and peer pressure, I changed my mind and had two other considerations: either to become a banker or a soldier. I forgot about the ways of God and will not even go to Church any more. I dreamt about the kind of luxurious life I wanted to live in future. For me, enjoying life was good and I thought my life would be secured by what I own. Unfortunately, God had a different plan for me. He led me through various events to come to realise that one's life is not made secure by what one owns even when one has more than one needs. Therefore, we should put our hearts on the things of heaven and not on the things of earth.

This clarion call invites us to realise that our lives are not made secure by what we own and so we should put our hearts on the things of heaven. This call runs through all the readings of today. In the gospel, a man walks up to Jesus and asks him to be the arbitrator between him and his brother. He asks Jesus to tell his brother to give him his own share of the property left for them. His brother has been greedy and owned all that was to be theirs. And since the other brother was anxious to have his own things, wanted Jesus to intervene. Jesus uses the opportunity to teach us that our lives cannot be made secured by what we own even when we have more than enough and proved this by telling a parable. A rich farmer had a rich harvest and decided to scatter his barn and build a bigger one and store his produce which could take him on for several years. Then he said to himself, I now have all it takes to enjoy life. I will say to my soul: you have plenty of good things to enjoy so take life easy; eat, drink, have a good time (Lk 12:19). Unfortunately, God decided to call

him that night and all he had worked for was left for others to enjoy.

It is in the above light that Ecclesiastes tells us in the first reading that all is vanity. We labour under the sun wisely, skilfully, with restless nights and become successful but die and leave our achievements to someone else: vanity of vanities. If only we could understand this, then our priorities will be not to labour so much for the things of this world but for the things of heaven. That is what the second reading of today encourages us to do. That our thoughts should be on the things of heaven and not on the things of earth since our lives are hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3-4). By doing this, St. Paul calls on us to let go of the earthly life of fornication, impurity, guilty passions, evil desires and especially greed (Col 3:5). If we all do this, then we shall actually be securing our lives in heaven and not an earthly life.

We need today dear friends in Christ to realise that all our labours in this world for the material things shall one day fail us when we die. No one dies and takes with him or her what he or she has attained on earth. We leave that to others. So why abandon God and labour for what does not endure? Therefore, we should concentrate more to secure our lives in Christ than in the things of this world that can fail us or cannot lead us to heaven.

NEW APPROACH TO GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM:

We have come to realise that some parents do not understand the difference between a godparent and a witness for baptism. This has led to situations where none Catholics have stood as godparents for their kids. As a clarification, a witness at baptism can be anyone from any denomination or one without a religion. But a godparent must be a practicing Catholic and one who is able to receive the sacraments. In this light, we would be introducing a form that parents who want their children to be baptised must send to the godparents so that their Parish priest can fill and sign to testify that they are practicing Catholics and regular in their sacramental lives.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 27/07/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £102.17, Envelopes £45.55, Peter's Pence £125, and Hall Rent £885

Contactless Collection: General £10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £147.34, Envelopes £35, Candles £4, and Church heating £30 and Coffee £5.46

Contactless Collection: General £25.

Online Donation: General £67, New Heating £30

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online.

PRESENTATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD SILVER MEDAL AT ST. JOSEPH

On Sunday 27th July 2025, Cathy-Anne Gray could not receive the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen Medal of Merit for her dutiful and dedicated service for more than two decades at the sanctuary at St. Joseph. This will be done within mass this weekend. We thank her for her services and pray for God's continued guidance over her.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: We are looking forward to start training and preparing our altar servers who have served for over a year towards the reception of medals on the feast day of St. Stephen on December 26th. We would call on parents to help them in this process.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY

WHEN? 4TH OCTOBER 2025; 8AM TO 5PM

TRAVEL COST: £20 PER HEAD

SIGN UP SHEETS AT BACK OF CHURCH



Pickup at SJ: 8am; Pickup at CC: 8:15am

Departure for Bournemouth: 8:30am

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.

100 CLUB draws winners:

1st prize: Eileen Pentney

2nd Prize: Paul Nash

3rd prize: Wakuna Fombon

Diocesan Medal for service to the parish to Angela

Waldren: Last Sunday before the final blessings at St. Joseph, Angela was surprised to be awarded the diocesan medal for meritorious services rendered to the parish for several decades now. We thank God for her relentless service to the parish in various capacity. May God continue to bless and direct her.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The next meeting of the Friendship Club Saturday, 9 August has been cancelled due to illness and holidays. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 13 September at 10 am.

Pastoral Areas training for Eucharistic ministers: This will be on Saturday 8th November at the Cathedral running from 9am to midday. It is mandatory for old and new Eucharistic ministers to attend.

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, Diane Lewis, 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.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Staycation: Open Afternoon Staycation at Ladywell (Ashstead Lane, GU7 1ST) on Tuesday 05 August from 2pm to 4pm.

Tea and coffee at CC: The kitchen at CC school is under renewal and cannot be used for tea and coffee. But we have arranged a corner in the hall where tea and coffee can be prepared and serve. Those in the hospitality team should especially take note.

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