



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:1, 12. 18-20, 22

(Response): **Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48

**The Lord Our God**

The Lord has chosen us to be his people. Though a little flock, our history goes back into the dim and distant past. The God we worship is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We also look forward in hope to a glorious future in the Kingdom of our Father.

## **WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>:** 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>:** 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): Thanksgiving to God for 55years of marriage

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (CC): RIP of John Jefferd & Mary Jefferd FM

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>:**

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup>:** 7 pm (CC):

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (SJ):

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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

## **DON'T BE AFRAID AS IT HAS PLEASED THE FATHER TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM**

Sometimes in life, we might become too anxious and afraid because of the things we hear or see or because of the things we have to do. We become afraid and anxious if we hear we have cancer or some other disease or if we hear a closed one is seriously sick or going for an interview, etc. We get worked up of what the outcome might be. The apostles and disciples of Christ were also anxious and afraid because of the things Christ had said. Last Sunday, he thought us on the need not to put our hearts on earthly things because they can fail us as it failed the rich farmer and he missed heaven. And so, Jesus assures us today not to be afraid because it has pleased his Father to give us His kingdom.

Dear friends in Christ, we don't need to be afraid because God has given us His kingdom. It is all ours, but we need to make the efforts to enter the kingdom. Three things stand out clearly from the readings of today to help us in this regard:

### **1. FAITH**

Faith has been described in the second reading as that which guarantees the blessings we hope for or the assurance of the realities that at present remain hidden (Heb 11:1). We need this faith daily to help us realise that the kingdom has been given to us and no need to be afraid. This should then help us to work towards the kingdom as Abraham did and was reckoned as a man of faith because of his total trust in God. Even when things happen that make our faith to waver, we shouldn't give up but trust in God knowing that he who has given us His kingdom cannot abandon us in our pains, difficulties, challenges and frustrations.

### **2. BE READY**

With our faith intact, then we need to be dressed for action with our lamps lit. In other words, we need to be ready for the master's return. The life that we have here on earth is for us to prepare ourselves for the coming kingdom of God. Since we do not know when the master will return to take us into that kingdom, all we need to do is to get ready, as Jesus uses parables in the gospel of today to illustrate the need to be ready, so that when the master comes, we are ready. That is why Jesus wants us to be ready like a man waiting for thieves to come so that he can defend his property. To be ready means to be watchful. We need to be

watchful about what we say, hear, think, watch on Tv, do, listen to, etc. Once we are watchful, it gives us a kind of spiritual alertness to always overcome sin.

### **3. MAKE USE OF THE SACRAMENTS**

The fact that we have faith and become watchful is no guarantee that we shall not digress. Therefore, we need the sacraments to always strengthen us. In this regard, I emphasise particularly the sacrament of Confession and our active participation at mass and the worthy reception of Holy Communion. These are great acts that help to purify and strengthen us on our earthly journey into the kingdom which the Father has given to us.

As we celebrate this day, let us know that the kingdom of God is all ours. Let this thought help us to get busy towards achieving this kingdom that Christ worked for us by the shedding of his blood on the cross at Calvary.

### **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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAM 2025**

Our FHC program this year shall take a different approach. Only kids of regular and practicing parishioners would be enrolled for the program this year and we shall need a maximum of 30 children for Corpus Christi and the rest go over to St. Joseph. Forms shall be collected from both churches, and the registration shall all be done and submitted on the same day during a meeting with prospective candidates and parents on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 at 6pm at the Corpus Christi church. The parents would have a greater role to play in the primary instruction of the children especially on memorising basic prayers and the responses at mass. Once we are convinced that this has been done properly, then the children will begin with the sessions after a retreat.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 03/08/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £88.84, Envelopes £41.10, central heating at CC £10 and Hall Rent £638

**Contactless Collection:** General £15

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £113.79, Envelopes £35, Candles £3.06, cake sale for church heating £55.50 and Terry's decorative bottles for church heating £25

**Contactless Collection:** General £20, New Heating System £32, candles £2.

**Online Donation:** General £42, mass intentions £19

## 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.

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

**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. We use this opportunity to thank Maruva for the cake sale last week during tea and coffee. She was able to raise £55.50.

# 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**

### 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.

## PARISH FUNDRAISING 2025

**Car wash fund raising:** There will be a car wash fund raising at Corpus Christi church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 running from 10am to 3pm. £10 per car only for an external wash.

**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. One of the members of this committee will be talking on Sunday at the end of mass about how we shall go about it.

### 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.

**Readers:** The leader of the Readers club, Tom Blair, wants to reboot the readers rota so we can have an up-to-date list of members. Old and new readers can email or text (names and telephone number) to Tom on [tplair1946@gmail.com](mailto:tplair1946@gmail.com) or on 07738 227922 if they wish to continue reading or to join. Readers must be baptised and communicants.

### 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.

### **African Catholic Community (ACC) Portsmouth:**

Announcing to all Africans that the ACC Portsmouth meetings shall be held every third Sunday of the month after mass at Corpus Christi hall. All Africans are invited to attend.

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

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