



CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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22nd Ordinary Sunday – 31st August 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7. 10-11

(Response): **In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus, The Mediator Of A New Covenant

God made the new covenant of his love with the poor, the lowly, the down-trodden and the oppressed. It is therefore in a spirit of humility, the spirit of Jesus, that we make our celebration today, asking him to accept the homage of the humble.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 30th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 31st: 9 am (SJ): For the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Stephanie & Simon Hughes

11 am (CC): For the Wedding Anniversary of Una Kronshage & Nee Cuffe

Mon 1st: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 2nd: RIP of Jim Pidgley FM

Weds 3rd: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 4th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Peggy & Martin Mangan FM

Fri 5th: 7 am till 6 pm (CC): First Friday Adoration

6 pm (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: LEAVE PRIDE AND TAKE ON HUMILITY: THE PATH TO HOLINESS

All spiritual writers agree that pride is one of those vices that we need to uproot from our lives if we must live an authentic Christian life. We must keep away from pride and take on the virtue of humility which is the path that leads to holiness. We know that pride comes from an over-inflated self-image and always comes before a fall. That is why we are called today to leave pride and embrace the path of humility, the path that leads to holiness.

My thoughts about pride makes me to describe it as an inflation of one's worth or an unrealistic self-estimation of who we are. It pushes us to think we are better than others, know more than others and should be treated better than them, when compared to them. It pushes us to show off. When I look keenly, pride sometimes is a cover-up of our emptiness and lack of self-worth. We seek to compensate for this by seeking for power, wanting to live an expensive lifestyle expressed by the kind of house we desire to live in, cars we drive, dresses we put on, food we eat, places we go for holiday, etc. It makes us to care more for the external things and forget the internal ones. Jesus condemns pride in the gospel of today when he shares from what he saw from the attitude of the Scribes and Pharisees, at the banquet he had been invited to. When the Scribes and Pharisees came into the banquet, they looked for places of honour to pride themselves above the others. In a sense, they wanted people to look at them as influential people. Jesus warns against such an attitude and recommends that when invited for a banquet, take the insignificant positions and if you are brought to the level of significance, it is to your advantage rather than take the influential chair and later asked to move down to a lower position. What a disgrace. I have seen so many people disgraced this way at public occasions.

To avoid such a disgrace and to grow in holiness, we must take the path of humility which leads to holiness. Humility is the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance. In other words, it is the quality of not being proud because you are aware of your bad qualities. As someone has said "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less". The above suggests that to be humble we need to practice self-abasement, humbleness, meekness, lowliness, and submissiveness. This is helpful especially as it is often said that he who is lying down is not afraid to fall anymore.

The first reading invites us to this virtue of humility by asking us to be:

1. Gentle in carrying out our duties.
2. Recognise that the greater we are the humbler we should be so that we find favour with the Lord.
3. Understand that God accepts the homage of the humble.

From these, we can then understand why in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus invites us to be meek/gentle and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). Jesus, through God, was humble and took a very humble position when he came on earth. He allowed himself to be born and fostered by the poor carpenter, Joseph. He took human form to show us the way to the Father and invites us to be like little children if we must come close to the Father. This is very important because in little children, we do not find pride or unrealistic self-estimation of self.

We all need to leave pride and learn to be humble. It goes with accepting who we are and the truth above life and not imposing ourselves as if we are the only ones that matter. We only end up hurting ourselves with such an attitude. Let us turn to Jesus and ask him to teach us how to be humble, as we traverse this earthly dwelling to God's life of holiness, now and in the life to come.

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 children. 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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Parish friendship club will meet again on Saturday, 13 September between 10 am and 11.30 am. All welcome. Bring your friends. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 24/08/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £82.11, Envelopes £65.50, Pilgrimage £20 and Mass Stipend £10

Contactless Collection: General £18

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £125.98, Envelopes £15, Candles £9.86, Mass Stipend £10, Cultural Event £484.67, Car Wash £219, Stella Maris £2 and Pilgrimage £20

Contactless Collection: General £5 and New Heating £62

Online Donation: General £ 37 and New Heating System £118

STANDING ORDERS JULY £ 3,181.19

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.

100 CLUB

The August draw will be held at St Joseph's Hall today after the 9 am mass.

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.

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

- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** This is now Saturday 25 October 2025 in St Joseph main Hall at 11 am.
- 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 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 served. Those in the hospitality team should especially take note.

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.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD OF THANKS: We want to thank those who helped in organising our outdoor and cultural mass last Sunday. Thank you also to those who brought in food to support the food tasting and the money that we raised. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated. May God bless you all immensely.

CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH PILGRIMAGE 4TH OCTOBER 2025 BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY

**IT IS NOW TIME TO SECURE YOUR PLACE BY
PAYING £20.00pp**

ONLINE TO 30-93-04 00884996

(PILGRIMAGE AS REFERENCE)

**BY CASH PLEASE PUT INTO ENVELOPE MARKED WITH
NAME/S AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**

GIVE TO FATHER OR MARION

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT MARION ON

07940 499198



ITINERARY TO FOLLOW

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, contact the parish priest or Joy Cagape CC or Angela Waldren SJ in the first instance.

READERS: The leader of the Corpus Christi 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 tpblair1946@gmail.com or on 07738 227922 if they wish to continue reading or to join. Readers must be baptised and communicants.

BAMENDA BISHOP AND DELEGATIONS: They will be here in Portsmouth from the 5th of September 2025. The Bishop will be here until the 10th of September while the rest of the delegations will stay until the 19th of September 2025. They will all be staying at Corpus Christi Presbytery. We appeal for food, drinks etc. to keep them going. Let us all welcome them.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: This will be on the 5th of September from 7 am till 6 pm. Mass will be at 6 pm on that day.

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

Gail Edwards, Barbara Rice-Dunlea, Karen Gardner, Sonia Hopwood, Catherine Fuggle, 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, Margaret New, Sean New and Tallieu family.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAM 2025

Our FHC program this year will take a different approach. Only children of regular and practicing parishioners will be enrolled for the program this year and we shall need a maximum of 30 children for Corpus Christi and the rest will go over to St. Joseph. Forms will be collected from both churches, and the registration will all be done and submitted on the same day during a meeting with prospective candidates and parents on Thursday 26th September 2025 at 6pm at the Corpus Christi church. The parents will 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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