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25th Ordinary Sunday – 21st September 2025 COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

(Response): **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Lord Of The Oppressed
Christ is the defender of all
who are sacrificed to the god
of money, who are
manipulated for economic
gain. He sacrificed himself as
a ransom for them all.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 20th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

Sun 21st: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Heywood & MacCachen families

11 am (CC): Prayers & thanks to all our Red Box Missio members

Mon 22nd: 9:30 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Barbara Rice-Dunlea

Tue 23rd:

Weds 24th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 25th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 26th: 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: WHOM DO YOU SERVE: GOD OR MONEY?

Life ways presents us with alternatives from which we can make choices. The choices we make constitute in some sense and at some times, what we want to wear, drink, eat, or the kind of car we want to drive, house to live in, career to pursue, etc. This is the same with the Christian life. It consists of making a choice between serving God or the evil one. Even when we make a choice for God, there are still other options open for us to make further choices. We are called today to make a choice as to whom to serve: God or money? I will recommend that we make a choice for God because when we do that, we have every other thing even money inclusive. But when we make a choice for money, we can have money but lost God.

Our theme of today is drawn from the conclusion of Jesus in today's gospel when he says: "No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be slave both of God and of money" (Lk 16:13). Jesus brings this out within the context of a parable of a servant who instead of serving his master, served his own ends and was wasteful with his master's property. When the master heard about his dealings, he demanded he gives and account of his stewardship in view of dismissal. Since this servant was too astute, he decided to double-deal his master by reducing the debts of his master's debtors in order to beg for friendship when he is dismissed. Since he had decided to serve money rather than his master, he could not see himself not making use of the last opportunity.

We should not be like this servant who neglected to serve his master but rather served his own ends. We should not choose to serve money because it does not profit us at the end of time. We must realize that choosing to serve money is a distraction and an opening to so many sinful ways: trampling on the needy, suppressing the poor, breaking the Sabbath laws, and adjusting the measuring scales as Amos laments in the first reading of today (Amos 8:4-6). When we choose money, the truth is that we end up in unfair business deals and we lost touch with the reality of the poor. We only want to amass for ourselves at the expense of others. But we must be warn and take into consideration the words of St. Paul to Timothy in his first letter to him when he says: "We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it; but as long as we have food and clothing, let us be content with that. People who long to be rich are a prey to temptation; they get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge them into ruin and destruction. 'The love of money is the root of all evils' and there are some who, pursuing it, have wandered away from the faith,

and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds" (1 Tim 6:7-10). This must be seen also in line with the words of Ps 49 that talks about the futility of riches.

The above is true because my little experience in life can testify to this as I have seen many, drifted from the Lord because of love of money. Some go as far as selling themselves to the devil in order to make money in life. The truth is that when we concentrate on pursuing money, we neglect moral and human values and go for anything that will bring us money.

Dear friends in Christ, we should learn to love God sincerely and serve him with all our hearts. It is true that even when we choose to serve God we might be distracted by the cares of this world. But we should never relent in making the effort to go closer to Jesus for the graces we need to remain faithful to him. This accounts for why we need to pray for our leaders, for ourselves and one another, making petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving to God as St. Paul recommends in the second reading of today. Prayer is the key to help us discern God's will for us and to live according to that will daily.

May we always strive to seek God daily and serve him faithfully rather than money.



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.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 14/09/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £94.69, Envelopes £44, Pilgrimage £20, Candles £111.94, Coffee £10, Mass Stipend £10, Catholic Education Service £61.75 and Hall Rent £440

Contactless Collection: General £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £133.04, Envelopes £45, Candles £21.20, Coffee £21.35, Mass Stipend £5, Catholic Education Service £105, Home Missions £15, Stella Maris £5, Catholic Herald Magazine £10 and Pilgrimage £40

Contactless Collection: General £10

Online Donation: General £55 and New Heating System £25

STANDING ORDERS AUGUST £1,513

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 July & August was £221.19. 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

We are looking for 2 volunteers from each church to run the 100 Club draw on alternate months from October 2025. Please speak to Fr Emmanuel if you are interested.

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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION: This special Sunday highlights the Church's evangelisation efforts at both parish and diocesan levels. It offers a theme and resources for reflection, and encourages each parish to hold a collection to support the national work of evangelisation through the Directorate for Mission.

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

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.

MASS COUNT: It is the time of year when for the next 4 weekends we are asked to complete our Parish Mass counts. The counting starts with this Saturday's Vigil Mass and continues every Saturday & Sunday until and including Sunday 12th October.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Saint Faustina, formerly Helena Kowalska was born in a village near Lodz, Poland in 1905. She was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She died at the age of 33 years. She was Canonized by Saint John Paul II. Starting October, every Wednesday and Friday at 3 pm we will be praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at Corpus Christi Church. We are inviting the parents and carers of children at Corpus Christi School to join us. This will be finished in time to collect children. All Parishioners are also invited to join in.

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

A CAFÉ IS OPEN AT THE BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY DURING OUR PILGRIMAGE. IF YOU ARE CHOOSING TO USE THIS FACILITY, PLEASE CAN YOU INDICATE WITH A TICK WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT. THERE IS A FORM ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH AT SJ BY THE NEWSLETTERS. PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN PACKED LUNCH.

ALSO, A COUPLE OF PEOPLE FROM ST JOSEPH AND FEW FROM CORPUS CHRISTI WHO HAVE SIGNED THE LIST TO GO ON THE COACH, HAVE NOT PAID. WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE YOUR MONEY TO FR EMMANUEL OR JENNY.



COME AND JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON,
BINGO AS YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED IT BEFORE

**15TH NOVEMBER 2025
ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL
3.15PM TO 5.15PM
£5.00 INC. BINGO TICKETS
(PAYMENT ON ARRIVAL)**

**RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS
OR BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES**

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 DAY AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH: This will be on the 1st of November Saturday from 9:30 am till noon. This is to hone our skills in proclaiming the word of God. This is open not just to our regular readers, but also to anyone who would like to volunteer for this service to God.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: 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, Leo Howes 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 – 4th of October 2025
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 25th 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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