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26th Ordinary Sunday – 28th September 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10

(Response): Alleluia

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-310

Behold The Man!

It is our purple and fine linen,
our life of ease and our love
of wealth, that is mocked
today by Christ, the centre of
our celebration, who in the
presence of Pilate stood like
a Lazarus covered with sores
and wounds and spoke up as
a witness for the truth.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Martyn White

Sun 28th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

11 am (CC): RIP of Barbara Rice-Dunlea

Mon 29th: 9:30 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Marie Jobber

2:30 pm(CC): Corpus Christi Early Year opening of Year Liturgy

Tue 30th:

Weds 1st: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 2nd: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 3rd: 9:30 am(CC): RIP of Barbara Rice-Dunlea

6 pm (CC): Benediction and Mass



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: THE SIN OF NEGLIGENCE, A SURE PATH TO HELL

Our Catholic faith teaches us in the Penitential rite (I Confess) that there are four ways through which we can sin: by thought, by word, by deed and by omission (that is, by what we fail to do). This sin in other words is the sin of neglect. Negligence is “the failure to give somebody or something enough care or attention.” This presupposes that we know what we must do, but at the same time we neglect them for various reasons; might be laziness, carelessness, judge it was not necessary, etc. This accounts for why the readings of today are inviting us to say goodbye to the sin of negligence and to take our Christian duties seriously, especially that of charity towards the poor, otherwise we shall rot in hell like the rich man in the gospel.

The gospel passage presents us with a parable in which there are two main characters who both lived in two extreme conditions, one being the direct opposite of the other, that is, one in a condition of extreme riches and the other in a condition of extreme poverty. The rich man whose name is not given had everything a man could desire on earth. He was soaked in pleasure as he dressed in luxurious garments and settled down daily to sumptuous meals. On the other hand, we have Lazarus, a poor beggar who sat at the gate of the rich man daily to beg. While the rich man dressed luxuriously, poor Lazarus had for his clothing sores that covered his body. But Lazarus was able to bear this patiently and was quite content if he could have just the crumbs that fell from the table of the rich man as food.

When they both died finally, they found themselves in two opposite extreme conditions; one of total peace and happiness and the other regrets, worries and torments. Poor Lazarus enjoyed the peace and happiness of heaven, while the rich man suffered the torments of fire in hell. While raising his head at one point, he saw Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham and so pleads with Abraham to let Lazarus relieve his thirst. Just a drop of water would do, but he could not get it. The question we can ask ourselves is: what could probably be the sin of this rich man that took him to hell? After all, he did not drive Lazarus from his gate, nor did he refuse him the crumbs that fell off his table. Neither was he cruel to him. Can it be that he stole the riches he had from others by cheating on them, or that he treated his servants badly? All these are mere speculations for the passage says nothing explicitly that the rich man did to deserve hell. But we can discern from the story that his passport to hell came by his being negligent to the needs of the poor man, Lazarus.

This is the same kind of negligence expressed in the first reading of today. Here, we find the rich who have nothing to worry about and think that nothing can touch them. By this fact, they settled down to luxurious living: sleeping on expensive beds, eating and drinking while musicians sing for them; all at the expense of the poor. The prize they paid for this was their exile into Assyria.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the sin of negligence is very much present in our community; for there are many things that we ought to do but most often we neglect these little duties. I would like to limit myself to some areas where we greatly neglect our duties: neglect of the poor, neglect of family duties and responsibilities, neglect of church and civil duties.

Christian charity is what each one of us is called to; to aid our fellow brothers and sisters who cannot meet up with the bare necessities of life. When God created us, he blessed us in various ways and provided the earth's resources for our daily living. At the same time, we realize that these things are not evenly distributed; for some are extremely rich and others poor. But God allowed it this way for the simple reason that the great Christian virtue of charity should be practiced by all. In this way, those who have will be able to share with those who do not have or have very little. But sometimes we do neglect this duty and instead of nations being at the help of poorer nations or the poor, we neglect this duty but are ready to spend billions to fund wars or build armaments at the detriment of the poor who go without food daily.

Secondly, we find that the sin of negligence occurs when we neglect our family duties: the duties of husband towards wife and vice versa, parents towards child and vice versa. More or less, this is expressed in failure to bring up the child in a Christian way. The results are obvious in our society today.

Finally, there is the neglect of duties towards the church and state. Many of us become Christians but are not willing to share in the life of the Church. We blatantly neglect our Christian duties of evangelization and being a support to the work and charity of the church or the state. This should not be the case. We all have a duty to work in helping the church and state in the various ways and means we have.

May we never relent of asking God for the graces to avoid the sin of negligence.

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 21/09/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £108.94, Envelopes £33, Mass Stipend £10, Catholic Education Service £2 and Home Mission £76.72

Contactless Collection: General £30 & Home Mission £15

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £119.31, Envelopes £10, Candles £8.90, Coffee £20, Mass Stipend 30, Catholic Education Service £10, Home Missions £66 and Pilgrimage £80

Contactless Collection: General £18, Votive Candle £5 and New Heating £10

Online Donation: General £95 & New Heating £20

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.

READERS DAY AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH: This will be on Saturday 25th of October 2025 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.

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.

BAPTISM: There will be baptism this Sunday at Corpus Christi Church. Let us all pray for the family.

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 last 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. THE COACH LEAVES ST JOSEPH AT 8 AM AND CORPUS CHRISTI AT 8:15 AM. **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 ANGELA (SJ) OR JENNY (CC).**



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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH: This will be this Friday 3rd of October from 10 am till 6 pm. It will end with Benediction and mass. The volunteer's sheet is at the table at the back of the church.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: Karen Gardner, Sonia Hopwood, Catherine Fuggle, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaward, 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.

BARBARA: Our dear friend, Barbara Rice-Dunlea passed away peacefully last Tuesday at her home. We ask everyone to pray for her as well as her family. We will surely miss her. Details of her funeral will be posted here soon.

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.

THE MARIAN FRANCISCANS invite you all to join them at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 4th October, to celebrate with them the feast of their Seraphic Father, St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a solemn High Mass, a sermon by Fr. Lawrence Lew, the Promotor General of the Rosary for the Order of Preachers and a celebratory reception lunch in the hall afterwards. This will all be in conjunction with their First Saturday devotions. The Rosary during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be the Franciscan Crown as the same as the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The Friars hope you can all join them.

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