



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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**27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:6-10

(Response): **O that today you would listen to his voice!**

**'Harden not your hearts.'**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.**

**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

**Our Faith**

Faith gives us a new vision of the world. Without it we see only the darker side of life. We are still slaves. It is faith which liberates us and makes us see the Spirit of power and love at work in our lives.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>:** 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Rozalia, Vladyslaw, Josef & Jan

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>:** 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of our parish

11 am (CC): RIP of Peggy & Martin Mangan FM

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Jim Pidgley FM

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup>:** 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Albert & Catherine Mason FM

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am(CC): **NO 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: LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH

Faith is one of those elements of our Christian life which if missing, our lives become frustrated. This is simply because we will lack the zeal to go about the things we would have done without any problem. Today, we find the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. That is what we need to ask God daily to increase; our faith as well, especially that we might hold on to him in every situation.

When we look at the beginning verses of the seventeenth chapter of Luke's gospel, we realize that there is no evident nexus between Christ's statement on faith in answer to the apostles' request, and the parable which follows, except perhaps that faith alone is not sufficient since the follower of Christ must also do his duty.

When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, what they were asking is greater confidence, greater trust in God, so that they could work the miracles which our Lord worked. This becomes evident when we see the contexts in Matthew and Mark in which the same idea is expressed. Our Lord had withered a fig-tree by a simple wish. The apostles marvelled at this. He told them that if they had greater faith, they could order a mountain to hurl itself into the sea and it would obey them (Mt 21:18ff; Mk 11:20ff). What the apostles needed therefore was greater trust in God.

We too as Christians need that total trust in God. We need to ask God to increase our faith so that we can do the impossible: uproot mulberry trees into the sea. This means a faith that has no boundary. It hopes for anything. This is especially relevant for us today where our faith is slackened by so many things: poverty, family squabbles, scandals in the Church, misunderstandings, cheating, killings, etc. It was not different in the times of the prophet Habakkuk. The prophet lived over 600 years before Christ under the reign of King Jehoiakim. The king did nothing to protect the weak and the poor and so allowed them to be oppressed. The people complained to the prophet who consults God on their behalf. The first part of the first reading reports what the prophet told God: "How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes" (Hab 1:2-3). We must have cried to God sometimes in such tunes or even more. We need faith at such moments when the waters seemed to be stirred and the waves frightening and drowning us, for God can never allow us to sink.

The second part of the first reading is God's response to the plight of the people of Israel. God promises that nothing will happen for a while; that is, some time would have to pass before their liberation. The people should not be discouraged for God would intervene when the time comes (Hab 2:2-4). It might be our own situation as well where God wants us to endure in whatever we are going through now. Let us not let our faith die out because of the situation we are going through. God is going to act at the appropriate hour. Just have faith in him.

May Our faith in God never fail us or challenge us to turn our backs from him. Let us have this at the back of our minds and pray for an increase in faith especially when the candle of faith seems to be dying out. Let us remember that faith gives us a new vision of the world. Without it we see only the darker side of life.

## SECOND COLLECTION CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S** We are hoping to arrange a children's nativity as part of our Carol Service on Christmas eve from 5.15 pm. If you have children who would like to take part by dressing up to create a nativity scene between carols (no speaking required), please see Gail Edwards or Julie Beadsworth at 9 am Mass at St. Joseph's by Sunday, 12 October. All costumes will be provided.

## 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 28/09/2025

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £94.57, Envelopes £41, Hall Rent £660, Catholic Education Service £2 and Home Mission £22

**Contactless Collection:** General £10

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £133.75, Envelopes £20, Candles £18, Cake Sale £60.60, Mass Stipend £15, Catholic Education Service £15, Home Missions £10 and Pilgrimage £60

**Contactless Collection:** General £10 & Votive Candle £12

**Online Donation:** General £40, New Heating £56, Mass Intentions £10 & Votive Candles £10

## **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 SEPTEMBER DRAW

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Jenny Elliott**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Heather Walker**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Diego DaCosta**

**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.

## 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. Two of our members will be baptise at the end of the month.

**READERS DAY AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH:** This will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Joseph's Hall:** St. Joseph's Hall is available to hire by contacting The Hall Manager via the Parish Office. There are regular events such as Slimming World (Wednesdays & Friday mornings, Yoga (Mondays), etc. See banners for times outside the hall on the railings. Or we have children's parties at the weekend. This week we welcomed the Portsmouth Hindu Society. It was a wonderful two-day celebration and the hall was most beautifully decorated. You can see pictures on the St. Joseph's Facebook page - *St Joseph's Church, Baffins*.

# 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 soon, 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.

**VOTE OF THANKS:** We want to thank all our parishioners who are joined us on our pilgrimage in Bournemouth this weekend. It was a wonderful day indeed.

**WINTERSHALL THE NATIVITY JOURNEY:** Experience the story. Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. This will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> till 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2025 in Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR. Please let Fr Emmanuel, Angela or Jenny know if you are interested.



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.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES:** There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** next week 6<sup>th</sup> till 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 as Fr Emmanuel will be away for a retreat.

**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, died recently following a short illness. Barbara was a staunch supporter and worshipper at Corpus Christi over many years. Her flower arrangements at Christmas were wonderful. Her daughter has said that if anyone would like to visit Barbara in the Chapel of Rest at Barrells, they are more than welcome. Please ring first on 023 9282 4831

## 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. 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.
3. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025.

**MINISTRY SUNDAY:** This is today Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. Parishioners are encouraged to join our different volunteer group. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE BANNES:** First Call: Cajehan Eguah wants to marry Michelle Olere at Corpus Christi Church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. We should pray for them and if anyone knows why they can't be joined into holy matrimony, please let me know.

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