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30th Ordinary Sunday – 26th October 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 17-19, 23

(Response): **The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Lord, The Righteous Judge
The Lord is our judge. The one
thing we know for certain
about his judgement is that it
favours the humble, and he
who humbles himself will be
exalted.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 25th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Peter & Vera Anderson FM

Sun 26th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish
11 am (CC): RIP of Pace & Ellul families

Mon 27th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Gordon New

Tue 28th:

Weds 29th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Maisie Helen King FM

Thurs 30th: 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS** RIP of Dermot Cuffe

Fri 31st: 9:30 am(CC): RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM
3 pm(CC): Funeral Service



**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: SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS: AN OPIUM TO A LIFE OF HOLINESS

When I look at my life, I realise that I am guilty of the many times I have struggled to be self-righteous. I see my good deeds and the efforts I make on the way to holiness, pride myself on them, and look down on others who are not making the same efforts or who are living a sinful life. In this sense, I make unfair judgements about them, condemning their way of life, criticising them and looking down on them. Reflecting further about such an attitude, I realised that such an attitude makes me present myself as an ideal, makes me cover up my sinful deeds, go for false humility, satisfy my ego, and cover up the emptiness that is within me. This is an attitude which Jesus condemns today in the gospel, demanding that we realise that self-righteousness does not lead us anywhere. Rather, it is an opium to a life of holiness.

We are told in the gospel passage that Jesus spoke a parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else (Lk 18:9). This parable is a continuation of last week's gospel, where Jesus taught us on the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Today, one of the attitudes to take when approaching God in prayer is not one of self-righteousness but one of humility. This is presented in a parable where two men (a Pharisee and a tax collector) went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisees, who prided themselves and despised everyone else, prayed in the following way: "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collectors here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get" (Lk 18:11-12). This might be a common experience with some of us who fall into such errors like myself, of priding ourselves because of our external religious deeds and mistakenly thinking that because we do such things as fasting, prayers, paying tithes, not being greedy, adulterous, etc, therefore we are better than others. We are told that God did not listen to the prayer of this Pharisee simply because of pride and self-righteousness. We should remember here how Jesus always ran into confrontation with the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy.

On the contrary, the tax collector (those who, together with prostitutes and shepherds, had been considered by the Jews as people who could never enter heaven, because of their lives of sinfulness) was aware of his sins. He was humble enough to see the effects of his sins and how they affect him in his relationship with God. He therefore approached God in prayer with an attitude of humility, afraid even to move ahead or to raise his eyes to heaven because he saw himself stinking with sin. He therefore stayed behind in the Temple, beat his breast, and said the following prayer: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner"

(Lk 18:13). He went home in the right with God rather than the Pharisee. God answered his humble prayer, and that is why Jesus concludes by warning us thus: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 18:14).

Dear friends in Christ, rather than see others with judgmental eyes, priding ourselves on our religious deeds and looking down on others, we must cease from such an attitude and approach God in humility. This is because once we have an attitude of self-righteousness, we think that we are the standard of measurement, which is not true. Such an attitude will only shield us from the truth of who we are and lead us further away from God. But being humble is the attitude of anyone who wants to grow in his or her spiritual life, which begins with acknowledging our sins and confessing them. Sometimes, you meet Christians who claim they are too holy and don't have any sin. That's not true. They have blocked themselves from seeing their faults. We must remember that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy. If we don't accept this first step to holiness, then self-righteousness becomes an opium to our lives of holiness.

Let us therefore pray for the graces to approach God in humility and for the graces to admit our sinfulness rather than take on a judgmental attitude which condemns others and sees us as the standard.

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 19/10/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £98.58, Envelopes £10, World Mission £25 and Hall Rent £185

Contactless Collection: General £53

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £84.04, Envelopes £34.50, Candles £7.35, Coffee £15.87, Mass Stipend £10 and World Mission £102

Contactless Collection: General £45, Votive Candles £7 & World Mission Sunday £35

Online Donation: General £43, World Mission Sunday £10 & New Heating £25

STANDING ORDERS SEPTEMBER £1,832

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

Our monthly draw will be today Sunday 26th of October 2025 at St Joseph Hall after 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.

BAMENDA SUNDAY: This second collection will be on the 1st Sunday of November. This retiring collection is meant to support projects in Bamenda. I am a priest from Bamenda and need your support in this light to help the future projects back home. Thanks in advance.

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:** Two of our members will be baptise on the 8th of November 2025 at 3 pm in Corpus Christi Church. We have 2 others who are also enrolled in this programme.

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.

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 Girls' and Boys' Brigade and Yoga (Mondays) 9.30 to 10.30 am, various keep fit/wellness classes and of course the Craft Market which takes place monthly, etc. See notice boards outside the hall for more details. The hall is also available to hire for children's parties at the weekend.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for those who are interested.

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. Our visit will be **Saturday, 20 December 2025** for the 2pm performance. It will be in Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR if you want to make your own arrangements.

ADULTS	£34.00
CHILD (3yrs to 18yrs)	£17.00
FAMILY of 4	£96.00

Cost includes coach travel

Please register your interest on the list at back of either church by 31st October.

JOINT MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD: Envelopes are available at the back of the church for families to write all the names of family members, friends, etc who have died. We are called to include donations towards the celebration of these intentions. These masses will be celebrated on All Souls Day Monday 3rd November 2025 at 9:30 am, 12 noon and 7 pm. The 12-noon mass will be at St. Joseph Church

MARRIAGE BANNES

Second Call: Jason Weston & Christelle Weston
We should pray for them and if anyone knows why they can't be joined into holy matrimony, please let me know.

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.

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.

OCTOBER DEVOTION TALK: 30th of October 2025 at St Joseph Hall at 7 pm. Everyone invited.

NORMA WALDREN AND RONALDINA HEYWOOD:

Norma, (Ralph's mum) died in hospital last week at the ripe old age of 103 following a short illness. Her funeral will be on Friday 14th of November 2025 at 1 pm at Portchester Crematorium. Ronnie died suddenly couple of weeks ago. Her funeral mass will be on Thursday 13th of November 2025 at 11:30 am in St Joseph Church. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING

A reminder to all Eucharistic Ministers at St. Joseph's and Corpus Christi that there is a meeting on Saturday, 8 November at 9 am at the Cathedral. It is mandatory that everyone attends.

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