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29th Ordinary Sunday – 19th October 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120:1-8

(Response): **Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts
and intentions of the heart.**

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Christ Always Interceding For Us
Christ who 'opened his arms on
the cross' is like Moses arms
were raised in prayer for his
people. Today Christ asks us to
join him in continual prayer and
never to lose heart.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Ronnie Heywood

Sun 19th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Norma Waldren

11 am (CC): RIP of John Findin Keita

Mon 20th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Andrew Coughlan FM

Tue 21st: For the intentions of the people of the parish

Weds 22nd: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Robert & Beryl Brogan FM

Thurs 23rd: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Mollie Cuffe

Fri 24th: 9:30 am(CC): Paddy Burke 80th birthday



**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: PRAY CONTINUALLY AND NEVER LOSE HEART

Jack Ma was born on 10th September 1964. He is China's richest person, Asia's second-richest person, and a retired Chinese business magnate, investor, politician, and philanthropist. He is the co-founder and former executive chairman of Alibaba Group, a multinational technology conglomerate. But how did he get there? Ma experienced many failures in his life. He wanted to go to college but had trouble passing the entrance exam. On his third attempt, he barely passed the exams, which allowed him to enrol in the less-than-prestigious Hangzhou Teacher's Institute. Upon graduation, he was rejected for over a dozen positions but eventually got a job teaching English at a local university. When he discovered the internet in 1995 while visiting a friend in the United States, he saw an opportunity to bring the World Wide Web to China. His failures did not frighten him from taking the challenge. He persisted and so succeeded.

In the same light, Jesus is teaching us today of the need to persist in prayer and never lose heart. Just as Jack Ma persisted and achieved his dream, so we too need to persist in prayer to accomplish what God wants for us and what is good for us. Jesus said this to the people when he taught them, using a parable, on the need to pray continually and never lose heart. He says, there was in a certain town an unjust judge who neither was afraid of God nor of man. In this same town was a poor widow who had a case against one of her enemies. The poor widow kept going to this unjust judge, asking him to judge her case, and the judge wouldn't. She kept pestering him day and night. Eventually, the unjust judge had no choice but to grant the poor widow's demand. This is what he said to himself: "Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming" (Lk 18:1-6). He gave the woman the justice she wanted, not because he wanted to, but because the woman kept coming to disturb him.

The above parable, as Jesus told us at the beginning, invites us to be like this widow. Jesus wants us to pray continually and never lose heart. If this widow had lost heart because the unjust judge did not want to listen to her, she wouldn't have had justice at the end of the day. Her persistence won her the case.

Dear friends in Christ, we too need to persist in prayer. Pray without losing heart. Pray continually. We sometimes get worked up and abandon prayer because we have been praying for something which God has not given us. We forget that God knows what is best for us and sometimes just wants to see the effort we make to achieve the things we ask for.

There is a saying that I have always had to depend on. It says we should pray as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on us. In this sense, we should put in the required effort and energy on both sides: prayer and work.

In the first reading, we find Moses interceding for his people as they fought the Amalekites. While the Jews were at the battlefield with the Amalekites, Moses was on the mountain interceding for the Jews. As long as Moses' hands remained up, the Jews were gaining the victory. But once his hands got tired and went down, the Amalekites took over the victory. Aaron and Hur eventually devised a way to keep Moses' hands raised throughout the day, which helped the Israelites achieve victory. If Moses had given up because his hands were pained, and if Aaron and Hur had not devised a means to keep Moses in the winning position, the victory would not have been theirs. We too should not give up praying continually and interceding for others.

The need to intercede for others and pray for them fits within the context of our mission as Christians. Every one of us is called to mission, to be a missionary to ourselves and to others. Therefore, we must bring God's Word every day to every person by being part of the church's mission ad gentes or by supporting the work of evangelisation in the church.

May we pray today for the graces we need to pray continually without losing heart, and also to strive every day to support the work of missions in our Church.

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 12/10/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £102.39, Envelopes £43, CAFOD £18, 100 Club £20, Coffee £20 and Hall Rent £1280

Contactless Collection: General £18

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £102.17, Envelopes £25, Candles £3.54, Coffee £15.83, Mass Stipend £20 and CAFOD £10

Contactless Collection: General £10 Mass Intentions £3

Online Donation: General £27, Votive Candles £1 & New Heating £20

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.

MISSIO-WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SECOND

COLLECTION: Today Sunday 19th of October 2025, Missio invites us to unite in prayer and generosity with missionaries sharing Christ's love around the world. Here is the link to the GAYL donations page: [GAYL Missio - World Mission Sunday 2025](#)

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 baptised 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 banners outside the hall on the railings for more details. We also have 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. We are hiring a coach on **Saturday, 20 December 2025** to go there. 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 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: Third Call: Cajehan Eguah wants to marry Michelle Olere at Corpus Christi Church on Friday 7th of November 2025.

First 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.

BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA: Barbara's funeral service will take place on Friday 24th of October 2025 at 12 noon at Park Place, Winchester Road, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5HA. At 11:15 am, she will pass by Corpus Christi Church before stopping outside her house in Gladys Avenue. We can car share for those who want to attend the funeral. Please let Jenny know.

NORMA WALDREN AND RONALDINA HEYWOOD:

Norma, (Ralph's mum) died in hospital on Wednesday at the ripe old age of 103 following a short illness. Ronnie died suddenly on Saturday. Many of you will remember meeting her at the pilgrimage the previous Saturday. 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.

AFRICAN COMMUNITY MEETING: This will be today Sunday 19th of October 2025 after the 11 am mass at Corpus Christi Hall.

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