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FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th November 2025

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

(Response): The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

The basilica of St
John Lateran is
the cathedral of
the bishop of
Rome.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8 th :	3 pm(CC):	Baptism of Mlilo & Lee with mass
	6 pm (SJ):	RIP of Ronnie Heywood
Sun 9 th :	9 am (SJ):	For the intentions of the people of the parish
	11 am (CC):	For the FHC preparation candidates & families
Mon 10 th :	9:30 am (CC):	For the wellbeing of Jenny Pearce
Tues 11 th :		
Weds 12 th :	7 pm (CC):	RIP of June Wyner
Thurs 13 th :	9:30 am (SJ):	RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM
Fri 14 th :	9:30 am(CC):	RIP of deceased members of Doyle family
	4 pm(CC):	Wedding Mass of Christelle & Jason



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: ALL LIVING CREATURES TEEMING IN IT WILL LIVE

Today is the thirty-second Sunday in O.T. Year C, but it falls on the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, also known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Because of the importance of this feast to the church, that is, being the "mother church" of Catholicism and the official cathedral of Rome, with the celebration symbolising the dedication of all members of the church, the church has allowed us to celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica today instead. The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome and dedicated by Pope Sylvester I in 324 AD, shortly after the Edict of Milan in 312, when Christianity became the main religion of Rome. The site of the basilica was originally a Roman palace confiscated by Emperor Nero. It was later donated to the Pope by Constantine, marking a turning point where Christianity moved from persecution to public recognition. The basilica is called the "mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world," and since the twelfth century, the feast has been extended to the entire Roman rite to venerate the Roman Church as the mother church of all churches. The feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, "presides over the whole assembly of charity." We are celebrating the dedication of the first church in a sense in Christendom. This feast celebrates the first public Christian church built after Emperor Constantine granted religious freedom, and it serves as a reminder of the Church's heritage, resilience, and the spiritual role of all believers as the living temple of God. The feast, first and foremost, encourages Catholics to connect with their past — the martyrs and saints who preceded them — and with the spiritual authority of the Pope and the Holy See. Secondly, the feast reminds believers that while the basilica is a sacred building, they themselves are the true "temple of God" where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Also, today in the United Kingdom is celebrated as Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Sunday is a national day to commemorate the service and sacrifice of all those who have protected freedoms and way of life, those who have died in conflicts, including both World Wars and more recent ones. It honours the armed forces, as well as civilians and emergency service workers who have lost their lives. It takes place on every Second Sunday in November. Events include services and parades held across the country at local war memorials and significant sites such as the Cenotaph, often including wreath-laying and a march past by veterans; a two-minute silence at 11:00 a.m., and parades featuring veterans, members of the armed forces, and civilians. Poppies are worn as a symbol of remembrance, inspired by the flowers that grew on the battlefields of World War I.

As we celebrate this day (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

and Remembrance Sunday), we are called upon to see the church as a sign of life to all who turn to it. This is brought out in the first reading, where the prophet Ezekiel describes a vision in which he sees a stream flowing from the Temple threshold and eastward, bringing life to all. It makes the water wholesome, has plenty of fish, brings health, has lots of fruit trees with medicinal leaves, etc. This indicates that anything that comes from God brings life.

This is a symbol of the Church that emanates life and joy, good health, freshness, wholeness, etc., to others. Despite the weaknesses of the members of the Church and her leaders, the Church, through God's grace, delivered the above to her members. Let this day be a reminder to all of us that the church is a place which gives life to all who teem in it: the blind, meek, the sorrowful, the marginalised, etc. Therefore, we must strive daily to protect life at all costs by standing for those values that bring peace, justice, care for one another, etc. and not war or division. This must take courage on the side of the individual. It is the kind of courage Jesus exhibits in the gospel reading of today when he entered the temple and discovered that it had been turned into a marketplace rather than a place of worship. To set things right, he scattered their business properties and sent them out of the Temple, with the reminder that the Temple is a place of worship, not a business. To ascertain this fully, the words of St. Paul in the second reading are an apt reminder to us as extensions of the Temple of God when he says: "Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple" (1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17).

As we celebrate this day, may we, as members of the Church, examine to what extent our lives have brought life in the lives of others. May we also remember those who gave up their lives fighting for our good.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 02/11/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £58.16, Envelopes £73, Coffee £18, Mass Stipend £10, Bamenda £132.87 and Hall Rent £1060

Contactless Collection: General £25, Bamenda £110 & CC New Heating £15

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £106.54, Envelopes £10, Candles £5.70, Coffee £6.12, Mass Stipend £55, Bamenda £183.27, World Mission £10 and Donation for the Sacristy roof blinds £500

Contactless Collection: General £45, Bamenda £10 & CC New Heating £40

Online Donation: General £25 & CC New Heating £30

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 September & £189.00. 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 OCTOBER WINNERS

1st Prize – Derek Clinton

2nd Prize – Derek Meyer

3rd Prize – Shelagh Card

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.

WORD OF THANKS: We want to thank 2 of our volunteers for their donation to pay for the roof blinds for the sacristy at Corpus Christi Church. May God bless you immensely.

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 PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

- 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.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:** There will be an enrolment mass today 9th of November at 11 am in Corpus Christi Church.

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.

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 (2 adults & 2 children)	£96.00

Cost includes coach travel

Please register your interest on the list at back of either church soon.

JOINT EVENT WITH FRIARS: This will take place on Friday, 21 November, in the hall at 6 pm and will be "Remembering the Dead", a talk given by Fr. Serafino. Leaflets for delivery around the roads in Baffins will be available. Please meet at the Friary (Presbytery) at 10 am on Saturday, 15 November, to collect one road to take for delivery.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP NOV & DEC: Due to a number of other commitments, the November group has had to be cancelled. However, December's get together will still happen on Saturday 13th at 10.30 am.

I hope to make this a fun Christmas themed session and am hoping that as many as you can come along as possible.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S We are arranging a children's nativity as part of our Carol Service on Christmas eve from 5.00 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.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:

Karen Gardner, Sonia Hopwood, 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.

CATHERINE FUGGLE: Her funeral mass will be on Tuesday 11th of November 2025 at 1 pm in Corpus Christi Church and burial at Kingston Cemetery at 2 pm.

NORMA WALDREN AND RONALDINA HEYWOOD:

Norma, (Ralph's mum) died in hospital recently 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 will be on the First Sunday of Advent 2025 in our parish.

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