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6th Ordinary Sunday – 15th February 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34

(Response): **Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Law Of Christ

The law of Christ is unlike any man-made law; it contains the hidden wisdom of God. It is a law given by love, and can only be fulfilled by genuine love and true concern for others.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14th: 6 pm(SJ): RIP of Jim Pidgley FM

Sun 15th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the Parish

11 am (CC): Personal intentions of Liz Douglas

Mon 16th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tues 17th:

Weds 18th: 9:30 am (CC): **ASH WEDNESDAY** RIP of Trevor Trethowan FM

12 noon (SJ): **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7pm (CC): **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thurs 19th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 20th: 9:30 am(CC): RIP of John & Margaret Bagnall FM

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: I HAVE NOT COME TO ABOLISH THE LAWS AND THE PROPHETS BUT TO COMPLETE THEM

In preparation for today's reflection, something came forcefully to mind, which is the fourth lesson in the "YouCat Confirmation Book". This lesson focused on "Jesus, not just a mere man". In this lesson, the focus is on showing that Jesus is truly man and truly God, and that he is greater than all the prophets. The lesson uses biblical passages to show how he acted both as a man and as a divine. In today's gospel, we find him acting not just as a man but as a divine being, putting himself far above the prophets. That is why he is confident in saying, "Do not imagine I have come to abolish the laws and the prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them" (Mt 5:17).

According to the Jews, the Torah, or the Laws, which constitute the first five books of scripture (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), contains all they need to follow. These laws had been handed down by God through Moses. Moses stood as the highest prophet in Judaism, and no one could ever dare challenge what he taught.

But here is Jesus, God himself, who comes to correct what was lacking in the laws. He ushers us to let our righteousness go further than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees and then corrects the laws in four areas today: on killing, adultery, divorce, swearing, and two others to be seen in next week's gospel. I would like, in this reflection, to focus on killing for want of time.

The old Mosaic law had demanded that no one had the right to kill in any form. But Jesus, who is the ultimate law giver, perfects this today by letting us realise that just getting angry with a brother is equal to killing. This is true because anger blocks our relationships with one another. In anger, sometimes we would wish the person we hold in our hearts were rather dead. Anger poisons us, and as I love saying, anger is like drinking poison and expecting someone else to die. Anger is poisonous and must be avoided as it strains and destroys relationships. In this connection, Jesus brings two things: first, that if we are going to the altar to offer our sacrifice and there remember that someone has something against us, then we need to be reconciled with that person first before we come and offer our sacrifice. This indicates that once we know someone is angry with us, even if we are not responsible for their anger, we must learn to go and fix things. This is because we are all called to live in harmony with one another. Secondly, Jesus asks us to fix things up

with our opponents at a good time, but we suffer the consequences. This is something important in any relationship; it can result in loss of life.

Dear friends in Christ, Jesus, as the supreme lawgiver, has corrected and given us a deeper understanding of the law on killing. He wants us to live in harmony with one another. That is the challenge we have for today. We must therefore learn to put this into practice daily through a loving and caring relationship with one another. It calls for us to protect life, too, at all costs. If we do this, we shall be choosing life over death, as the first reading offers us the option to choose life. The reading admonishes us seriously when it says, "If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin" (Sirach 15:15-20). This admonition is appraised by the responsorial Psalm of today, which reminds us that blessed are those who walk in the Lord. As we strive to walk in the ways of the Lord, the commandments, which Christ came to complete and not to abolish, are there to help us. Let us ask him to teach us his commandments so that we may walk in his ways. By this, may we therefore stand for life over death in the choices we make every day.

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE:

The Governors are seeking to appoint a **Business Support Assistant** to join our hardworking, committed and enthusiastic Business Support team. It will be permanent, 22.5 hours per week, and 40 weeks per year. The role is to provide administrative services to support the teaching and learning of the school.

Ideally, the successful candidate will have experience working in a similar role within the school environment, although this is not essential.

Closing date: Sunday 22nd February 2026

Interviews: During week commencing 23rd February 2026
Further details related to the position can be found in the Application Pack on our website at <https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/>

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 08/02/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £73.20, Envelopes £33.35, 100 Club £360, Directory £20 and Hall Rent £460

Contactless Collection: General £55 & Soup Kitchen Sunday £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £135.95, Envelopes £5, 100 Club £120, Coffee £13.85, Mass Stipend £10, Funeral Fee £150

Contactless Collection: General £45

Online Donation: General £70, CC New Heating £20 & Votive Candles £5

STANDING ORDERS JANUARY 2026 £2,494

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-corporus-Christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for November and December amounted to £118.39. 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 RENEWAL: All annual subscriptions for 100 Club concluded last month. Those who pay annually needs to renew their subscriptions soon. We have one number available now. If you are interested to join, please talk to Angela, Jenny or Father. Our next draw will be next Sunday 22nd of February at St Joseph Hall after the 9 am mass.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock & Co. Mayo – Led by Fr. Rinda Emmanuel. 08th March 2026. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact: Fr. Emmanuel to register your interest or complete the form to show your interest

HOPE IN ACTION: There will be a meeting on Sunday 15th of February after the mass at Corpus Christi Church for those who volunteered and willing to join.

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

- 1. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** If you are not a Catholic or have no religion and wants to become a Catholic, you can join this program. So far, we have 5 persons currently doing the program. Others are also welcome to enrolled in this programme.
- 2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:** Next session will be on Sunday 1ST of March 2026 at 9:15 am in Corpus Christi Hall.
- 3. BAPTISMAL PREPARATION DATES FOR 2026:** There will be a baptismal preparation sessions at St Joseph Hall, Tangier Road Copnor PO3 6JL on the following dates:

Sat 16th May 2026

Sat 19th Sept 2026

Sat 31st Oct 2026

NB: All Sessions start at 11.00am until 12.30.

BAPTISM: There will be baptism on Saturday 14th of February 12 noon at Corpus Christi Church. Let us all pray for the family.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS



Over 60 Singers Gathered in Portsmouth for Major Gregorian Chant Course that began last 10 January 2026

Portsmouth resonated with the timeless sound of sacred music as more than 60 participants gathered last Saturday, 10 January 2026, for the opening session of the Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course, hosted at St John's Cathedral. It brought together both beginners and seasoned singers. The three-part workshop series is offering a rare opportunity for participants to deepen their understanding of Gregorian chant, explore ancient repertoire, and develop interpretative skills under expert guidance.

A Public Sung Mass Featuring a 60-Voice Choir
The first workshop culminated in a sung Mass at 15:00, during which course participants will form a choir of more than sixty voices to perform the chants they have studied. [The Mass, held at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HG, is open to the public.](#)

The Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course consists of three workshops, held on the second Saturday of each month. The next workshops will be on 14 February and 14 March 2026.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN 2026:

The group meets every second Saturday of the month at 10.30 am – 12 noon in the church hall at St. Joseph's, **so the next get together is Saturday, 14 February.** Not only is there time to meet up with others, make new friends and have a coffee/tea and a piece of cake, there are activities, like quizzes, etc.

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

Karen, Sonia, John, Michael, Sheila, David, Lawrie, Nicky, Janet, Helen, Dawn, Eileen & Joe McGannan, Vanessa, Debbie, Jenny, Colin, Angie, Aileen Mary, Leonard, Tom & Joan, Ellen, John, Maureen, Philip, Margaret & Brian, Jim, Giuseppe, Kamila, Terry, Pretty, Clare, Frances & Ron, Anna, Margaret, Sean, Leo 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.

FORMATION MORNING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNICATION:

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on Saturday 9th May 2026 commencing with Mass at 9 am. There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the eucharist?". All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PALM BRANCHES: We are asking our parishioners to bring the palm branches from last year to the church or presbytery to be used to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER **"Embrace your life together in Love"**

Invitation to Couples to get away together and join us for a weekend to discover ways to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage and a happier life! The weekend draws on Marriage Encounters' 50 years of wisdom and experience, based on scriptural truths, and might just be the gear change you *didn't* know you needed or thought possible.

Couples welcome whether married or in long term relationships, with faith or no faith.

ME Weekend 27th Feb - 1st Mar - Swindon - Holiday Inn Express West

To find out more or book : Visit our website: wwme.org.uk

rites of election: This will be on Saturday 21st of February at the Cathedral. We have three candidates from our parish: Laura, Jenny and Gemma. Father will have a meeting with the candidates today after the mass in view of the baptism on Easter Vigil.

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