



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

### Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

(Response): **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philipians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

### WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm(SJ): RIP of Michael Peter Housell

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

11 am (CC): RIP of Hugh and Margaret Griffin FM

6 pm (CC): Rosary, Vespers and Benediction

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Elikutty Boovakkal

6 pm (SJ): Penitential Service

Tue 31<sup>st</sup>: 11 am: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Weds 1<sup>st</sup>: 6 pm (CC): Penitential Service

7pm (CC): RIP of Helena Brophy

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Aidan Culloty

8 pm (CC): For the intentions of all Priests

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>: 3 pm (BOTH CHURCHES):

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: FOR MY PART, I OFFERED NO RESISTANCE

Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, begins the celebration of Holy Week. For us as Catholics, this celebration begins when we gather at the church entrance or nearby to bless the palm branches we will carry in procession, joining the whole congregation in singing Hosanna to the King of Glory. It has always been an emotional moment for me as a priest celebrating this significant day, marching with palms, and singing alongside the Christians as we walk into the church. I vividly remember six years ago, at the Cathedral here in Portsmouth, when we couldn't do this because of the Covid pandemic. That year, one option of the solemn blessing of palms was omitted, with option two limited to cathedrals and option three designated for parish priests in their parish churches. It was awkward celebrating Mass with the Bishop and other priests while the congregation followed online. All of this is now a thing of the past.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday today, I would like us to reflect on the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, which states, "For my part, I offered no resistance" (Is 50:5). This comes from the third song of the servant of the Lord, where the prophet predicts in a way the coming sufferings of the Messiah. It is about a servant whom the Lord had given a disciple's tongue. This is a servant whom God had opened his ears to listen to Him, and the Lord had endowed him with the grace of speaking and uplifting the weary. In this regard, the prophet notes that he made no resistance, nor did he turn away, but offered himself up to those who wanted to kill him. They struck him, tore his beard, but he did not cover his face against spittle or insults, since the Lord came to his aid. It is exactly what happened with our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, whose resolute decision to enter Jerusalem will be met with an identical experience.

Jesus is the Son of God, but he did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, being born in human likeness (Phil 2:6-7). All of this was driven by his desire to save us from our sins. He gave himself and was disfigured for our salvation. Today, we see him enter Jerusalem to die for our sins. On his part, he offered no resistance because he knew how important his mission was to save all of us. As we go through the passion narrative, recounted by all four gospel writers (Mt 21:1-17; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:29-40; Jn 12:12-19), we can see Jesus wholeheartedly surrendering to the will of the

Father. He knew this was his last entry into Jerusalem to pay the ultimate price—a sacrifice that would be repeated on Good Friday, allowing us to journey through this week with the Lord and surrender to him. In a sense, it is a call to each of us to remember throughout this week what Jesus endured for our sake, and to die to sin and rise with him to new life.

This Palm Sunday, Jesus asks us to trust and follow him without resistance, the saviour. He died to save us from sin and death and desires to share that blessing with us. Can we entrust ourselves to him willingly, especially now when we are aware of our own frailty and human sinfulness?

My dear friends in Christ, as we begin the celebrations of Holy Week, I invite us to pray earnestly for the world, for our families, friends, and ourselves. I encourage us to pray for the church and its leaders, for our governments and leaders, and for all that we bring before the Lord in prayer. There are things happening in our lives that we cannot understand in human terms, but the Lord is calling us to walk this journey with Him and to sing Hosanna, for He will triumph in the end and bring us victory. We face situations in our lives that require us to surrender to Jesus. Let us not let this week pass without entrusting these matters to Him so that He may nail them to the cross for our sanctification.

May we pray for the grace to have a fruitful Holy Week, where we die to our old life of sin and rise to a new life of grace. To achieve this, we need not resist the promptings of the Holy Spirit working within us.

**HOLIDAY:** Fr Emmanuel will be away for his holiday from 14<sup>th</sup> of April till 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** while he is away.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE:** A Parish Pilgrimage is being arranged for Saturday, 24 October 2026. We will be going to Ladywell in Godalming. Many of you will remember the Sisters who used to live in the Presbytery at St. Joseph's and you may have visited Ladywell at that time. The Sisters will be welcoming us and lunch will be provided. A list will be available shortly for you to sign up and you will need to pay a £10 deposit to secure your place. The cost for the day will be £50 which includes coach travel there and back. The day includes a talk about St. Francis, Mass and a walk around the grounds if desired.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 22/03/2026

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £83.48, Envelopes £34.40 and Holy Places £2

**Contactless Collection:** General £10

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £139.87 Envelopes £15, Candles £8.20 and Coffee £12.22

**Contactless Collection:** General £40 & New Heating £10

**Online Donation:** General £67 & Votive Candles £5

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 - £1,691**

**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 January and February amounted to £154.62. 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:** There will be a draw today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March at Corpus Christi Hall after the mass.

**GIFT AID:** Our new gift aid envelopes for 2026/27 are available. Please collect them from Angela W. for St Joseph and Joy or Jenny for Corpus Christi. If you are a tax payer, please consider taking out a Standing Order for the benefit of the Parish. We know that finances are needed for the church to flourish. Thank you.

## **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](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## 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:** Three candidates will be baptised and confirm over Easter. Scrutiny began 2 weeks ago.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:** There will be a retreat for all the candidates at Corpus Christi Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 10 am.
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 and Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2026**

**NB:** All Sessions start at 11.00am until 12.30.

**ST JOSEPH'S UPPER HALL:** The boxes of items left in the upper hall have not been claimed despite a message being sent to all hirers. Therefore, they will now be removed and taken to the tip.

**ROSARY, VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** The season of Lent has begun. During this time, we will be having rosary, vespers and Benediction beginning at 6pm every Sunday. All are invited.

# CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAUNCHING CHURCHSUITE:** The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, including the newsletter, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form. There is a separate adult and child registration form. There is a paper form if you want to do it manually (see Jenny or Angela W).

The **Adult Registration Form** is available here: [Adult Parishioner Registration Form](#) or by scanning this QR code:



The **Child Registration Form** is available here: [Child Parishioner Registration Form](#) or by scanning this QR code:



## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2026

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 6pm at SJ

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 9am at SJ and  
11am at CC

**Chrism Mass:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Cathedral @  
11am

**Maudy Thursday:** 6pm at SJ and 8pm at CC

**Good Friday:** 3pm both at SJ and CC

**Holy Saturday:** 1 pm Polish blessing of food at CC

(Polish people are invited to get involved)

6pm at SJ and 8:30pm at CC with baptisms

**Easter Sunday:** 9am at SJ and 11am at CC

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**SJ:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm

**CC:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 6pm

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

Danny, 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.**

**YOUTH CLUB:** We are inviting the youth of our Parish to our forthcoming Easter Holiday Meeting. Please join us for a special Easter gathering! This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Corpus Christi Church. More details will be provided soon. Parents and Guardians kindly take note and encourage your children to attend.



**EASTER OFFERINGS:** Please remember this collection goes to our Priests for everything that they do for our parishes. Envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday.

We have two times in the year to support our priests in their work and ministry. One of the ways in which the Parish can support our Parish Priest in his ministry is by contributing to the Easter.

There are four ways in which you can give:

1. The collection on Easter Sunday
2. A bank transfer to the parish bank account, please put ref 'Easter offering' (note that standing orders are not counted as Easter collections)
3. Contactless payment via Dona machine at the back of church - option marked "Priest Easter Collection"
4. Use our "give as you live" page :

[Donate to Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph Catholic Parish Easter Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#)

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