



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

### Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10

(Response): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

Make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

Christ With Us On The Way Of Life  
Christ has made known to us the true way of life and ransomed us from the useless way of life handed down to us. He is with us today in the breaking of bread.

### WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm(SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): RIP of Mary Tattersall

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Nazareno (Joe) Pace FM

Tue 21<sup>st</sup>:

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS**

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Veronica Neelambavil



**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: LET'S RALLY IN DEFENCE OF THE FAITH

Once we become Christians, it is our duty to defend the faith at all times. This duty is more strongly placed on the shoulders of confirmed Christians. As confirmed Christians, we are called to become soldiers of Christ. As soldiers, our primary purpose is always to defend the faith. That is why we are being challenged today to rally in defence of the faith.

The above call comes from the first reading of today as we see St. Peter standing up to defend the faith at Pentecost. Peter and the other apostles are people who had been frightened by recent events, due to threats from the priests and leaders of the Jewish community, who did not want Jesus's mission to continue. They were now empowered at Pentecost by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit arrived, they received the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and the fear of the Lord. Through this empowerment, Peter was able to stand in defence of the faith. He was bold enough to address the crowd about Jesus, who was crucified but rose on the third day. He defended the faith so effectively that many were brought into their company.

We all need to stand up and ask for the graces to be renewed and strengthened as one people to defend the faith. To do this, we must rely on the gifts bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. The Holy Spirit offers sevenfold gifts, which we have just seen in action through Peter at Pentecost. As observed, he displayed the gifts of wisdom, understanding, fortitude, and knowledge. With these gifts, he was able to comprehend the scriptures; the knowledge of previously unknown matters was now revealed to him, and he had the courage to defend the faith. We too need to pray for these gifts to do the same, especially as the faith faces persecution from all sides today—by biblical fundamentalists, heretics, agnostics, and atheists.

We pray in our response to today's responsorial psalm that the Lord should show us the path of life. That is precisely what we need, so we can understand the path of life mapped out for us and work to help others realise it as we preach and defend our faith daily. We must keep in mind that on this journey, in defending the faith, challenges, persecutions, and discouragements may come our way. We need never be discouraged when things turn sour, as with the apostles after the death of Christ. It probably seemed a bleak future before Christ appeared to them, which led these two disciples in today's gospel to walk to Emmaus. They might have felt frustrated as all

their hope was dashed, for Christ — in whom they hoped and depended — had been killed and buried. Their journey to Emmaus was most likely an escape from their current circumstances, or a time to reflect on their lives and what the future held. But they were met on the way by Jesus, who, through his teachings, opened their minds with the gifts of wisdom and knowledge. They were then able to recognise him at the breaking of bread, and through this, they were empowered and fortified. That is why they hurried back to proclaim the Good News to the other apostles and disciples of Christ.

Dear friends in Christ, let us remember that we all have a duty to stand up and defend the faith, in season and out of season. All sorts of strange doctrines are beginning to emerge. I take, for example, during the Covid-19 period, I heard some say there is no need to go to Church again if we can stay at home and follow mass via live stream. Or some say that because they could pray directly to God during that time and ask for forgiveness, there is no need for the sacrament of confession. These cannot be true. We need to arise and stand up for the faith we profess at this time and share and defend it faithfully, as God would want it. The faith is one and has stood the test of time. We need to rise up and defend it, not at all costs, but by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

May we generously dedicate our time and energy in understanding our faith so that we can share it fearlessly with others, not only through words but also through our way of life.

**HOLIDAY:** Fr Emmanuel is currently 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.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The Corpus Christi Youth Community will be having their youth meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday) 2026 at 12noon in the church hall. We will have a discussion, movie time followed by games and refreshments. God bless you as you come.

**THANK YOU:** Special thanks to Maruva for doing the cake sale. We appreciate everything that you do to raise fund for our church.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 12/04/2026

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £76.21, Envelopes £33.90, Easter Offering £ 30, Candles £112.12 and Clergy Training Fund £2

**Contactless Collection:**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £97.18, Envelopes £24, Candles £3.20, Mass Stipend £10, Easter Offering £5 and Cake Sale £62.80

**Contactless Collection:** General £95, Easter Offering £100, New Heating £10, Holy Places £10 and New Carpet £100

**Online Donation:** General £76, CC New Heating £20 & Mass Intentions £10

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR MARCH 2026 - £2,333**

**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:** Our next monthly draw will be next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April at St Joseph Hall after the mass.

**DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND:** This is our second collection for next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 10 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually.

These are the men who will baptize and catechize the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year, please support them in their journey by making a donation to this Fund. Thank you.

## 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 2025/2026

1. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:** Next session will be today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 at 9:15 am in Corpus Christi Hall.

2. **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.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to help our baptismal preparation team. The preparation is only done 4 times a year. Please let Fr Emmanuel know if you are interested.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Parishioners are asked to be vigilant and keep personal items safe following a recent incident where a theft occurred. Unfortunately, not all visitors attend the Church to worship. Please look out for each other and report any suspicious activity.

Also, could parents & guardians accompany their children if they need to go to the toilet during mass please. Thank you

# 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:



**PHILOSOPHY SUNDAY TALK:** The Marian Franciscans invite you to a talk entitled A Healthy Reason For A Strong Faith. This will be led by Fr Serafino M. Lanzetta. It will be this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 at St Joseph's Hall in Tangier Road at 2 pm. The topic "WHY NO ONE WANTS TO BE DECEIVED: ON TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE".

Join us for an immersive monthly discovery of philosophical truths. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit [www.themarianfranciscans.org](http://www.themarianfranciscans.org)

**MARY'S MEALS CHARITY:** Corpus Christi School Mini Vinnie charity group are sewing summer flower and vegetable seeds to raise funds for the Mary's Meal Charity. They need small flowerpots to plant their seeds in. If parishioners have any small empty pots to donate, they can be given to Geraldine Cox who leads the school group. Thank you for your support.

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

George, 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.**

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE:** The Parish Pilgrimage on Saturday, 24 October 2026 is now booked and deposit paid. 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. A substantial lunch will be provided and free tea and coffee throughout. A form is now available in the porches of both churches, for you to indicate your interest and in due course 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.

Would whoever removed the form from the table at Corpus Christi please return it, as we know there were names on it.

## **OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM**

**COLLEGE:** The Governors are seeking to appoint a motivated and enthusiastic IT Apprentice to join our IT team. It will be permanent, full-time, 37 hours per week and 52 weeks per year.

This role is ideal for someone passionate about technology, eager to learn, and looking to begin a career in IT support, networking, and systems administration. The successful candidate will work alongside experienced IT professionals, gaining hands on experience while completing a recognised IT qualification.

**Closing date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 5pm

**Interviews:** During week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 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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