



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

### Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:14. 36-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22:1-6

(Response): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

The Shepherd And  
Guardian Of Our Souls  
Today we rejoice in the  
Lord, our Shepherd, who  
calls us to himself.

### WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm(SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): RIP of Manuel DaCosta

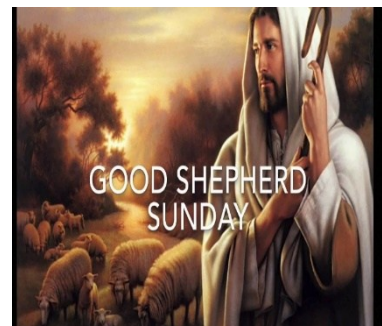
Mon 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** For Lijo & Vinil

Tue 28<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 29<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Jim Pidgley FM

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

Fri 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:30am (CC): **NO MASS**



**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 COME SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL (Jn 10:10)**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is usually observed as Good Shepherd Sunday. The name originates from the gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's gospel, where Jesus is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep. The Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which also employs shepherd imagery: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; as expressed in the response to the responsorial Psalm. The fourth Sunday of Easter also serves as Vocation Sunday. Vocation Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, is a day set aside each year for prayer and reflection on the call to ministry within the various vocations of the Church, especially priesthood and religious life. In summary, we can say Vocation Sunday is "the day for churches to encourage everyone to reflect, discover and recognise God's call to them," as expressed by the Church of England. As we celebrate this day, I would like us to reflect on the closing words of Jesus in the gospel: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).

Jesus is the shepherd and guardian of our lives. As our guardian, he invites us to follow him, the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for us by shedding his blood on the cross of Calvary for our salvation. This invitation to follow the Good Shepherd, Christ, is demonstrated in the discipleship of the early Christians, as seen in the first reading today. The apostles at Pentecost began fulfilling the vocation given to them by Christ—to go and make disciples of all nations and baptise them. They did this first by preaching. When Peter preached at Pentecost, the people were deeply moved and asked Peter, "What must we do, brothers?" (Acts 2:37). They were instructed to be baptised in the name of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Convinced of the need to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd, over three thousand were baptised that day. What a remarkable achievement at the very start of spreading the faith. This is closely linked to the idea that evangelisation is the work of God (through the Holy Spirit) working through humans, where God calls, converts, and transforms as we participate in His mission. That is why He calls each of us to serve Him in our respective vocations, with faithfulness.

Acceptance of baptism makes us become Christians. It is the birth of a new life with Christ, affirming the declaration that Christ came so we may have life and have

it in abundance. Therefore, life for us encompasses both physical and spiritual aspects, especially because man is both body and soul. In this context, we must care for both the physical and spiritual lives with equal importance. Too often, we focus on the material side of life and forget the spiritual side. Jesus reminds us in the gospel that, as he has come to give us life in full, he also stands as the door to the sheepfold. Entrance to this life depends solely on Jesus, and we need to approach him to enjoy this blessed life. He desires to lead us, to know us, and to reveal himself to us. He calls each of us to his sheepfold to enjoy life in abundance and wants to lead the way, so we can follow in his footsteps. Can we give him the opportunity to be the shepherd of our lives? Can we allow him to give us true life? Can we permit him to transform the dead corners of our lives and bring new life to those areas that seem worrisome and troublesome to us?

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." I desire that life! It represents the Christian way of living; a life with Christ that admits of no duplicity or hypocrisy. Although this life comes from God alone, it calls us to participate in the school of suffering with patience and perseverance; for our perseverance will earn us our lives. Jesus granted us life through suffering for our sake. We must also suffer to ensure others gain a better life.

As we celebrate this day, let us pray for the grace to allow Christ to be the Good Shepherd in our lives. Let us also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in places where these vocations seem to be diminishing. Let us also ask Jesus to help us enjoy life to the fullest.

**NO ADORATION:** There will be **NO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** this 1<sup>st</sup> of May as Father is away.

**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.

**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.

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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 today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 at St Joseph Hall after the mass.

**DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND:** This is our second collection today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 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:** Nest session will be today Sunday 26<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:



**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/>

**NEWSLETTER:** This newsletter will be good for 2 Sundays. The next one will be available on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.



**Corpus Christi Catholic Church Youth Group**

**JOIN US FOR FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026**

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH HALL, GLADYS AVENUE

PO2 9AZ, PORTSMOUTH • 12:00 NOON

GROUP DISCUSSION • OUTDOOR GAMES  
• REFRESHMENTS • MOVIE TIME

**Rejoice, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth." — Ecclesiastes 11:9**

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