



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 65:1-7, 16. 20

(Response): **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

The Spirit Of Truth

We celebrate the coming of Christ's Spirit of truth on the Church, the source of the Church's proclamation of the Christian message to the world.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm(SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Audrey O'Leary FM

11 am (CC): RIP of Matthew Koovackal

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Vincent Neelamkavil

Tue 12<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 13<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm (CC): **NO MASS**

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ): **NO MASS**

Fri 15<sup>th</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: THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS GOOD NEWS, IT BRINGS JOY

We have had the opportunity during this Easter season to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Acts of the Apostles, of all that Jesus did after he rose from the dead, and of the work of the apostles and disciples of Jesus according to the mission he entrusted to them. We are almost rounding off the Easter season, as we have just another Sunday to go before Pentecost. On Thursday, we shall be celebrating Ascension Thursday, the day Jesus went back to heaven after his 40 days of appearances to his disciples and apostles following his resurrection. From that day, we need to begin the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. But as we become ready to kick off with that, I would like us on this Sunday to remember that the Good News of Christ brings joy. Therefore, if we want to be happy people, we must seek Christ in the Gospels and live and spread the happiness which he gives to us.

The above thought is reflected in the lives of the Christian community in Samaria. Philip, one of the seven deacons chosen to be in charge of the material wellbeing of the Church (Acts 6:1-7), was a man filled with the Spirit of God. He left Jerusalem and went to a Samaritan town, where his preaching brought benefits to the people. They heard his preaching, received baptism, and became convinced of this new way of life, especially because of the miracles worked through Philip. He cured many who were suffering from all kinds of unclean spirits and healed the paralytics and cripples. The first reading confirms that, as a result of Philip's preaching and miracles, there was great rejoicing in that town. The people were happy to receive Christ and his message.

Joy is both the fruit of the gospel and a gift of the Holy Spirit, and it belongs primarily to Christians. Therefore, anyone who knows Christ and is unhappy is a contradiction in terms. This ideal was affirmed by late Pope Francis in his homily on 5 September 2014 at the Santa Marta residence, when he said that the gospel is something new, something that brings joy, something that can only be lived by a heart that is joyful and renewed, and that keeps God's command of love. This same joy of the gospel is expressed by Pope Francis in his 2013 encyclical letter *Evangelium Gaudium*, which states: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, inner emptiness and loneliness.

With Christ joy is constantly born anew" (n. 1). Unfortunately, even though we have embraced Christ as Christians, our lives may seem to have been sapped of every iota of Christian joy. Why is this so? Perhaps the one question we all need to answer is: Why am I not happy?

Whether we are happy or not, we still need to draw close to Jesus, who teaches us how to be happy and joyful people. The response to the responsorial psalm challenges us to cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. How can we do this if we are not happy ourselves? In this sense, we need to answer yet another question: what gives true joy and happiness? Do joy and happiness come from material things, people, or pleasures? Or, to rephrase the question: Is happiness or joy the absence of pain, trials, problems, challenges, and difficulties? I do not think so. It has to do with the attitude we have towards the realities we encounter each day.

To be happy, therefore, listen to St. Peter, who, in the second reading, asks us to revere Christ in our hearts and to bear suffering as part of the Christian life. Jesus exhorts us to love him and keep his commandments. Love is the seed of joy. Anyone who has fallen in love knows that true love brings joy, and for that joy to be sustained, certain principles must guide us. These principles can be summarised in the commandments which Jesus asks us to keep at all times. He tells us that if we keep his commandments, he will be with us always. That is why, before leaving his disciples, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit, who would lead them to the complete truth, as we find in today's gospel. Therefore, if we need to be happy and joyful, we must surrender ourselves to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who is our advocate before the Father.

Some people struggle with unhappiness. By trusting God and embracing His will through Christ, we can find strength during difficult times and experience lasting happiness regardless of our circumstances. May we always share joy with others.

**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.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 03/05/2026

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £78.40, Envelopes £33.95, Clergy Training Fund £2, Holy Places (From the Friars) £118 and Hall Rent £305

**Contactless Collection:**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £105.83, Envelopes £33, Coffee £16.30, Donation £10 and Clergy Training Fund £25

**Contactless Collection:** General £45, New Heating £10 and Clergy Training Fund £15

**Online Donation:** General £216, CC New Heating £10 & Mass Intentions £15

## **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 March and April amounted to £103.41, down on the previous two months which was £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 WINNERS FOR APRIL**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>JENNY</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>HUBERT</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>MARIA N.</b>

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION NETWORK:** This second collection takes place on Sunday 17th May 2026. Sunday 17th May marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme is *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*.

The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communicate the Good News of the Gospel.

For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please visit: [cbcew.org.uk/wcd/](http://cbcew.org.uk/wcd/)

## **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**

- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:**  
Nest session will be today Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 9:15 am in Corpus Christi Hall.
- 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

**CHURCHSUITE:** ChurchSuite is now up and running in our parish. It manages 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:



**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Thanks to all the parents and our youth that came for today's meeting. It was a huge time spent sharing, learning about faith and our personality. We had outdoor games and enough refreshments for everyone. There were 54 young people present.

## **SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS:**

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

## **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 deposits of £10 per person now need to be paid. We are 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 available in the porches of both churches, for you to indicate your interest and once the deposit is paid, this will 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.

## **LONDON CONFERENCE FOR ALPHA:**

On Monday and Tuesday this week, five Parishioners, chosen by Fr. Emmanuel attended a conference at The Royal Albert Hall in London, about leadership and Alpha. Some of you may be familiar with Alpha and we would be interested to know if anyone has attended an Alpha course or would be interested in attending one. Please speak to Angela W at SJ or Jenny E at CC.

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB:**

This will be on Saturday this week, 9 May at 10.30 am in the Hall at St. Joseph's. Because Fr. Emmanuel is away, there will be no pastoral forum meeting this month.

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