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7th Sunday of Easter – 17th May 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1. 4. 7-8

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

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

The Spirit Of Prayer And Praise
Christ prayed in the Spirit, and
the Holy Spirit is the source of
the prayer and praise of the
whole Church. The Spirit of
God is resting on us as we
offer this sacrifice of praise
today.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 16th: 6 pm(SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 17th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC):

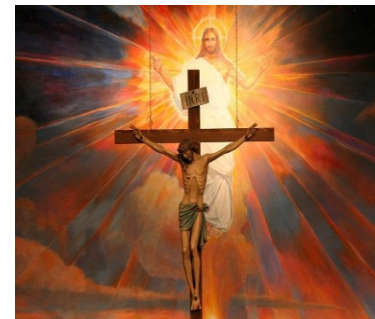
Mon 18th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Joan Taws FM

Tue 19th:

Weds 20th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Jim Brown

Thurs 21st: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Terry Butler FM

Fri 22nd: 9:30am (CC):



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: GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO THOSE YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO ME

The seventeenth chapter of John's gospel is generally referred to as the priestly prayer of Jesus. This is the prayer he made for his apostles, disciples and for humanity before he left this world. There are so many things embedded in this prayer. But today I would like us to reflect on Jesus' wish that the Father should give eternal life to all those He has entrusted to him.

Two basic questions, therefore, stand to be answered in connection:

1. What is eternal life?
2. How can we achieve this eternal life?

In answering the first question, we can simply say that eternal life is life with God, life forever and ever with Him, whether here on earth or in the life after this. In the words of Jesus in today's gospel, eternal life is to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom the Father sent (Jn 17:3). Before making this command, Jesus asks the Father to glorify him with the glory he had with Him before the world began. Christ brought this glory to earth and glorified the Father here on earth (Jn 17:5). He did this by revealing the Father's name and thus gathered a group of apostles and disciples, whom Jesus wants the Father to grant eternal life. We all therefore need to work towards achieving this eternal life which Jesus earned for us. Our journey to eternal life begins properly at Baptism. We therefore need to make use of the baptismal graces in order to enjoy the life which Christ has achieved for us, through his eternal perfection and one perfect sacrifice on the cross. In this light, we then come to answer the second question: how can we achieve this eternal life?

The first reading and the gospel present to us two things: continuous prayer and persistence in suffering, as the means to eternal life with God. Prayer is vital in the life of every Christian. It is the lifeline that connects us with God, His people and creation. It enables us to discern the mind of God and the graces to carry out His will. When Jesus returned to heaven, the apostles and disciples of Jesus waited in the upper room for the promised descent of the Holy Spirit. They did so in continuous prayer. It is a challenge for us to ask ourselves: is my life a life of continuous prayer, or do I easily forget to pray? Prayer is the key to life, and with prayer we can move mountains. We therefore need to take prayer seriously and use it as a means to ask the Father for the things we need and for the salvation of the world. We also need to pray for the world at this moment, which needs healing from Covid-19.

The second way to enter eternal life is to bear suffering, which is part and parcel of the Christian way of life. Jesus won eternal salvation for us through suffering by dying on the cross at Calvary. That is what St. Peter is encouraging us in the second reading when he says: "If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Jesus because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you" (1 Pet 4:13-14). Salvific suffering is suffering for the sake of the Good News and not because of the evil we do. In this light, St. Peter further says: "None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one" (1 Pet 4:15-16). So, if you are suffering now, is it because of Christ or because of our failures? It's true that some people live their lives as if they are sadists, but that should not be the case. We cannot live our lives taking delight in causing suffering for others or seeing others suffer. We should all work towards alleviating suffering, while keeping in mind that it remains part and parcel of the Christian way of life. It can come through rejection, slander, false accusations, etc.

As Christ prayed that his Father should grant eternal life to all of those He has given him, let us make every effort to share in that eternal life. Let the novena to the Holy Spirit, which many are taking part in at this time, be an opportunity to ask God for the graces to be part of his eternal kingdom.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 10/05/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £86.56 & Envelopes £33.10

Contactless Collection:

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £121.97, Envelopes £45, Coffee £7.50, Candles £3.75, Catholic Communication Network £15 and New Carpet £10

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

QR Donations: General £35, CC New Carpet £30 & Mass Intentions £5

STANDING ORDERS FOR APRIL 2026 - £2,168

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: Our next draw will be on Sunday 24th of May at Corpus Christi Hall after the mass. We have one number available now. If you're interested, please talk to Angela W. (SJ) or Jenny (CC). Thanks

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION NETWORK: This second collection takes place today 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 communication 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/

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 17th of May 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 16th May 2026, Sat 19th Sept 2026 and Sat 31st Oct 2026**

NB: All Sessions start at 11.00am until 12.30.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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 (like handbags) 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, parents & guardians must 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:



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

Eileen, 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 need to be paid. You can pay by cash to Angela W (SJ) or Jenny (CC), or through BACS, **Account Name: CDP Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number 00884996 and reference: LADYWELL.**

We are going to Ladywell in Godalming. 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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MASS: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 20th 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), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

OUTDOOR MASS and CULTURAL EVENT
A DISPLAY OF DIFFERENT CULTURES
FAITH • COMMUNITY • UNITY • CELEBRATION

28TH OF JUNE
11AM
CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Donations on the day will go towards the replacement of carpets for **Corpus Christi Church.**

The poster features a central cross at the top, surrounded by a sunburst. Below the title, there are images of people in various cultural costumes, including a woman in a colorful sari, a man in a traditional hat, and a woman in a kimono. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a diverse group of people holding hands in a circle, with a world map in the background.

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