



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH

CHARITY NO: 1199568



**PARISH PRIEST** Fr. Rinda Emmanuel Bamuh

**CORPUS CHRISTI OFFICE** 21 Gladys Ave. Portsmouth PO2 9AZ

Tel. 023 9266 0927 (Emergency calls: TXT 07424 018519)

**PARISH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER:** Jenny Elliott

**OFFICE HOURS:** 9 AM - 4 PM (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

**ST. JOSEPH'S,** Tangier Road, Copnor PO3 6JL

**FACEBOOK:** Corpus Christi and St. Joseph Parish in Portsmouth

Also: St. Joseph's Church, Baffins

**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/corpus-christi-with-st-joseph/>

**YOU TUBE:** Corpus Christi with St. Joseph Parish

(Email) [ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Marian Franciscans at St. Joseph**

(Tel) 023 9283 1245 (Email) [stjosephs Marianhouse@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephs Marianhouse@gmail.com)

**St Joseph Hall Booking:** [sjhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:sjhallbookings@gmail.com) or phone the office

**Parish Safeguarding Ministers**

**Corpus Christi: Shelagh Card: St. Joseph's:**

PLEASE NOTE: Any of the above can be contacted via the Parish Office

## **Pentecost Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

### Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

The Day of Pentecost

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent it out into the world to bring his peace, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.

### WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6 pm(SJ): RIP of Florencio Brito

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (SJ): For Teresa White and family

11 am (CC): RIP of Bridie Johnson FM

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (CC): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Tue 26<sup>th</sup>:

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> : 7 pm (CC): RIP of Philomena Brito

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am (SJ): For Corrie and her daughter Baby Ocean

Fri 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am (CC): 12<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination anniversary of Fr. Emmanuel



**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.**

IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY EMAIL US on

[ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

# Sunday Reflection

## THEME: RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē), meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition. For us Christians, it is the birthday of the Church, celebrated on the 50th day after Jesus rose from the dead. This day is considered by some to be the birthday of the Church, or the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. As the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI described in one of his Pentecost homilies, this day is the day of new creation. As we celebrate this day of new creation, I would like to remind us that we have all received the Holy Spirit and that we need to put the gifts of the Holy Spirit into practice.

The first reading today describes the event of Pentecost. Pentecost was the greatest of all Jewish feasts, and every Jew was expected to be in Jerusalem for this celebration. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he had demanded that his apostles gather in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The first reading describes, in vivid terms, how the Holy Spirit descended shortly after a powerful storm on the apostles and disciples of Jesus in the form of tongues of fire. The result was felt immediately: they began speaking in strange languages. Though they spoke in Galilean dialect, the Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans, Cappadocians, Pontians, Asians, Phrygians, Pamphylans, Egyptians, Libyans and Cyrenians could all hear them speak in their own languages (Acts 2:9). This was simply because they had received the Holy Spirit, which empowered them to speak in tongues.

We too have received the Holy Spirit at our baptism and are expected to speak in tongues. But this is a new language of tongues that needs to be heard by all. It is the language of love. Love is the language that is simply understood by all. As the apostles spoke on Pentecost, the people understood them in their own language. As disciples of Jesus, when we speak the language of love, everyone understands us too. Therefore, the challenge today is that, having received the Holy Spirit, we should be able to speak the universal language of love. There

are many people around us who need our love and concern. We need to talk to them in the new language of Pentecost, especially through the way we care for them.

I am certain that if all of us start speaking the new language of love, the face of the earth would be renewed. In this sense, we shall be singing and putting into practice the prayer in the response to the responsorial psalm, which prays, "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth" (Ps 103:30). The face of the earth really needs renewal, especially from the scourge of sin. We have all received the Holy Spirit given by God, but for different services. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that one Spirit has been given to us and works in all sorts of ways for the good of all. Therefore, love, the new language of Pentecost, must be expressed to people in different ways and according to their needs. If we go on this way, the peace which Jesus breathed on his apostles after his resurrection will be experienced by all in the world.

Dear friends in Christ, we have all received the Holy Spirit. Do not leave it shelved but use it to renew the face of the earth by loving sincerely. May the power of the Holy Spirit and the sevenfold gifts it brings be received by us anew today and may this manifest in our lives through the fruits we bear.

Happy Pentecost Sunday to you all.



IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY EMAIL US on

[ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 17/05/2026

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £61.58, Envelopes £33, catholic Communication Network £20.40, Candles £68.35, Card Sales £27.90, Coffee £21, Mass Stipend £10 Clergy Training Fund £5, Ladywell Deposits £80 and Hall Rent £2,357

**Contactless Collection:**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £145.17, Envelopes £27, Candles £2.50, Catholic Communication Network £41, Mass Stipend £10 and Ladywell £10

**Contactless Collection:** General £10

**QR Donations:** General £76, CC New Carpet £35 & Votive Candles £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 31<sup>st</sup> of May at Corpus Christi Hall after the mass. We have two numbers available now. If you're interested, please talk to Angela W. (SJ) or Jenny (CC). Thanks

**LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL:** Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill.

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future.

These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

## 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:

The next first Holy Communion preparation session is the retreat on Sunday 30 May and the final session is on Sunday 21 June. The first Holy Communion will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 and Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2026**

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

*There will be baptism on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of May and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Let us all pray for their families.*

**VISITORS TO ST JOSEPH CHURCH:** This week two pigeons decided they wanted to see inside the church!! At the time of going to print, they were still there, so please be careful and vigilant. There are not fussy where they do their business!! The matter is being dealt with.

# 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.** If you have signed up at either church, please pay your deposit as soon as you can.

We are going to Ladywell in Godalming. A substantial lunch will be provided and free tea and coffee throughout. The cost for the day will be £50 which includes coach travel there and back. There are still places available, so please sign the form and pay your deposit.

## 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.

**OUTDOOR MASS and CULTURAL EVENT**  
A DISPLAY OF DIFFERENT CULTURES  
FAITH • COMMUNITY • UNITY • CELEBRATION  
28<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE  
11AM  
CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL PLAYGROUND  
Donations on the day will go towards the replacement of carpets for Corpus Christi Church.

IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY EMAIL US on

[ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)