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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 31st May 2026

COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Dan 3:52-56

(Response): **To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

The God Of Love And Power
Our celebration today is a
song of praise to God who
has taken us up to share in
the very life of the Trinity.
The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit is with us all.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 30th: 6 pm(SJ): For the Smith Family

Sun 31st: 9 am (SJ): For Sr Josephine's 90th birthday & SMDM Sisters

11 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Gerard Doyle

Mon 1st: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Jennifer Osten

Tue 2nd: For the intentions of the people of the parish

Weds 3rd: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Beatrice Vacher FM

Thurs 4th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Nora Fahy FM

10:30 am (CC): School Mass to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi

7 pm (SJ): Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Fri 5th: 9:30am (CC): RIP of Bill & Rosa Galliver FM

10 am – 6 pm (CC): **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION.** It will end with benediction and 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: OUR LIVES SHOULD BE AN IMITATION OF THE LIFE OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

In the Catholic Church, there are three fundamental truths or dogmas from which all doctrines and life in the Church are centred. They are: the dogma of the Blessed Trinity, the dogma of the Incarnation, and the dogma of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Today, we are celebrating one of these truths, namely that there is one God who is made up of three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Whether we are aware of this truth or not, we profess this belief in so many ways in the Church. This is true because we are baptised with the Trinitarian formula, we begin Mass with the Trinitarian formula, we begin prayers with the Trinitarian formula, we end prayers with the Trinitarian formula, and the doxologies express the Trinitarian formula. This is a clear indication of the great place that the Trinity has in our Catholic belief.

When we talk about the Blessed Trinity, we are not talking about three gods but one God who is three persons. The emphasis here is because many Catholics and non-Catholics alike strive to contest or make a mockery of this dogma, simply because they say the fact of God being one in three persons is not comprehensible. I remember once, as a secondary school boy, I took some shoes for repairs to a shoe mending workshop whose owner belonged to one of the Pentecostal sects. They had a picture on the wall of their shop that was aimed at disputing the dogma of the Trinity. It read something like: Catholics are polytheists (worship of many gods). They do not believe in one God but in three gods. Below this writing, the picture showed three persons closely drawn to each other, and a question was asked under it: how can it be possible that these three persons make up one God? There were many other writings on that poster that condemned our belief in the Blessed Trinity.

The God we worship is One God, namely God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is one God in three persons. Therefore, within the Godhead there is a communion of persons. In the Trinity, we find the perfect expression of love, since love accounts for the unity among the three divine persons. This love is expressed in the total self-giving of each person in the Trinity. This means that, within the Godhead, the Father gives himself completely to the Son, and the Son, in turn, gives himself completely to the Father. The Father and the Son give themselves completely to the Spirit.

Also, each person in the Trinity has a unique function which he carries out. The Father is the Father because he begets the Son. He is the one who created the world and all it contains. The Son is the redeemer; for it was not the Father who took flesh but the Son, Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, the one who makes all things holy.

Despite each having a unique function in the Godhead, we should never lose sight of the fact that the work of each person in the Trinity is entirely the work of all three persons of the Blessed Trinity. This implies that if we say the Father is the creator, we are only attributing the act of creating to the Father, but in reality creation is the work of the Trinity, that is, of the three divine persons.

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity, three persons in one God, was not revealed to the Jews of the Old Testament. This was probably because they were not yet fit to understand and accept this truth. Surrounded, as they were, by nations that practised polytheism, there would have been a danger that the Jews would interpret the three persons of the Trinity as three gods, thus falling into polytheism. Hence, it was not revealed to them. This might suggest why we have no explicit Trinitarian text in the Old Testament that can be read on this feast of the Blessed Trinity. But the text given for the first reading today provides the basis for its eventual revelation. Yahweh made a covenant with the Israelites. He made them his chosen people through whom he would eventually send his divine Son and the Holy Spirit, giving man the possibility and the means of reaching the destination he had planned for them from all eternity. The covenant made by Yahweh with Moses on Mt. Sinai was the preparation for the revelation of the dogma of the Blessed Trinity and its relationship with our salvation. That is why, in the first reading, we find God revealing himself to Moses on Mt. Sinai as a God who is faithful to his promises and rich in tenderness, slow to anger, abounding in love, compassion and faithfulness.

The second reading presents to us Paul encouraging the Christians at Corinth to live in peace and love. The reading also carries a Trinitarian blessing, which is used as a greeting at mass. In the gospel, we find the most beautiful expression of Trinitarian love extended to mankind. We are told "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (Jn 3:16-18).

Dear friends in Christ, this is the love we all need to learn from and practice everyday. May the love that binds the Father and the Son be lived everyday in our lives as we honour and worship the Blessed Trinity.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 24/05/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £84.93, Envelopes £43.85, Catholic Communication Network £35 and Ladywell Deposits £10

Contactless Collection:

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £162.12, Envelopes £15, Candles £6.70 and Coffee £2

Contactless Collection: General £60

QR Donations: General £30, CC New Carpet £20 & 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 WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

1ST PRIZE	HELEN N.
2ND PRIZE	SHEILA F.
3RD PRIZE	HEATHER

We have two numbers available now. If you're interested, please talk to Angela W. (SJ) or Jenny (CC). Thanks

MISSIO: Would all red box holders please bring them to either church to be emptied as soon as possible, Thank you

ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This takes place every 2nd Saturday in the hall at St. Joseph's. Everyone welcome, young and old. 10.30 – 1 pm. It's a time to have a chat and enjoy refreshments, often including cake!!

After that will be the St. Joseph's Forum, a place you can find out more about what's going on in the church and ways you can help.

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 Saturday 30 May and the final session is on Sunday 21 June. The first Holy Communion will take place on the 7th and 14th 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 19th Sept 2026 and Sat 31st Oct 2026**

NB: All Sessions start at 11.00am until 12.30.

There will be a baptism on the 6th of June. Let us all pray for the family.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: On Thursday 4th of June at 7 pm, there will be a procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi at St Joseph Church going to Baffins pond and back to the church. The celebration will end with Benediction. Everyone is welcome.

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 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.

CLEANERS:

We desperately need people to help clean the church at St. Joseph's. We are down to one again most weeks at the moment. Please see Teresa White (6 pm) or Angela Waldren (9 am).

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.

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