



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 19:2-6  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 99:1-3. 5  
 (Response): **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5:6-11  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.  
**The kingdom of God is at hand;**  
**Repent and believe in the gospel.**  
**Alleluia.**  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

**Our Calling**  
 God has made us his own. He reconciles us in Christ and calls each of us by name to be a people consecrated to him. As his priestly people we offer this sacrifice today, filled with joyful trust in him.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

- Sat 13<sup>th</sup>.....6 pm(SJ):** *For the intentions of the people of parish*
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>.....9 am (SJ):** *RIP of Derek Hopkins*  
**.....11 am (CC):** *For the First Holy Communion candidates, parents & Catechists*
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>...9:30 am (CC):** *RIP of Elizabeth Keita*
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup>:**
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup>.....7 pm (CC):** *For Sheila F.'s intention*
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>....9:30 am (SJ):** *RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM*
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>....9:30am (CC):** *RIP of Barbara Polli FM*



**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

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# The LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

Human existence is not a chance occurrence, but something designed and willed by God for the good of mankind. That is why the penny catechism asks and answers the question: Why did God make me? The answer is simple; God made us so that we may know him, love him, serve him, and be happy with him for ever in heaven. That is the mission entrusted to us here on earth. But for God to make this mission evident to all mankind, he had to call a people and prepare them. This accounts for the call of Abraham in the Old Testament, through whom God prepared a people for himself. We find that call extended to Moses, whom God called to prepare a people for him. In the first reading, Moses is on the mountain of Sinai, where God called him, and he went up the mountain to meet God. There, God revealed his greatness, how he had led the people on eagle's wings and brought them to himself. All God demanded from them in return was that they obey his voice and hold fast to his covenant, so that among all the nations they would be his chosen possession. In this way, he would make them a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation. But this was not always the case, as the Israelites kept turning their backs on God through a life of sin. But did God abandon them? Not at all.

The second reading of today reminds us of the love of God, so evident in the sending of his Son to liberate us. The second reading tells us that: "We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation" (Rom 5:6-11). From the reading, we find that God has one purpose for us; life with him despite our sinfulness. But for that to be made possible, God chose



a few people first, from whom salvation would extend.

The above accounts for the theme and mission of Jesus to the disciples in today's gospel. We are told that first, Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. Then, secondly, he directed them to those to whom they had to minister, in the following words: "Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge" (Mt 10:5-8). Why would Christ want the mission to be selective? Did he not come to save all? Why should the apostles visit only the lost sheep of Israel first?

I tried to read around this on the internet, and one commentary said that "the lost sheep" of this house are meant either to refer to all the people of the Jews in general, who were wandering and lost in error and sin, to whom the external ministry of the Gospel came; or rather to the elect of God among them, for whose sake particularly the apostles were sent to them. That notwithstanding, we are all children of God, and he desires us to be with him for ever. The Jews had to be prepared to embrace this mission, and from them the rest of mankind was to receive the gospel message. This was the mission Christ accomplished for us. As his followers, we need to remain faithful to the mission he has entrusted to us, bringing others to him, healing the sick, cleansing lepers, raising the dead, and living in his love. May we pray for the graces to be faithful to the Lord and to carry out the mission he has for us by living in his love daily.

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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS / INCOME 07/06/2026

**ST. JOSEPH:** Loose plate £103.15, Envelopes £38, Coffee £18, Ladywell £60 and Hall Rent £707

**Contactless Collection:** General £10

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Loose plate £177.72, Envelopes £40, Candles £12.20, Coffee £8.01, Mass Stipend £20 and Cake Sale £76

**Contactless Collection:** General £87.50 & Mass Intention £10

**QR Donations:** General £56, CC New Carpet £20, Votive Candles £5 & Mass Intention £10

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR MAY 2026 - £1,732**

**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:** If you no longer wish to be part of our 100 club, please let Angela (SJ) or Jenny (CC) know so that we can offer your number to other parishioners. Thank you.

**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 - 12 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, air your grievances if you have any 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:** 7 pm - 8 pm Monday to Friday (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers in Latin), Rosary and Benediction.

**LATIN MASS COMMUNITY:** 7 am 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 final session is on Sunday 21 June. The first Holy Communion will take place today Sunday 14th of June 2026.

### **2. BAPTISMAL PREPARATION DATES FOR 2026:**

There will be a baptismal preparation session 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.**

**CAKE SALE:** We want to thank Maruva for doing the cake sale last Sunday for our new carpet. She was able to raise £76. We really appreciate your effort.

**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).

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# 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](#)  
by scanning this QR code:



The **Child Registration** Form is available here:

[Child Parishioner Registration Form](#)  
or by scanning this QR code:



Maureen, Philip, Margaret & Brian, Jim, Giuseppe, Kamila, Terry, Pretty, Clare, Frances & Ron, Anna, Margaret, Sean, James, 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.**

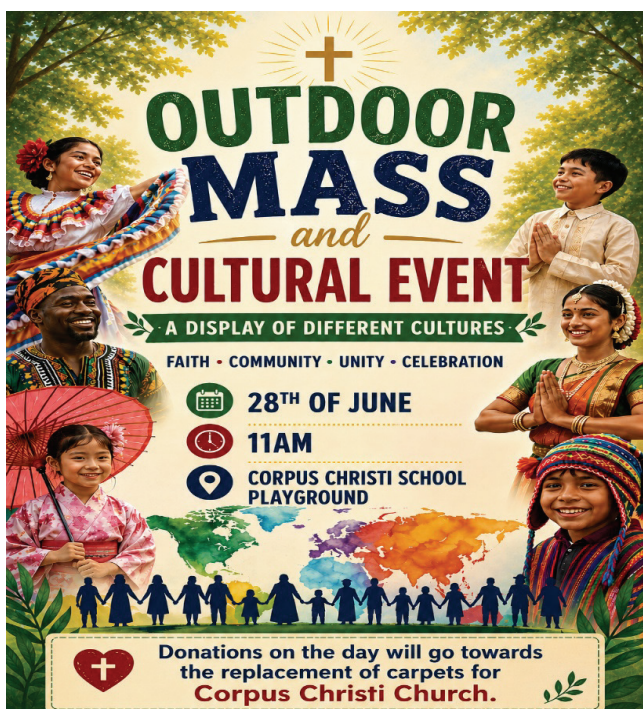
**PARISH PILGRIMAGE:** The Parish Pilgrimage on Saturday, 24 October 2026 is now booked and deposits of £10 per person need to be paid. You can pay by cash to Angela W (SJ) or Jenny (CC), or through BACS, Account Name: CDP Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number 00884996 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.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE MARIAN FRANCISCANS:

It was announced on 27 May 2026 by the Bishop that the Family of Mary Immaculate and St Francis, commonly known as the Marian Franciscans, will be dissolved with effect from 31 May 2026. The community was erected as a Public Association of the Faithful in the Diocese of Portsmouth on 31 May 2018, exactly eight years ago. The Bishop of Portsmouth issued a decree of dissolution according to canon 320 §2 CIC 1983. By dissolution, the Marian Franciscans ceased to exist as a canonical community from 31 May 2026. Their apostolates and activities as a community have therefore come to an end, except in Portsmouth Diocese where individual Friar Priests will continue ministry in 3 existing locations (including St. Joseph) with appropriate diocesan permission.

Transitional arrangements are being made for the friars currently in Portsmouth and Dundee by the Bishops. During this period, practical support continues to be provided, including through the Friends of the Marian Franciscans charity trust. At St. Joseph, the Marian Franciscans will continue with their normal activities with the use of the church and the hall until when other arrangements have been made in the future by the Bishop about their future. Just the priests are left in the community as the other friars have vacated the premises. I invite you all to pray for the Marian Franciscans and the future of their apostolate wherever the Lord may be leading them.



## **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,

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