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12th Ordinary Sunday – 21st June 2026

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35
 (Response): In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
 The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me,
 says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.
 Alleluia.
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

The Lord At Our Side
 Faced with all the evil in the world
 and the fearful consequences of
 sin, we might well be afraid did we
 not have Christ as a mighty hero
 at our side, the source of divine
 grace.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

- Sat 20th :.....6 pm(SJ):** For the intentions of the people of parish
- Sun 21st :.....9 am (SJ):** Death anniversary of Antonio Paulo Pereira
11 am (CC): For the First Holy Communion candidates, parents & Catechists
- Mon 22nd :...9:30 am (CC):** For Fr Rinda's intentions on his 12th anniversary/for his benefactor
- Tue 23rd :.....** For Fr Rinda's intentions on his 12th anniversary/for his benefactor
- Weds 24th :.7:00 pm (CC):** RIP of Raymond & Dorothy Fisher FM
- Thurs 25th :...9:30am (SJ):** **NO MASS** In thanksgiving to God for Fr Rinda's Priesthood and mission
- Fri 26th :...9:30am (CC):** RIP of Mary Ellen Bryant 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

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY BUT CANNOT KILL THE SOUL

Fear can be defined as an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain or harm. St. Thomas Aquinas sees it as the trepidation of the mind in the face of impending danger. Once we succumb to it, it causes panic, agitation, distress, anxiety, unease, nervousness, unrest, etc. As such, it crumbles and paralyzes us in the face of the good we were supposed to do or the bad we were supposed to avoid. It incapacitates us from making rational decisions, or we make them based on fear rather than on truth or true reasoning. In this sense, we must work every day to ensure that we do not allow fear to overcome us to the point that we fear human beings rather than God. That is why Jesus admonishes us not to be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul (Mt 10:28).

Man, composed of body and soul, is a creation of God. God made us for himself alone. But due to the fall of our first parents, sin entered the world, and one consequence is that we sometimes become afraid of people rather than of God. Not only that, we spend time struggling to care for and protect the body to the detriment of the soul. Rather than continue with such attitudes, we need to spend more time nurturing and purifying the soul for union with God rather than the body. That is why Jesus warns us in today's gospel: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell" (Mt 10:28). This is a very important admonition for us, especially today, when fear is used as a mechanism to direct our lives and force us to accept things that are either not true or not correct. This explains why many of us easily give up because of fear and do the wrong things, afraid of punishment or of what people will say about us. But this should not be the case. The prophet Jeremiah stands to enlighten and sustain us when faced with such situations.

In the first reading today, we hear a cry of distress from the prophet, who says: "I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" (Jer 20:10). This is a prophet who has been fearless in defending the ways of the Lord. As he does so, the people are hurt because he reveals their wicked



ways and calls them to conversion. Rather than accept the message of God through him, they scheme an evil plot to do away with the prophet. They want to set traps for him, denounce him, and watch his downfall. The prophet is not afraid; he is confident of the Lord's support, which is why he assures them, "But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failures; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs" (Jer 20:11).

The above drama is the reality of life. Sin shows its ugly head in the way we live, and when people stand to challenge us, we take offence and are even ready to do away with them. This only bears witness to the words of Paul in the second reading that sin entered the world before the law was given. Divine grace came to us through Jesus Christ, who has set us free from sin; therefore, we don't need to be afraid to stand up for what is right. It is true that when we stand up to undo evil or correct wrongs, we shall make enemies, but Jeremiah assures us that God will always be there for us if we depend on Him.

The world is sinking into vice, and it needs faithful and devoted children of God to overcome it. We, as Christians, should not be the ones propagating evil in the world, for we should remember that no matter how long we try to cover up our evil deeds, they will be revealed someday. Jesus advises us: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops" (Mt 10:26). This indicates that there is no need to be afraid to speak or stand for the truth; there is no need to try to cover up the truth out of fear, because it shall all be revealed someday.

Standing for the truth with boldness should be our goal as Christians. We can only do this if we learn to remove fear from our hearts, which paralyzes us. We fear things, places, and people and respect them more than we do God. We need to change our mentality today and learn to fear God rather than men and women.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS / INCOME 07/06/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £85.92, Envelopes £54.75 and Hall Rent £660

Contactless Collection: General £60

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £164.91, Envelopes £7, Candles £10.61, Coffee £7.71 and Mass Stipend £10

Contactless Collection: General £20 & Mass Intention £20

QR Donations: General £20, CC New Carpet £20 & Mass Intention £15

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.

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!! The next one will be on Saturday 11th of July 2026.

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 today 21st of Sunday June.

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.

DAY FOR LIFE: Our second collection today, Sunday 21 June 2026. Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

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 newslaetter, 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).

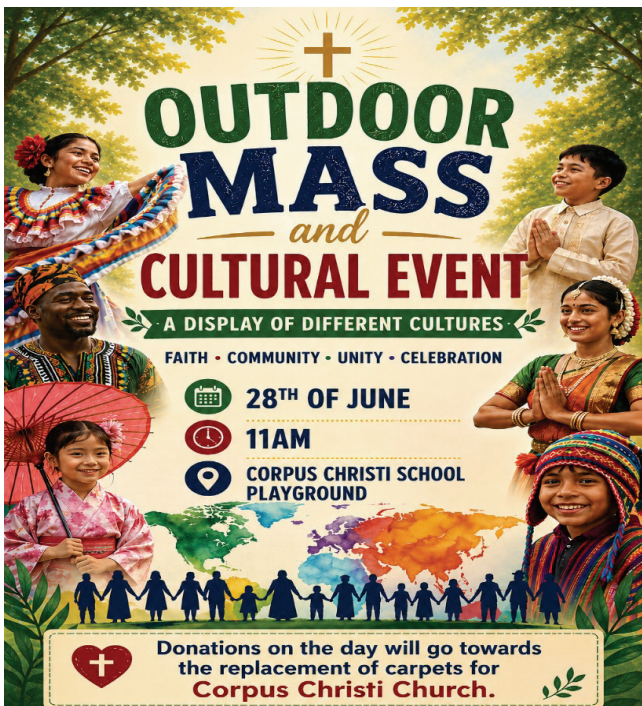
The **Adult Registration** Form is available here:

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



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

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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, 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.

RECEPTION/CONFIRMATION:

There will be a reception/confirmation during the 9:30 am mass on Monday 29th of June 2026 at Corpus Christi Church. Let us all pray for our candidate.

NEW ORDER OF SACRAMENTS:

In order for your children to be included in our First Holy Communion programme, they must be enrolled in our children's liturgy. For those who want to be confirmed, they must be part of our youth group. If you want your children to be part of our children's liturgy please see Felicia and for the youth group, please see Debbie.

NO MASS:

There will be NO MASS this Thursday 25th of June 2026 at St Joseph due Fr Emmanuel's meeting.

FATHER'S DAY:

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our parish. May the good Lord continue to bless you with wisdom, strength, patience, joy and love.

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