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SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

(Response): **From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

We celebrate the feast of the princes of the apostles, from whom we derive our Christian faith. The Lord stood by them and gave them power, so that through them the whole message might be proclaimed for all the world to hear.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of parish

Sun 28th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): Thanksgiving prayer to God as we celebrate our cultural event

Mon 29th: 9:30 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Jenny Pearce

Tue 30th:

Weds 1st: 7 pm (CC): Birthday intention of Sheila F.

Thurs 2nd: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 4th: 9:30am (CC): RIP of Gerard Doyle

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

FROM ALL MY TERRORS THE LORD SET ME FREE

The solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is celebrated in the universal Church on 29th June each year. However, the dioceses or episcopal conferences have the right to transfer this solemnity to a Sunday to ensure greater participation by the faithful. This year, the solemnity falls tomorrow, but it has been moved to today to ensure greater participation.

Peter was the Rock on which the Church was built, as we find in today's gospel, and Paul was the persecutor of Christians who eventually became the persecuted and an apostle to the Gentiles. They worked tirelessly to ensure that the gospel message of Christ reached the ends of the earth. Because of this gospel message, many were willing to give up their lives. It's on account of this as well that the Lord set them free from all their terrors.

We find St. Peter in today's first reading, in chains and in prison, because King Herod had begun a fierce persecution of the Church. Yet despite being chained and bound between two guards in prison so that he could not escape, the Lord sent an angel in the night who set him free from his terror, Herod. This is similar to what St. Paul went through for the sake of the gospel. He tells us in the second reading that "The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom" (2 Tim 17-18). This should be our prayer every day: that the Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

Dear friends in Christ, whether we are aware of it or not, we all have terrors or enemies who would prefer to take our lives if the opportunity were afforded to them. But such should not be the case, because we have done nothing wrong to them and they seek revenge. If we have enemies for the sake of



the gospel, it is a noble thing. Many will hate and persecute you for the sake of the gospel, but be glad because God is on your side. In such moments, always know that the Lord will set you free from the hands of your enemies. Even if he allows them to torment you and even kill you, it is for a greater good: life with him in his kingdom.

Let us not be afraid to do the work of God because we shall make enemies. Let us not fear our enemies on account of the gospel, for the Lord will always set us free from their hands. He will always bring to completion the plan he has for you and me, no matter how our enemies encamp against us.

Let Saints Peter and Paul intercede for us, that we may relentlessly spread the rich and joyful gospel of Christ without fear of making enemies as we do so.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 21/6/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £105.65, Envelopes £33, Day for Life £83.45 & Ladywell £20

Contactless Collection: General £35,
CC New Carpet £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £148.61, Envelopes £20, Day for Life £52.50

Candles £10.52, Coffee £10.80
Donation £10

Contactless Collection: General £30 & Votive Candles £5

Online Donation: General £10 , CC New Carpet £10 & Votive Candles £5

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-corpus-christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for January and February amounted to £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.

PETER'S PENCE

This is our second collection for this Sunday 28th of June 2026. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself.

DAILY MASSES

ST. JOSEPH'S: Adoration at 8.30 am followed by Mass at 9.30 am in English on Thursdays. On Saturdays, 5 pm adoration, followed by Mass at 6 pm and 9 am 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: 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

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.

NEW ORDER OF SACRAMENTS

In order for your children to be included in our First Communion programme, they must be enrolled in our children's Liturgy. If you want to enrol your children in the Liturgy group, please see Felicia (CC) or Angela G (SJ).

For those who want to be confirmed, they must be part of our youth group. If you want to enrol your child for the youth group, please see Debbie (CC).

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHSUITE: The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage 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:



OUTDOOR MASS/ CULTURAL EVENT PROGRAM 28/6/2026

- I. **Outdoor Mass** - 11am to 12:15pm
- II. **Cultural Event**
 - A. Finalise table display 12:15 to 12:45pm
 - B. Opening prayer/ opening remarks by Fr. Emmanuel 12:45 -12:50pm
 - C. Irish dance presentation in the school hall 1:00 to 1:20pm
 - D. Nigerian dance presentation in the playground 1:20pm to 1:30pm
 - E. Introduction of nationalities and Table displays 1:30 to 2pm
 - F. Scottish dance lesson by Hubert 2-230pm
 - G. Cameroon dance presentation 2:30 2:40pm
 - H. Surprise dance presentation - 2:45pm - 2:55pm
 - I. Closing Remarks/ Prayer - 2:55pm - 3pm
 - J. Tidying up! 3pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING: Eileen, George, Danny, Gail, Karen, Sonia, John , Michael, Sheila, David, Lawrie, Nicky, Janet, Helen White, 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 TO LADYWELL

If you are interested in coming to this, please pay your £10 deposit ASAP. Cash to either Jenny (CC) or Angela W (SJ or through BACS, Account name: CDP Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St. Joseph, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Reference **LADYWELL**. So far, we don't have quite enough people to make this viable, so please sign up if you intend to come. The day will include coach travel there and back, all refreshments including a three-course lunch.

OUR LADY'S ALTAR AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Several Parishioners have asked why has the carpet been removed from the altar and why does the floor look so dirty. It was decided to remove the carpet to be in line with the Baptistry and main sanctuary. The appearance of the floor will not be there for long, as the glue from the carpet needs to be removed and then the floor buffed up which will be done when Brian is back from his holiday.

CLEANERS

We are still in need of cleaners at St. Joseph's. If you would be able to give an hour or two once a week, please speak to Teresa White (6pm) or Angela Waldren (9 am).

MASS FOR BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA

There will be a mass for Barbara on Sunday 6th of September 2026 at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church. Everyone is warmly invited to join her family in prayer and remembrance.

PARISH PICNIC

Our annual parish picnic will be on Sunday 19th of July. The time and the venue will be announced soon. Please come and join us.

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.

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