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14TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 5TH JULY 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

(Response): **I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

**The Lord Who Is Kind And Full Of
Compassion**

Our Lord has every claim to the title
and majesty of kingship, and yet he
comes to us in humility and
gentleness. We pray that the spirit
of Christ may also be in us.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4th:	6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of parish
Sun 5th:	9 am (SJ): RIP of Carmel & Jimmy Beirne & for safe arrival of baby Bobbie 11 am (CC): Thanksgiving prayer of Avalon for passing her exams
Mon 6th:	9:30 am (CC): For Sue Mitchard's intentions
Tue 7th:	
Weds 8th:	7 pm (CC):
Thurs 9th:	9:30 am (SJ):
Fri 10th:	9:30am (CC): RIP of Gerard Doyle



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

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO ME BY *my* FATHER

A friend of mine once told me he does not worry about anything in life because Jesus is his provider. He said that whatever he asks of Christ in prayer, he always receives. Indeed, Jesus is our provider and will always give us what we ask for. This conviction rests on the fact that everything in heaven and on earth has been entrusted to Christ by His Father in heaven.

Jesus conveys this message in today's gospel when he says: "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father..." (Mt 11:25-27). This is a powerful revelation of who Jesus is and what the Father has entrusted to him. We know he is God and was present at the moment of creation, yet he is in charge of everything. The Father has generously entrusted all to him. In this sense, we need to approach him to have our own share of the works of God's creation.

When we follow the above line of reasoning, we are all invited to rejoice and shout with gladness, as instructed in today's first reading by the prophet Zechariah. The Jews were called to rejoice and shout because "your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zech 9:9-10). When we look at these words, we know they refer to Christ, to whom the Father has entrusted all. They refer to his liberating mission of saving us. That is why we need to rejoice and be glad, because Jesus is coming to restore all that has been lost or stolen from us. We only need the required faith to ask and believe that we have received, and it shall be ours for the asking.

If all has been entrusted to Christ, we need to go to him and depend on him in all things. He assures us in the gospel: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Should my yoke be gentle and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11:28-29). We need to draw close to Jesus in every situation, for he is in charge and everything has been entrusted to him. He is always there to provide for us and to answer our pleas, so we should always trust in him.

On our part, we need to make the effort to do what he commands of us. For those who want to enjoy the riches entrusted to them, we must learn to obey his commands and live spiritual lives here on earth. This is the encouragement we draw from St. Paul in today's second reading. He tells us, "Your interests are not in unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you" (Rom 8:9, 10-11). For us, dear friends in Christ, to be united with Jesus and enjoy the things his Father has entrusted to us, we must focus on building our spiritual selves. This comes down to how prayerful we are, how often we make use of the sacraments, and how loving and charitable we are, since our prayers must be matched by good actions.

I regret that some of us spend time on unspiritual things that cannot lead us to heaven. Today is a reminder to focus on Christ, who has everything entrusted to him by his Father. When we focus on him, he will always be there for us. May we therefore use today to consider how we can deepen our relationship with Christ, who will provide us with all we need, now and forever.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 28/6/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £84.69,
Envelopes £36.60, Peter's
Pence £26.25, Day for Life £2
and Candles £52.58

Contactless Collection:

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £115.54,
Envelopes £5, Day for Life £5,
Peter's Pence £23.94, Catholic
Communication Network £2
and Cultural Event
Thanksgiving £537.01

Contactless Collection: General £5 & Peter's Pence
£30

Online Donation: General £30, Votive Candles
£5, Peter's Pence £10 &
Cultural Event £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-
corpus-Christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/Portsmouth-corporus-Christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish)**

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow
buckets for May and June amounted to £152.91.
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 DRAW

We will have our 100 club draw today Sunday 5th of July
at Corpus Christi Hall after the mass.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Murphy,
who died this week.

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

1. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:
Two more candidates will be receiving their First Holy
Communion on Sunday 12th of July during the 11 am
mass.

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.

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).

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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:



WORD OF THANKS: We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners who joined us in our successful outdoor mass and cultural celebration. A special word of gratitude goes to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the wonderful event, as well as to those who helped transport the chairs and tables to and from St Joseph and to those who brought food and drinks. Your generosity, hard work and spirit of service made the celebration possible. May the good Lord continue to bless each one of you abundantly for your kindness, dedication and support.

MINI VINNIES: They will be selling fruit kebabs (marshmallows and seasonal fruit on a stick) after the mass today 5th of July at Corpus Christi Hall. Kebabs stick will be £1 each. The children already raised £138 and are aiming for £150. Anything over the £12 they need, will be donated to the church. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISM: Christopher will be baptised on Sunday 12th of July 2026 during the 9 am mass at St Joseph Church. Everyone is welcome in the hall afterwards.

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, Account number 00884996 and Reference **LADYWELL**. We have now reached numbers of people to make this viable, but still need you to sign up and pay your deposit 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.

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