



# CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



CHARITY NO: 1199568

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| <b>CORPUS CHRISTI:</b>                     | Shelagh Card                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ST. JOSEPH'S:</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                             |

PLEASE NOTE: Any of the above can be contacted via the Parish Office

**16<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SUNDAY - 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**  
**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-15

(Response): **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:26-27

**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 13:24-43

### **The Lord, Our Merciful Judge**

We stand in continual need of the mercy and forgiveness of God; and we are assured of his forgiveness when we repent, because he has sent us the Spirit of his Son to help us and to plead for us in our weakness.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>:** 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of parish

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>:** 9 am (SJ): Thanksgiving to God for our priest  
11 am (CC): RIP of Charmaine & Kathleen Doyle

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Gerard Doyle

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 7 pm (CC):

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Farrell Edward Humphries and Eileen Humphries

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30am (CC):



**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

## LET THEM BOTH GROW TILL HARVEST TIME WHEN THEY SHALL BE SEPARATED

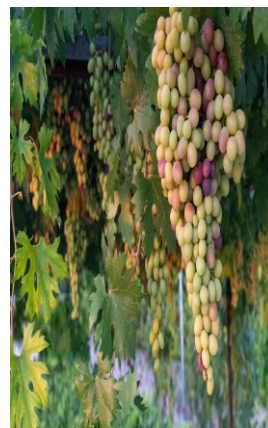
One of the greatest problems contemporary men have struggled to unravel is the problem of evil in the world. Man asks the question: If there is a good God, then why is there evil in the world? Why will God sit on His throne in heaven and see evil exist or triumph in the world? Can He not just do away with evil? This mystery is unravelled in today's parable, when Jesus teaches us about the coexistence of good and evil until harvest time comes at the end of time.

Three parables of the kingdom of God are expressed in today's gospel: the parable of the darnel, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. From this theme, Jesus later gives and explains the parable of the darnel to his disciples and apostles. He tells us that: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep, his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servant went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from? Some enemy has done this.' He answered. And the servant said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out? But he said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: first collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn'" (Mt 13: 24-30).

This parable brings out the origin and coexistence of good and evil. God created everything good. Then the evil one came in and sowed darnel, evil. For us, as men and women, we are quick to demand that the owner allow us to do away with evil because it is not good, but the owner demands that both coexist until harvest time, when they will be separated. Therefore, good and evil will always coexist, and their separation will only occur at the end of time, when the last judgement will help us in this separation (Mt 25:31-46). At the same time, we need to do our best to promote the

kingdom of God by sowing good rather than evil seeds. This can only be realised through the kind of life we live and the fruits we bear. Trying to propagate goodness has never been easy. We more often than not find it easier to do evil than to do good, except for those who have persevered and grown in a life of virtue. Despite this tendency, St. Paul assures us in today's second reading that the Spirit of God always comes to help us in our weakness. He says: "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in ways that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means..." (Rom 8:26-27). In another sense, the Spirit of God not only helps us to pray but also helps us to put into practice what we have prayed to do, namely good. We should therefore never relax in prayer, because it is the key that sustains us in our Christian way of life.

As we pray and strive to live good and holy lives, we should remember that good and evil must always coexist both within us and in the world around us. God allows us, even in our sinfulness, the opportunity to change for the better. Let us then strive to be good so that our goodness can become contagious and bring many to Christ.



# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 12/07/2026

### **ST. JOSEPH:**

Loose plate £106.98,  
Envelopes £35, Peter's  
Pence £20, Stella Maris £64  
and Hall Rent £1153

**Contactless Collection:** General £10, Votive Candles  
£2, CC New Carpet £10 &  
Mass Intentions £7.90

### **CORPUS CHRISTI:**

Loose plate £171.36,  
Envelopes £15, Candles  
£10.60, Peter Pence £20,  
Stella Maris £47,  
Donation from Mini Vinnies  
£40 Coffee £6.10 & Mass  
Stipend £5

**Contactless Collection:** General £15

**Online Donation:** General £80, Votive Candles  
£10 & New Carpet £20

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR JUNE 2026 - £2,118**

**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 JUNE DRAW WINNERS

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Lucette</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Jim C.</b>  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b> | <b>Jim C.</b>  |

## MINNIE VINNIES

We just wanted to thank the children for the fundraising  
they have done. They have raised beyond their target,  
and they donated £40 to the parish.

## 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. 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 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 and Sat  
31<sup>st</sup> 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:



**PARISH PICNIC:** Our annual parish picnic will be today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 in Baffins Pond at 1:30 pm. Please come and join the fun.

**ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** This takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 this **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2026** from 10.30 am. All welcome

**ST JOSEPH CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** This will be starting again at St. Joseph's but helpers are needed. Some of the young mums might like to consider helping. Instruction can be given and the more who volunteer, the fewer the time that you take your turn. Please consider this and speak to Angela Goble who will be leading this

**ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN MORNING - SAVE THE DATE:** St Edmund's Catholic School is holding an Open Morning for Year 6 pupils and parents on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 between 9am and 1pm.

We hope you will come to get an insight into life at St Edmund's.

Booking will be required.

Session 1 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Session 2 - 11:00am - 13:00pm

For further details will become available on the school website.

## **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:**

Andy, 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 on **Saturday, 24 October**, 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 plus a three-course lunch, a talk about St. Francis of Assisi, Mass and a visit round the convent.

We have been asked if it is possible to bring your own packed lunch. Yes, but you will still have to pay the full price as this is a fixed price for the day.

## **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, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church. Everyone is warmly invited to join her family in prayer and remembrance

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