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18TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 2ND AUGUST 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9. 15-18.

(Response): **You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

The Lord Who Feeds Us
Today we celebrate the great
love of God that not only
gives us life, but also sustains
that life with the food of the
eucharist, the love of God
made visible in Christ our
Lord.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 1st: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of parish

Sun 2nd: 9 am (SJ): For the love of Andy and Sheila

11 am (CC): Birthday thanksgiving of Adele L.

Mon 3rd: 9:30 am (CC): Thanksgiving to Almighty God for all He has done to our family

Tue 4th:

Weds 5th: 7 pm (CC): For grace, orderliness and divine peace

Thurs 6th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 7th: 9:30am (CC): Birthday thanksgiving of Hubert

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

GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELVES

Anyone who has grown in true love understands that an essential duty of love is to take care of others. It comes in various forms of charity and voluntary services. One of these charities or services constitutes feeding others. Jesus himself teaches us that one of the criteria for the last judgement will be that, when he was hungry, we fed him (Mt 25:31-46). It is in this light that when Jesus tells his disciples to give them something to eat yourselves, we understand how feeding others can be an essential component of our journey to holiness.

The call for the disciples to give the people something to eat from their own resources and means can be rooted in today's first reading. The prophet uses traditional, poetic imagery to describe the contrast between Jerusalem's past ordeals and her approaching re-establishment. This is shown by God inviting them to come and eat without any money. The prophet recounts: "Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy" (Is 55:1-2). This is an invitation to all of us that God is ready to feed us. We just need to come, empty-handed, listen to him and be fed by him. This is expressed in our celebration of the Mass and in today's gospel.

The gospel recounts Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, as told by Matthew. The people came to Jesus empty-handed, as foretold by Isaiah. They spent the whole day attentively listening to him teach. When evening came, since it was a remote area, the disciples went to Jesus and told him, "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food" (Mt 14:15). That is the easiest thing to say when we don't want to commit our energy and resources to caring for those who come to us. They had spent the whole day with Jesus listening to him and must have been hungry. But Jesus' disciples wanted to get rid of them, presuming they had money to take care of themselves or could buy food in the neighbouring villages. Jesus, who is all-loving and caring, asked the disciples to give them something to eat themselves. They were confused

because they thought there was not even enough food for them. They wondered, how can we feed these 5000 men with just five loaves and two fish? (Mt 14:17). But Jesus asked that they be seated in groups, and he prayed over the food, and it was enough to feed the 5000 men to their satisfaction; women and children were not counted. Surprisingly, they not only ate to their satisfaction but also had leftovers, and there were 12 baskets.

This miracle happens every time we celebrate Mass. Jesus still feeds us through the Eucharist. Through the priest's actions and the prayers of consecration, bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ. We who partake of this banquet of the body and blood of Christ then become ambassadors, ready to feed others. Therefore, as Christians, we cannot feed at the table of the Lord and be stingy with our time, energy and resources in feeding others. Without this act of feeding others, the Church fails in her mission to care for the poor and needy, and her whole mission of making missionary disciples becomes only a concept. We need to be charitable with what God has given us, using these gifts for the good of all mankind. That is what the Church's social teaching tells us when it speaks of the universal destination of all goods, that is, all that God created is meant for all mankind. In this light, those with plenty must feed those who need or do not have, rather than amass for themselves.

If we can all follow this message meticulously, we shall have an eye for the poor and needy. There will be no need to amass wealth for ourselves when some children of God go hungry and lack basic needs elsewhere. We need to learn to see God in the faces of others, especially the poor and marginalised in society. As St. Paul assures us in the second reading, we should not allow anything to stand between us and the love of Christ (Rom 8:35). Although St. Paul's emphasis is on worries, persecution, lack of food or clothing, threats, attacks, and trials, we should extend this to include generosity. Let not our stinginess stand between us and the love of Christ. Let charity and love for the poor and needy be our expression of love throughout this week.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 26/07/2026

ST. JOSEPH:	Loose plate £84.33 & Envelopes £45.50,
Contactless Collection:	General £75
CORPUS CHRISTI:	Loose plate £191.72, Envelopes £50, Candles £19.55 & Coffee £11.13
Contactless Collection:	General £61, Votive Candles £10 and CC New Carpet £5
Online Donation:	General £187, Mass Intentions £15 & CC New Carpet £45

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>

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 JULY DRAW WINNERS

1ST PRIZE	JULIE (£150)
2ND PRIZE	CONNIE (£75)
3RD PRIZE	DEREK M. (£50)

VOLLEYBALL AND OTHER GAMES NEXT SUNDAY

We shall have volleyball and other games with the youth today Sunday 2nd August after mass at 2pm in the school. Do invite friends and others to come and relax.

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 (6 pm) or Angela Waldren (9 am).

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 19th Sept 2026 and Sat 12th Dec 2026** at St. Joseph hall and Corpus Christi school respectively running from at 11.00am until 12.30.

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

Next Sunday 9th of August, will be the baptism and confirmation of Kadie and Abygail at Corpus Christi Church. Let us all include them in our prayers.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAYS

We intend to make use of the Sundays in August for training for our existing and new altar servers and a rota will be communicated within the course of the week in the Altar Servers parents WhatsApp group. Please do watch out for the information.

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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:



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.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY – PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. This will be on **Saturday 10 October, 9:30am–1:30pm at St Bede's, Basingstoke**.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MASS FOR BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA

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

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

Andy H., Eileen, George, Danny, Gail, Karen, Sonia, John, Michael, Sheila H., 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, Keith, Jenny P, Goodwin, Nancy M 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.

ALPHA FORUM FOR PARISHES IN PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Has your parish run Alpha, or are you thinking about starting one? Join the Formation for Mission team for an online Alpha Forum designed to encourage, support, and connect parishes across the Diocese. This informal gathering is an opportunity to share experiences, learn from one another, explore best practice, and discover fresh ideas for running Alpha in your parish. This will be online on Monday 7th September at 7:30 – 8:30pm. To register for the meeting please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/OTNBkTR7z8> or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

PLANTS AND SOIL: We are asking all parishioners, if you have any spare bushy plants or bags of soil that you would be willing to donate to Corpus Christi Church. These will be used to create a welcoming display in front of the church. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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