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19TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 9TH AUGUST 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

(Response): **Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.**

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

His Voice That Speaks Of
Peace

In times of great anguish,
such as St Paul himself
experienced, Christ is always
with us, calming the storm
and bringing peace.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of John Heywood FM

Sun 9th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish
11 am (CC): For the intentions of Kadie and Abygail

Mon 10th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of John & Mary Jefferd FM

Tue 11th:

Weds 12th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 13th: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 14th: 9:30am (CC): In thanksgiving

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

CREATING TIME TO PRAY DESPITE OUR BUSY SCHEDULE

One of the biggest problems among some of us priests, religious, pastors, and Christians is that we often complain that we do not have time to pray because we are too busy. Even when we struggle to find time to pray, we are too tired to concentrate and either fall asleep during prayer or get distracted. The tendency may then be to push prayer aside or to see it as a difficult task we do not want to engage in. Today, we are being exhorted to find time amidst our busy schedule to pray.

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus withdrew from public life to find a lonely place where he could pray. This was shortly after John the Baptist had been beheaded, so Jesus wanted time to recollect. But unfortunately for him, a large crowd followed him, and he taught them, performed miracles, and fed the 5000 men, women and children, not to mention the children, with five loaves and two fish. After they had eaten to their satisfaction, he sent the disciples into the boat, sent the crowds away, and instead of getting some rest after the busy and tiring day, he went up the mountain to spend some time in prayer. How many of us, after a busy day like Christ's, would have thought of prayer? Most often I just collapse on the bed and sleep.

We see that Jesus' initial intention was to be alone to pray, but this was interrupted by ministering to the people. At the close of the day, he did not give up on his intention to pray and be alone with his Father. While he sent the disciples in a boat to the other side, he went up the mountain to pray. The mountain has always been seen as a place of encounter between God and man. Moses encountered God on the mountain; likewise, the prophets and some saints. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah encountered God on the mountain. He did not encounter Him in a strong wind, an earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle breeze. Prayer for us too must be an encounter with God. If we see prayer this way, it makes all the difference and gives us the zeal to make time to pray.

Prayer ought also to be seen as a conversation or communication with a friend. We know from our daily experiences that when we have a friend and truly love that friend, we are never tired of talking with them. We want to spend all our time with them, and we spend time telling them how we love and care about them. This ought to be the attitude we have in prayer, where we tell God how we love him and want to grow in our relationship with him. If that is the case, prayer becomes something enjoyable and loving. Therefore, we must make Jesus our friend if we expect to pray well. If he is truly our friend, we shall never complain of not having time to pray.

Dear friends in Christ, we need to follow Christ's example by always finding time to pray, even amidst our busy schedules. It is necessary to set a fixed time for prayer and to be faithful to it. If this happens, even amidst our busy schedules, we shall always strive to make use of the time set aside for prayer. Even in our busy lives, we can still offer that busyness to God as part of our prayer and invite Him to be with us. In this sense, work for us becomes prayer and a way of communicating with God. This does not suggest substituting prayer with work, but using work to pray to God.

Dear friends in Christ, my experience has been that being united with God in prayer every day is a source of strength, comfort, inspiration, and power. As we find in today's gospel, it was through prayer that Jesus walked on water to meet his apostles on the lake. We should never neglect prayer in our lives. With prayer, we can discern what God wants of us. We also need to remember that a prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.

May we never fail in this regard by postponing prayer times because we are tired or busy. We should not forget that prayer is the key that opens all doors. May the angels and saints help us to find time each day, amidst our busy schedule, to pray.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 02/08/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £113.75, Envelopes £33.30, Coffee £20, Card Sale £21, Stella Maris (From the Friars) £57.60, Ladywell £10 and Hall Rent £1,908

Contactless Collection: General £10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £144.45, Envelopes £55, Candles £13.86, Coffee £10.90, Ladywell £10 and Donation for Carpet/Monitor £3000

Contactless Collection: General £35.45, Mass Intentions £20 and CC New Carpet £5

Online Donation: General £24, Mass Intentions £10 & CC New Carpet £10

STANDING ORDERS FOR JULY 2026 - £2,047

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 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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Parish Friendship Club meets every 2nd Saturday at 10.30 am in the hall at St. Joseph's. The next meeting is this Saturday, 8th August.

PARISH PROCESSION

A Parish procession to celebrate the feast of the Assumption will take place on Saturday, 15th August, starting from St. Joseph's church at 9.30 am, walking to Baffins Pond, around the pond and back to the church for Mass at 11 am. All welcome to attend.

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

Today 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.

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

FINAL BLANCE IS NOW DUE. All those signed up already having paid the £10 deposit, now need to pay the balance of £40 as soon as possible to either Jenny (CC) or Angela W (SJ) or through BACS. Account Name: CDP Corpus Christi & St. Joseph, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00884996. Please use the reference **LADYWELL**. There are still a few spaces available, so if you intend to come please let Jenny or Angela W know ASAP.

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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