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22ND ORDINARY SUNDAY - 30TH AUGUST 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

(Response): **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.**

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Peter The Rock

We rejoice today that Christ chose Peter in spite of his human failings to be the rock on which he built his Church. The reason for that choice lies in the unfathomable depth of God's wisdom. 'The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly.'

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Sun 30th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM

11 am (CC): For Betty Jatta's personal intentions

Mon 31st: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 1st:

Weds 2nd: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Jim Pidgley FM

Thurs 3rd: 9:30 am (SJ):

Fri 4th: 9:30am (CC): RIP of Peggy & Martin Mangan FM

10 am – 6 pm(CC): FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION. It will end with Benediction.

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

ARE YOU AN OBSTACLE ON SOMEONE'S PATH IN LIFE?

An obstacle is anything that blocks your path to achieving your intention, or an event that makes it difficult or impossible for you to do something. Synonyms for this noun include barrier, hurdle, obstruction, block, impediment, drawback, handicap, etc. Obstacles can take various forms. They can be people, things, or a lack of means, resources, time, initiative, potential, or capabilities. Whatever form an obstacle may take, it should not deter us from our goals, and, in the same light, we should not be obstacles to others in their meeting Christ or in their struggle to achieve their goals or something meaningful in life. That is why we are all called to check whether we are obstacles on someone else's path.

In today's gospel, Jesus confronts his friend and chief apostle, Peter, who has become an obstacle to his salvific mission on earth. In last Sunday's gospel, we were at Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus posed the question to ascertain his identity: who do people say the Son of Man is? It was Peter who answered, saying that people thought of Jesus as John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Then, when Jesus asked what the apostles thought about him, Peter also answered that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. At this response, Jesus blessed Peter and handed over to him the keys of the kingdom of heaven, so that whatever he binds or loses on earth shall be bound or lost in heaven. Then, in today's gospel, Jesus goes on to explain what his mission is and how it will be accomplished. Since he is the Christ and the Son of the living God, his mission was to come and save mankind. The only means to achieve this was that he would be killed. In this context, Jesus told his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day (Mt 16:21).

At the mention of this passion prediction, Peter was taken unawares and could not imagine how the Son of God was going to suffer and die. This explains why Peter took Jesus to one side and

began to remonstrate with him, saying: "Heaven preserve you, Lord. This must not happen to you" (Mt 16:22). Peter simply acted on the natural tendency we all have to shun death. When we hear of death, we become frightened and afraid that it should not happen to our close ones and friends, or to us. Since Peter did not at this time fully understand Jesus' mission, Jesus asked him to get behind him and called him Satan, asking him not to stand as an obstacle on his way to glory. This was simply because Peter did not think as God thinks (Mt 16:23). Along these lines, Jesus then used the opportunity to emphasise that the cross should not be an obstacle to discipleship when he noted: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to be saved will lose his life; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:24-25).

The above indicates that the cross may sometimes stand as an obstacle in our relationship with Christ. But we must overcome this obstacle by holding on to Jesus. Sometimes people may stand in our way, as Peter did to Jesus. In this regard, we need to clear such obstacles with the help and graces of God. Moreover, when we see the worldly lifestyles of others and are motivated to follow them, we should remember that they are obstacles on our path. In this sense, we should remember the words of St. Paul in the second reading, admonishing us not to model ourselves on the behaviour of the world around us but to let our behaviour change, modelled by a new mind, the mind of Christ (Rom 12:2). For this, we should allow ourselves to be seduced by God (Jer 20:7) so that our lives can become a living testimony of God's presence in our midst. As such, we should not be crosses or obstacles in the lives of others.

We can testify that the above is never truly a pattern in our daily lives, because we often stand as obstacles in others' paths, either by what we do or fail to do, or by what we say or fail to say. We need to repent today and ask God to help us not to tread that path again. May we also ask for the grace to be a blessing to others, rather than an obstacle.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 23/08/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £90.63, Envelopes £28.74 and Hall Rent £380

Contactless Collection:

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £114.42, Coffee £2 & Candles £8.20

Contactless Collection: General £55 & Mass Intentions £10 & Votive Candles £2

Online Donation: General £47, Mass Intentions £40 & 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-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

We will have our draw today Sunday 30th of August at St Joseph Hall after the mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have noticed that some Of our parishioners are going through challenges, sickness, trials, etc and need our prayers. Please do take time to pray for one another. If you have any issue and you need prayers, do contact the office.

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Families of children currently in Year 5 and Year 6 are warmly invited to attend the Oaklands Catholic School Open Evening on Monday 28 September, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to explore our school, meet staff and students, discover our Catholic ethos and learn more about the exciting opportunities available at Oaklands. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our school such a special community. Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form College Stakes Hill Road, Waterloo, PO7 7BW

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

SACRAMENTALISATION OF MARRIAGES: We are making an appeal to all those who are living in irregular marriage situations and cannot receive the sacraments to please do contact the parish priest to have a conversation on how you can be helped to sacramentalise the marriage. Do not be afraid of cost as we shall do everything within our power to fix things for you.

RESTORING SEXUAL INTEGRITY is a day conference designed to equip, encourage, and strengthen Christians who want to understand God's design for sexuality and experience the transforming power of the gospel. This will be on 26 September 2026 from 10 am till 5 pm at Westminster Chapel SW1E 6BS.

Here is a link for more information if you are able or interested in attending:

<https://christianconcern.com/ccevents/restoring-sexual-integrity/>

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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 pleased to advise.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust is seeking committed volunteers to join its Board of Trustees. This is an opportunity to support and strengthen Catholic education across our schools as the Trust continues to grow. Bishop Philip has asked all Catholic schools under the trusteeship of the Diocese to become part of one of the two established Catholic Academy Trusts.

Trustees play a vital role in setting the Trust's vision and ensuring high standards of education, safeguarding, financial stewardship, and Catholic mission. The role is voluntary, with induction, training, and reasonable expenses provided. We welcome applications from practising Catholics and others who support the Catholic ethos. Experience in education, finance, HR, legal services, IT, safeguarding, estates, or community engagement would be particularly valuable, although previous trustee experience is not essential.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit www.escat.org.uk or email g.rennicks@escat.co.uk

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

Andy H., George, Gail E, Karen, Sonia, John, Michael O, Sheila H., David, Laurie R, Nicky W, Janet L, Helen W, Dawn, Eileen, 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 BALANCE 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.

THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA:

There will be a mass for Barbara on Sunday, 6th September 2026 at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church. Barbara was a parishioner and supporter of Corpus Christi Church and Parish for over 65+ years. We will be having a 'BRING & SHARE' finger buffet in the hall after the mass. We are asking our parishioners to kindly bring along a plate of finger food of your choice and bring it in the hall before the mass. Please see the list of food by the main entrance of the church. Everyone is warmly invited to join her family in prayer and remembrance. Thank you.

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