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23RD ORDINARY SUNDAY - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

(Response): **O That today you would listen to his voice!**
'Harden not your hearts.'

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Christ Who Paid The Debt Of Love
Christ became our brother and
made himself responsible for us,
his brothers and sisters. He
contracted the debt of mutual
love. All he asks of us is that we
should do the same.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 5 th :	6 pm (SJ):	For all deceased members of family Duffy & Nugent
Sun 6 th :	9 am (SJ):	RIP of Peggy & Martin Mangan FM
	11 am (CC):	Thanksgiving RIP mass for the life of Barbara Rice-Dunlea
Mon 7 th :	9:30 am (CC):	Thanksgiving to God for success in exams & scholarship
Tue 8 th :		
Weds 9 th :	7 pm (CC):	RIP of Jim Pidgley FM
Thurs 10 th :	9:30 am (SJ):	RIP of Albert & Catherine Mason FM
Fri 11 th :	9:30am (CC):	For the intentions of the people of the parish



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

THE SUPREME APPROACH TO BROTHERLY CORRECTION

One of the things I have noticed in my life and in the lives of some of us is that we find it difficult to correct others; and when we do, we often do so the wrong way or in ways that hurt. We find that when people do things that hurt us, and we cannot correct them in meaningful ways, we can end up closing up, leaving them to themselves, or, in correcting them, doing so hurtfully rather than fraternally. For example, for some of us, when someone hurts us, instead of walking up to that person and telling them how they have hurt us, we avoid them and then go around crucifying them from one corner to another through gossip. Sometimes we shout at them and remove them from our list of friends, even without finding out why they acted the way they did. This should not be the way to proceed. That is why, in today's gospel, Jesus teaches us how we should approach brotherly correction.

In the gospel, Jesus prescribes this for brotherly correction: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector" (Mt 18:15-17). We need to take these steps into account in the process of brotherly correction. This does not admit of whether we are right or not, or whether we are responsible for the problem or not. This implies that before you tell somebody about the wrong some other person has done to you, you should first seek that person's help in the process of brotherly correction. The other person should only hear after the one you had issues with has failed to listen to you.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this prescription, as easy as it sounds, is not an easy process, to say the least, but we must learn from the master himself. He wants us to put aside gossip, backstabbing, and blackmail. He wants us

to learn to forgive and begin afresh. He wants us to learn to dialogue with others and understand their pain, circumstances, and perspectives before taking the extreme positions of rejection, condemnation, and hatred. For some of us, we more or less take the last step before even considering dialogue or brotherly correction.

To keep Jesus' advice faithfully, we need to turn back to him in prayer, asking for help, for our wills to be softened, and for a heart for others. This means opening our hearts to listen to the people God sends to us to bring his words, as Ezekiel did. In the first reading, God warns Ezekiel that if he is sent to warn a sinner to repentance and the sinner does not repent and dies, the sin will be on his head; but if he warns the sinner and the sinner refuses to change, the sinner's own sin will be on his head. Therefore, preachers and all of us have the responsibility to correct others when we see them doing something that is not right. We need to follow the steps outlined by Jesus. This command aligns with the message of St. Paul in the second reading of today, when he notes that we should avoid getting into any debt except the debt of mutual love. Loving our fellow brothers and sisters helps us carry out our Christian obligations (Rom 13:8). If we truly love, we shall help each other grow in love by correcting one another when we go wrong.

Dear friends, the process of brotherly correction must be grounded in love and informed by God's commandments, not by our priorities and mannerisms. Always let us pray, then, for the graces to learn to practise brotherly correction.



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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 30/08/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £99.58, Envelopes £43.70, Candles £73.24, Ladywell £80 and Hall Rent £790

Contactless Collection: General £10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £74.20, Envelopes £5, Peter's Pence £5, Stella Maris £5, Day for Life £5 & Candles £3.30

Contactless Collection: General £5 & Mass Intentions £10 & Votive Candles £10

Online Donation: General £40, Mass Intentions £20 & CC New Carpet £20

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 July and August amounted to £207.55. 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 AUGUST WINNERS

1ST Prize	Danny
2nd Prize	Lorna
3rd Prize	Adele

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection next Sunday 13th of September 2026 is for Catholic Education Service. Please click the link below to donate.

[Catholic Education Service Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

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 session on **Sat 19th Sept 2026** at St. Joseph hall running from 11.00am until 12.30.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: At the back of both churches are expressions of interest forms for families who regularly attend the parish and wish their child/ren (aged 7+ years) to be considered for enrolment in the 2026/27 preparation program. Please hand in your forms to Father or place them in the provided box at Corpus Christi Church no later than 20 Sept 26. This is a significant family commitment with 4 Saturdays and 21 Sunday sessions to attend with your child, along with helping your child to complete homework. Further information will be available at a meeting with the families of potential candidates and registration will happen at afterwards.

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.

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CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHSUITE: Are you new to the Parish of Corpus Christi with St. Joseph? If so, we would ask you to complete a registration form using a new system called ChurchSuite to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter. There is a paper form if you want to do it manually (see Jenny (CC) or Angela W (SJ)).

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 STILL 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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: We will meet again on Saturday, 12 September at 10.30 am in St. Joseph's hall. All welcome. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

CELEBRATING GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Carol and Colin Russell who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.

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.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY – PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

This will be on Saturday 10 October at 9:30am–1:30pm in St Bede's, Basingstoke. Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA:

Today Sunday, 6th September 2026 at 11 am at Corpus Christi Church, we will have a mass for Barbara. 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. For those who brought some food, please put them in the hall before the mass. Everyone is warmly invited to join her family in prayer and remembrance. Thank you.

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