



# 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

**25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SUNDAY - 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**  
**COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**

## Readings of the Day

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

(Response): **The LORD is close to all who call him.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24. 27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Open our hearts, O Lord,**  
**that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.**

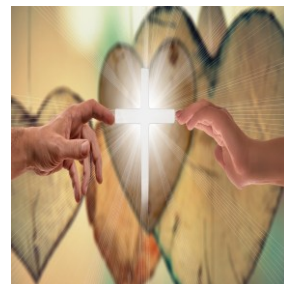
**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**The Generous Love Of God**

The love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable. By human reckoning it must even appear foolish. What sensible employer would behave like the man in the Gospel parable? We see a reflection of that love in St Paul's dilemma. He loved so much that he could not decide whether it was better to live or to die.

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>:** 6 pm (SJ): Blessings, unity and good health of the family  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>:** 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish  
11 am (CC): Birthday thanksgiving of Rene Paul Dormal & Nicole Elliott  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>:** 9:30 am (CC): For the wellbeing of Carol & Melvyn Norris  
**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 7 pm (CC):  
**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 am (SJ):  
**Fri 25<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

## WHY BE ENVIOUS BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS LOVE OF GOD?

Today's gospel recalls a tendency some of us have to feel angry when others are generous with what they have. We become envious and think that what goes to someone else should have come to us. That is why today I would like us to answer the question: why do we become envious because of God's generous love?

The question is addressed by Jesus himself in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In the gospel, we find a parable in which Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as synonymous with a landowner employing labourers in his vineyard. He hires his employees at different hours of the day, agreeing to pay each one a denarius, the equivalent of a day's wage at that time. When the day's work was over, he asked his accountant to pay them, beginning with the last arrivals in the vineyard. When those who were employed first realised that those who had been employed last were paid one denarius each, they thought to themselves that, if the master was paying these last arrivals one denarius, he would surely pay them, the first to arrive in the vineyard, something more. Unfortunately for them, this didn't happen. They were paid the one denarius, like the late arrivals at the vineyard. After receiving the same wage, they grumbled, saying that the men who came last had done only one hour's work and that the master had treated them like those who had done a whole day's work in all the heat (Mt 20:12). Their grumbling fascinated the landowner, and he had to respond to them: "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:13-15).

Looking at this parable with human eyes, we might be tempted to say the landowner should not have treated the last arrivals the same as the first. But because Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of God, we must realise that we are called to work in God's vineyard at different hours of the day, yet the reward that awaits us is the same: heaven. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, etc., will not be given a wage greater than ours simply because they were called earlier than we were. No matter when we accept God, we are

all waiting for the same wage. This is because God's ways are not our ways, as Isaiah tells us in the first reading. So, we need not be jealous or envious of God's generosity. He gives to all according to their need.

The message is also a call for us to realise that it does not matter what time we come to work in God's vineyard. What matters is that we eventually make up our minds to be part of the workers in the vineyard. In this light, I share a story that illustrates the point. A priest once told of an old woman in a small village who was nearing her nineties. All her life, she had refused to become a Christian and had lived a wayward life. She was dreaded by many in the village. She became very sick, was nearing death, and eventually asked a seminarian who was on placement and visiting to call for a priest to minister the sacraments to her. This was shortly after the seminarian had been visiting her, being kind to her, teaching her, and encouraging her to embrace the faith. Since the village was far from the main church, the priest could not come immediately, and she was eventually baptised in periculum mortis by the seminarian. She entered the vineyard at closing time and was still granted admittance into the kingdom. So, it does not matter when we join the vineyard as workers. What matters is for us to focus on working as members of the vineyard of God. Whether we stayed in the vineyard the whole day or came at the nick of time does not matter. All that matters is the pay that God gives us.

As we strive not to envy God's generous love, let us reflect on St. Paul's words about God's love: "Love is patient, kind, without envy" (1 Cor 13:4). May we love all that God does for others without jealousy.



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# FINANCE & MORE

## COLLECTIONS/INCOME 13/09/2026

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| <b>ST. JOSEPH:</b>             | Loose plate £132.49 &<br>Envelopes £33.20                                                                                     |
| <b>Contactless Collection:</b> | General £10                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CORPUS CHRISTI:</b>         | Loose plate £250.35, Envelopes<br>£31.50, Coffee £2.60, Mass<br>Stipend £10 Catholic Educ.<br>Service £10 &<br>Candles £13.40 |
| <b>Contactless Collection:</b> | General £25 & Catholic<br>Education Service £15                                                                               |
| <b>Online Donation:</b>        | General £45 & Catholic<br>Education Service £35                                                                               |

## **STANDING ORDERS FOR AUGUST 2026 £1,981**

**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 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.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

Our second collection today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 is for Home Missions. The collection basket will be at the back of the church at the end of the mass. Click the link below to donate online.

[Donate to Home Mission Sunday - 20 September 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** The Annual Mass Count takes place on the last two weekends in September (19/20 and 26/27 September) and the first two weekends in October (3/4 and 10/11 October).

## **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 this **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026** at St. Joseph hall running from 11.00am until 12.30.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Registration for expressions of interest will close at the end of Mass today Sunday 20 September 2026. Parents who have expressed an interest are invited to a meeting with Father and some of the catechists on Thursday 24 September at 6pm in Corpus Christi Church, where Father will outline the criteria, registration forms will be given to eligible families, and catechists will offer brief advice on the preparation. We look forward to seeing you.

**SHEILA HEAWORD:** Last week we received the very sad news of the passing of Sheila. Her funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 11 am at St. Joseph's Church, Copnor, followed by committal at Portchester Crematorium followed by a reception at the Inn Lodge, Portsmouth, PO3 5HH. Donations in Sheila's memory to Alzheimer's Research UK or Rowans Hospice may be made via [sheila-heaword.muchloved.co.uk](mailto:sheila-heaword.muchloved.co.uk)

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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.

## **PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE PARISH EVANGELISATION FORMATION DAY:**

This will be on Saturday 31st October at 9:30am – 1:30pm in Christ the King Parish, Reading. Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECS) can enrich parish life. PECS are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how these groups can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECS could benefit your parish.

To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JGgE7zeuun> or email Meghan at [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORTSMOUTH:**

Corpus Christi is looking for Teaching Assistant (+including support for health and care needs) and a High-Level Teaching Assistant. If you would like further information, please look at our website <https://www.corpuschristicp.school> or contact Louise Penney in the school office on 02392661818.

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

Andy H, George, Karen, Sonia, John, Michael O, David G, 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 (CC) or Angela W (SJ) know ASAP. The list will close on Sunday 27 September.

## **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](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**WARNING!!!:** Due to a recent incident, please be careful with your personal belongings when you are in the church and keep your bags with you at all times, particularly when receiving communion.

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