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26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

(Response): **Remember your compassion, O LORD.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Christ Obedient Unto Death

We celebrate Christ who obeyed his Father's will not only in words but also in deed. And Christ assures us that it is not too late to turn to God and to do his will.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 26th: 6 pm (SJ): For the souls in purgatory

Sun 27th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Sheila Heaword & prayers for her husband & family
11 am (CC): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Mon 28th: 9:30 am (CC):

Tue 29th:

Weds 30th: 7 pm (CC):

Thurs 1st: 11 am (SJ): Funeral Mass RIP of Sheila Heaword

Fri 2nd: 9:30am (CC):

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

RENOUNCE SIN AND LIVE

Sin has always been a hindrance in our relationship with God. It takes us away from God, his graces, and his blessings. This is the consequence of the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed God by eating from the tree he had forbidden them to eat from. The result was concupiscence, the tendency we all have to know the good but find it difficult to always do the good. Today, we are challenged that despite the effects of the fall of our first parents, original sin, let us strive to renounce sin and live a life in Christ.

The admonition comes from the first reading, where the people of Ezekiel's day complained that what the Lord does is unjust. But the prophet takes the time to make them realise that it was their actions that were unjust. You cannot blame God for the misfortunes that come to you when you abandon a life of holiness for a life of sin. You can only blame yourself. But a man who changes his evil way of life to a life of holiness deserves God's blessing and deserves as well to live; not just the physical life but life in heaven as well. This is what the prophet made the Jews understand in today's first reading. It is the same message the prophet wants us to understand today as we live in this complex and difficult world with its many challenges.

In the gospel, we find a parable about those sons who repented and received God's graces and those who remained adamant and received condemnation. Jesus tells the people a parable of a man who had two sons. He asked the first to go to his farm and work. He refused to go, but later thought about his decision, repented, and went to the farm. The second agreed to go but did not go to the farm. He then asked the people which of the sons did the father's will? The answer was obvious: the first. The essence of the parable was primarily to let the Scribes and Pharisees see themselves and repent; otherwise, they would not make it to heaven. They were those who had agreed to work on the father's farm but were not doing the work. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes represent those who refused initially to work in the father's farm but have repented and are now working in his farm. This accounts for why Jesus said: "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you" (Mt 21:31).

Dear friends we need to repent like the tax collectors and prostitutes to enter the kingdom of God. Without this, life to us will be aimless and meaningless. To do the above, we need to follow the admonitions of St. Paul in today's second reading. He advises us to be united in our convictions, in our love and all to be with a common purpose. Not just this, but to be self-effacing, be like Christ in his humility, and to think first of the interests of others before our own. He cautions against competition amongst us, as well as conceit. In a more succinct way, here is what he said:

"Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:1-11).

I would like us to spend some time today contemplating these words of St. Paul to the Philippians to see whether we are altruistic or egoistic, and whether we are humble or full of pride.

May we therefore pray for the graces to grow from a life of sinfulness to a life of holiness so that we may live in God's sight always.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 20/09/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £97.75, Envelopes £51.10, Home Missions £46.85, Mass Stipend £10, World Mission £2 & Catholic Education Service £10

Contactless Collection: General £10 & Home Missions £15

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £159.25, Envelopes £21, Coffee £7, Home Missions £51 Catholic Educ. Service £10, Cake Sale £55.30 & Candles £11.38

Contactless Collection: General £45 & Votive Candles £5

Online Donation: General £43, Votive Candles £5, CC New Carpet £10 & Home Missions £5

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-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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Our second collection next Sunday 4th of October 2026 is for CAFOD. The collection basket will be at the back of the church at the end of the mass.

100 CLUB: There will be draw this Sunday 27th of September 2026 after the mass at Corpus Christi Hall. From now on, winners will be paid through bank transfer.

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: Thank you to all the people who attended the recent Baptism session last Saturday. Also the helpers. The next session will be on Saturday, 12 December at 11 am to 12 pm at Corpus Christi Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: There will be a Retreat Day for the First Holy Communion candidates on Saturday 3rd of October at 10 am in Corpus Christi Hall and enrolment mass on Sunday 4th of October at 11 am in Corpus Christi Church.

BAPTISM: There will be baptism today Sunday 27th of September at Corpus Christi Church during the 11 am mass. Let us all pray for the family.

SHEILA HEAWORD: Sheila's funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, 1st 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

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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH MISSION PLAN SURVEY 2026: Please do access the diocesan survey following from the pastoral letter of the Bishop using the QR code below to access the questionnaire.



Or use this link: <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/QTBWYRP>

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: This will meet again on Saturday, 10 October from 10.30 am to 12 noon in St. Joseph's Hall. All Welcome

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/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

HOLIDAY: Fr Emmanuel will be on holiday from 4th till 12th of October 2026. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** while he is away.

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