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27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 4TH OCTOBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20

(Response): **The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

**I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

The Vineyard Of The Lord
The church rejoices in being the
vineyard of the Lord. At the
same time we have cause here
for much heart-searching and
prayer.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 3rd:	6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of parish
Sun 4th:	9 am (SJ): RIP of Ronnie Heywood FM 11 am (CC): For our First Holy Communion candidates & families
Mon 5th:	9:30 am (CC): RIP of Katherine Obloma Okafor
Tue 6th:	
Weds 7th:	7 pm (CC): RIP of Tom & Mary Connelly FM
Thurs 8th:	11 am (SJ): RIP of Kate Ivy Croughan FM
Fri 9th:	9:30am (CC): RIP of Colin Luke



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 WILL THE VINEYARD NOT YIELD FRUIT?

The essence of our lives is to bear fruit that will last. That is what Jesus commanded us when he declared in John's gospel, "You did not choose me, no, I choose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name" (Jn 15:16). If this is the reality of our lives, it becomes disheartening when the results are not produced. For example, think of a man who works a farm and expects a good harvest, but when he goes there, he finds nothing has grown. How will one feel? That is why I would like us to ask the question: why will the vineyard not bear fruit?

The first reading paints a picture of a similar scenario. A man planted a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He took time to prepare the soil and work towards a good harvest. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, planted a choice vine, and built a tower around it to protect it. He expected choicest grapes but instead got sour grapes. Disappointed, he decided to destroy the vineyard and turn it into grazing land. This vineyard is later referred to as the people of God, the Jews. God planted them and took care of them, but they disappointed him by not responding adequately to His call. This was simply because of their waywardness and sinful lifestyle.

In the gospel, we find a similar story in which those who decide to rent the vineyard, out of greed, kill in order to own what was not theirs. In this story, a man planted his vineyard, fenced it round, dug a winepress, and leased it out to tenants. They worked it, and it produced fruit, but they grew greedy and wanted to own the vineyard, which was not theirs. When the owner of the vineyard sent labourers to collect his produce, they killed the labourers and even killed the landowner's son in order to own what was not theirs. In this story, Jesus was still addressing the Jews, who had killed the prophets and would, in turn, kill him, the son of the landowner. It was out of greed for position and power that they did this.

From the stories above, greed, waywardness and a sinful lifestyle were the reasons the vineyards did not yield fruit. Similarly, we too are labourers in God's

vineyard. He has asked us to bear fruit that will last (Jn 15:5, 8). Can we truly say that we have been fruitful? Does our lifestyle reflect fruitfulness by God's standards? We need to surrender to God to help us work diligently and with a sense of duty in his vineyard, so that we can tend the appropriate fruits we need to bear. We need to ask ourselves what it is that prevents us from bearing fruit at the moment. May we ask for the graces to always bear fruit for the Lord.

I would like us to end with the words of today's second reading, which we can see as both a prayer and a call to surrender to God. In it, we are encouraged to practise the admonitions of St. Paul so that the God of peace will be with you. This is what St. Paul says:

"Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil 4:6-9).

Dear friends in Christ, let us not be anxious about anything but leave all in God's hands in prayer and strive to make ourselves, the vineyard of the Lord, yield abundant fruit.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 27/09/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £103.16, Envelopes £23.10, Home Mission £33, Catholic Education Service £2 & Hall Rent £120

Contactless Collection: General £25

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £149.69, Envelopes £17, Coffee £8.30, Home Missions £5, Mass Stipend £10, & Candles £7.95

Contactless Collection: General £25

Online Donation: General £55 & Mass intentions £25

STANDING ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 £2,520

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 today 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.

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).

100 CLUB WINNERS

1st Prize	Julie
2nd Prize	Derek M.
3rd Prize	Julie

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.

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

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:



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>

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

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 soon.

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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