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28TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 11TH OCTOBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

(Response): **In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

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 22:1-14

The Lord's Wedding Feast

In Jesus Christ, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can. All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the wedding feast of his Son. We have only to enter.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10th: 6 pm (SJ):

Sun 11th: 9 am (SJ):

11 am (CC): RIP of Margaret Griffin FM

Mon 12th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Mary & Ronald Stroud FM **NO MASS**

Tue 13th:

Weds 14th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Patrick Gerard Matthew Burke FM

Thurs 15th: 9:30 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish

Fri 16th: 9:30 am (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

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S WEDDING FEAST

In the Penny Catechism of the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful question about the purpose and destiny of our lives. The question runs thus: Why did God make me? The answer, as given by the Catechism, is simple and to the point. It says: "God made me to know him, to love him, to serve him and to be happy with him in this world and forever in heaven". In effect, we can certainly say that God made us for Himself and wants us to share life with Him forever. This is an invitation to the eternal banquet which He has prepared for us all, the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The first reading from Isaiah today paints a vivid picture of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for his people. There will be rich food and fine wines; there will be neither mourning nor death. "The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek". There will be exultation and rejoicing "that he has saved us" (Is 25:6-10). At that banquet, joy will radiate because we are in the presence of the Lord. The gospel presents this banquet in the context of the Jews' rejection of Jesus, followed by an open invitation to all God's children to be part of it. The parable about the kingdom of God was addressed to the "chief priests and elders of the people", that is, the religious and civic leaders. The parable divides clearly into three distinct parts: the invitations sent to the intended guests; a general call to all kinds of outcasts; and some criteria set for taking part in the feast.

In the first place, God invited the Jews to His banquet, the destiny of our lives, where He prepared oxen and fattened cattle, but they turned this down, making excuses for why they could not attend. Some went to their farms or businesses, and even some decided to maltreat and kill the servants sent to invite them to the banquet. This refers to the prophets who were killed in the past. How many of us are guilty of the first excuse today? To what extent, even right now, have we closed our hearts to God's calls? Are we so tied up in all kinds of concerns and anxieties about things that do not really matter, or about things that cannot guarantee us any real fulfilment and happiness? When we do this, we are not that different from those who killed the prophets of long ago and refused to participate in the banquet.

In the second place, when the invitation was refused by the Jews, those on the streets and crossroads were invited to come in. This is the open invitation God gave to all. It had to begin with the Jews and extend to all, and since the Jews rejected it, it came too quickly to us. Finally, it is disheartening to hear that someone came to the wedding feast not dressed properly, and so the servants were asked to bind him head and foot and throw him into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth; for many are called but few are chosen (Mt 22:14). It might sound strange, but the simple message is that when we all accept to come into the marriage feast of the Lord, there is an etiquette or protocol and a way of doing things which we must accept and follow; otherwise, we will be sent out. In a sense, we cannot accept becoming Christians and still live in our old ways, expecting to share in God's banquet. Being a Christian calls for a new way of life which stands in radical contradiction to the earthly way of life.

We all have been invited to the wedding feast. We should not allow anything to take that invitation away from us, and so we must follow the Christian way of life wholeheartedly. To do this, we must surrender ourselves to the Lord to lead us in the process as St. Paul did. In today's second reading, he reminds us of the challenges that came his way in the course of working in the Lord's vineyard but goes on to assure us that he can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. This is what he tells us in his letter to the Philippians:

"Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Phil 4:12-14, 19-20).

May we, like St. Paul, ask for the graces from Christ not to reject working in his vineyard, but to surrender ourselves, despite all the tribulations and trials this may bring, to work in God's vineyard.

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 04/10/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £80.90,
Envelopes £53 and CAFOD
£28.40

Contactless Collection: General £40

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £90.34,
Envelopes £37, Coffee
£7.03, Home Missions £10 &
CAFOD £38.12

Contactless Collection: General £25

Online Donation: General £92, Candles £5 &
CC New Carpet £10

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 next Sunday 18th of October 2026 is for MISSIO-WORLD MISSION. 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: Our next draw will be on Sunday 25th of October 2026 at St Joseph Hall after the 9 am mass.

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: Session 1 will start today Sunday 11th of October 2026 at 9:15 am at Corpus Christi Hall.

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.

LADYWELL PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

24TH OCTOBER 2026

ITINERARY FOR THE DAY

8:15 AM	1 ST PICK UP AT ST JOSEPH
8:30 AM	2 ND PICK UP AT CORPUS CHRISTI
10:00 AM	REFRESHMENT
10:30 AM	INTRODUCTIONS
	TALK – MICHAEL O'GRADY OFM
11:30 AM	DISCUSSION
12.00 PM	MASS
1.00 PM	LUNCH
	OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE RETREAT CENTRE AND GROUNDS
2.00 PM	REFLECTION
3.15 PM	COFFEE BREAK
3.45 PM	FINAL PRAYERS
4.00 PM	DERARTURE

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING: Thursday 15th October from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Are you in Year 11 and thinking about your next step in education?

We warmly welcome you to come and discover life at Oaklands Sixth Form. Learn more about our facilities, curriculum and enrichment opportunities.

Discover what makes our Sixth Form a such a special place to continue your education.

Parking is available on site.

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

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