

Corpus Christi with St. Joseph Parish



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30TH ORDINARY SUNDAY - 25TH OCTOBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Exodus 22:21-27
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51
(Response): **I love you, LORD, my strength.**
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The Commandment of Love
Today, through the strength that Christ gives us, we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that great commandment of love which once had to be imposed on men under threat of God's avenging anger.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24th:	**6 pm (SJ):**	**For the intentions of the people of the parish**
Sun 25th:	**9 am (SJ):**	**Noah Killick 21st Birthday**
	11 am (CC):	**RIP of Kevin Card**
Mon 26th:	**9:30 am (CC):**	**For healing on Malcom Dee Robb**
Tue 27th:		
Weds 28th:	**7 pm (CC):**	
Thurs 29th:	**9:30 am (SJ):**	**RIP of Maisie Helen King FM**
Fri 30th:	**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

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In any society, organisation, institution, establishment or family, life must be guided by certain rules and regulations, which, if absent, may cause chaos. So it is with the Church. The Church, governed by God through the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of its leaders, has its own laws and commandments meant to direct the lives of its members. These laws and commandments are many, each carrying a different weight for the people. Among these rules and commandments, the question may be asked: which is the greatest and most important? Today, the gospel brings us the greatest of these commandments, which we must strive daily to emulate.

We are told in the gospel that a Pharisee came to Jesus, shortly after Jesus had silenced the Sadducees on their question about the resurrection of the dead, asking a question to test him. He asked: "Master, which is the great commandment of the Law?" (Mt 22:36). Even though he was coming to test Jesus, Jesus' response offers us lifelong wisdom, still very relevant for us today. In response, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is that "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind....The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also" (Mt 22:37-40). The two commandments of love of God and love of neighbour therefore rest on the Law and the Prophets.

So, dear friend in Christ, the greatest commandment is love of God and love of neighbour, and we are expected to do this with all our heart, soul and mind. Is that true of us? When Jesus talks about love here, he first wants us to live at the level of agape rather than Eros, but we know that our lives fluctuate between Eros and agape. We must perfect Eros every day in order to embrace all: the poor, the lonely, the disabled, the abandoned, etc. Many are sick out there, having never experienced love, or having been broken by love not well expressed. We have the duty to help them to trust once more in the power of love. Moreover, we have a duty to express love to our Christian community through the ministries we choose to serve the Church. We cannot truly love if we do not serve genuinely.

Dear friends, we cannot talk about love without bringing out St. Paul's understanding of love as depicted in 1 Corinthians:

"4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails....13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:4-8, 13)

We should therefore learn to put our love into action by allowing the Holy Spirit to direct us in every way possible. Let us do this so that our faith goes forth everywhere, as St. Paul describes in today's second reading (1 Thess 1:5-10). In doing this, let the little way of St. Teresa help us.

May we therefore strive daily to love God with all our hearts, soul and mind through the people we encounter.



Unconditional Love Holds All

FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 18/10/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £78.78, Envelopes £33, World Mission £12.53 (loose) and £80.65 (envelopes), Candles £69.93

Contactless Collection: General £

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £164.56, Envelopes £25, Coffee £20.50, World Missions £179.10 (loose) and £60 (envelopes), & Candles £6.93, Home Mission £5, Cath. Edu. Service £20

Contactless Collection: General £

Online Donation: General £

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.

BAMENDA SUNDAY: Every first weekend of November we celebrate Bamenda Sunday. This is a time when, in solidarity with our sister diocese in Bamenda, Cameroon, we raise funds to support them in their work of evangelisation. This has been ongoing now for over five decades and we will very much appreciate you coming out to support this collection once more on Sunday 1st November 2026. Thanks in advance for your support.

MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: We celebrate All Souls on Monday 2nd Nov. 2026. envelopes are at the back of the church for us to collect and write the names of loved ones who have gone ahead of us and include mass stipend for them. There shall be three masses on that day in the parish at 9:30am and 7pm at CC and at 12noon at SJ.

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/ 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: Next session will be on Sunday 8th of November 2026 at 9:15 am at Corpus Christi Hall.

MARIAGE BANNS: SECOND CALL: Ardra Shaji (Catholic) and Jijith Kjayan Yaya (Hindu) wants to solemnise their marriage in church. Please do pray for them and if you know of anything stopping them from marrying, please do inform the Parish Priest.

SECOND COLLECTION: Our second collection next Sunday 1st of November 2026 is for BAMENDA. The collection basket will be at the back of the church at the end of the mass.

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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:

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	**1ST PICK UP AT ST JOSEPH**
8.30 AM	**2ND 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**

YOUTH SUNDAY: We shall have our first ever Youth Sunday in the parish on Sunday 22nd November 2026at CC church. Every aspect of the liturgy on that day shall be prepared and led by the young people of our church. We pray for them as they prepare towards this day.

FOOD BANK: Baffins food Pantry has closed **and we now** have a new place, Baptist Church Food Pantry at North End, to donate our food. Please do help us fill up the baskets with your generous donations to help feed others.



Please remember, the clocks go BACK from 2 – 1 am Saturday/Sunday

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