

CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - 1ST NOVEMBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
(Response): **Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Today we offer the Lamb and celebrate the victory of our God in the company of all the redeemed in the heavenly kingdom

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31st:	**6 pm (SJ):**	**RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM**
Sun 1st:	**9 am (SJ):**	**For the intentions of the people of the parish**
	11 am (CC):	**In thanksgiving to God for healing by Nancy**
Mon 2nd:	**9:30 am at CC: RIP of those we are praying for**	
	12noon at SJ : RIP of those we are praying for	
	7pm at CC; RIP of those we are praying for	
Tue 3rd:		**For Fr. Rinda Emmanuel's intentions**
Weds 4th:	**7 pm (CC):**	**For the wellbeing of Jenny Pearce**
Thurs 5th:	**9:30 am (SJ):**	
Fri 6th:	**9:30 am (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

HEAVEN IS OUR HOME

The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated in the Roman Church calendar on 1st November each year. Providentially, it falls this year on a Sunday, which gives us a good opportunity for a greater number of people to celebrate this day and pray for their loved ones. This day honours the lives of all who have died and are in heaven, whether the saints in the Roman Calendar or our loved ones – parents, siblings, friends, relations, etc. It is a day to thank God for their lives while they were here on earth and to ask for their intercession in our lives as we strive to live up to our Christian expectations. As we celebrate this day, I want us to reflect on the fact that heaven is our home.

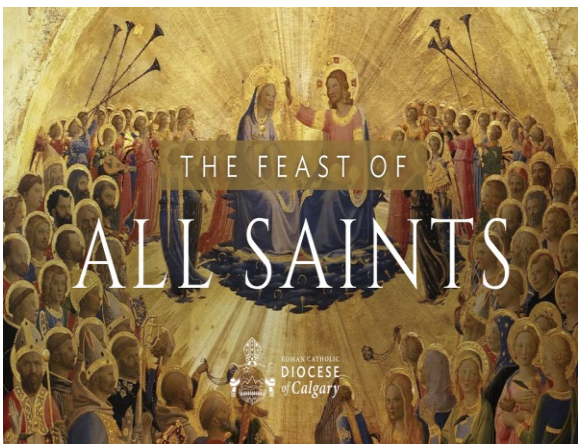
A home is supposed to be a place of rest, nurturing, comfort, love, care, etc. This is what heaven is. Heaven is not just a future reality but something we can begin to enjoy now. We all need to enjoy heaven here on earth and work hard so as to enjoy its future reality. The church carries out canonisation, that is, the official proclamation that A or B lived a good and holy life, died, and is in heaven. For those the church does not officially declare saints: our family members, friends, neighbours, etc., who died having lived a good life here on earth, are given this day for us to remember and celebrate their lives.

As we celebrate this day, we need to ask for their intercession to aid us as we journey to our heavenly home. We also need to ask for the graces to live a good and holy life by imitating aspects of their lives. The gospel gives us the beatitudes as a guide for all of us to follow if we want to reach our homeland, heaven. The beatitudes summarise the virtues we need to practise in order to reach heaven. I suggest we spend some time today praying and meditating on these beatitudes and asking for the graces to begin practising them. St John, in his second letter, presented in today's second reading, reminds us of the love God has bestowed on us by letting us be called his children. We are children of heaven, and we should not forsake this privilege for any earthly pleasure.

St. John in the Book of Revelation describes for us a vision he saw of those who were already in heaven when he said:

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb'" (Rev 7:9-14).

I want to be among those who have washed themselves clean with the blood of the Lamb, so I can have a place in heaven too. May all the saints intercede for us, that we may follow them as they followed Christ, and journey to our heavenly homeland, heaven, to live with them forever and ever.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 25/10/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £105.58, Envelopes £14.90, Mission Sunday £23, & Hall Rent £1,105

Contactless Collection: General £

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £140.02, Envelopes £60, Coffee £12.28, clergy assistance fund £10, & Candles £7.82

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.



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

CONFIRMATION: If you are a young person 12 and above and willing to receive the sacrament of confirmation next year, register your interest with the coordinators of the youth group between now and 8th Nov. 2026.

MARIAGE BANNS: THIRD 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.

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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.

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.

BAMENDA SUNDAY/SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: 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. The collection basket will be at the back of the church at the end of the mass. 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 will be three masses on that day in the parish at 9:30am and 7pm at CC and at 12noon at SJ.