

CORPUS CHRISTI WITH ST. JOSEPH PARISH



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32ND ORDINARY SUNDAY - 8TH NOVEMBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8
(Response)**: Foer you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The Bridegroom Is Here!
The whole of Christian life, our response to the love of Christ, our waiting with joyful hope for his coming, is summed up in today's celebration in a single word: Wisdom.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 7th: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Manuel D'Costa
Sun 8th: 9 am (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish
11 am (CC): RIP of members of the Wallace & Burke families
Mon 9th: 9:30 am (CC); For the faithful departed we are praying for the month of November
Tue 10th: For the faithful departed we are praying for the month of November
Weds 11th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Pace and Ellul families
Thurs 12th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Joyce & Nelson McStea FM
Fri 13th: 9:30 am (CC): For the faithful departed we are praying for the month of November



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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ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SUNDAY REFLECTION

REMEMBRANCE DAY: A REMINDER TO PREPARE FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

This weekend, in union with millions of others, we celebrate Remembrance Sunday (also called Poppy Day). In the United Kingdom, Remembrance Sunday is a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts." The celebrations today mark the 102nd anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended hostilities in the First World War in 1918. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, commemorations have been cancelled because of social distancing restrictions. As we remember these men and women who sacrificed themselves for the sake of humanity, our remembrance coincides with our Christian hope of the resurrection. That is why November is always for us the month to pray for the dead. Though we are in lockdown, we can still go to cemeteries and/or visit churches to light a candle and say prayers for the dead, especially our loved ones and friends. As we celebrate this day, I ask us to remember the need to prepare for the Kingdom of heaven.

In today's gospel passage, Jesus presents us with a parable in which the kingdom of heaven is compared to ten virgins: five wise and five foolish. All were waiting for the bridegroom to come, but he did not arrive as expected, and they had to wait. The five wise virgins anticipated that the bridegroom might not arrive on time and so prepared by taking extra oil for their lamps. The foolish ones had no foresight, thinking only of the moment. Their short-term reasoning yielded no dividends, as they did not prepare for the future. When the bridegroom arrived, they had no oil and were out on the streets searching for it. They missed the kingdom of heaven because they had not prepared in advance. When we, too, do not look ahead to what our future may be and concentrate more on the temporal material things of this earthly world, we become like the foolish virgins who ended up losing heaven, even though they had been preparing for it all their lives. We must therefore live our lives with heaven in mind.

To attain the above in our lives, the first reading encourages us to seek wisdom so that we do not become like the foolish virgins. It tells us that “Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her” (Wis 6:12). Whoever seeks true wisdom needs Christ to guide them. The scriptures become an avenue to true wisdom for us. This wisdom will help us see the futility of life here on earth. As we remember the dead, let us inscribe in our minds and hearts a desire for true wisdom, which will give us the opportunity to prepare more for the afterlife than for life here on earth.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 01/11/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £59.99, Envelopes £38 & Bamenda £130.70

Contactless Collection: General £25, World Mission £20 & Bamenda £10

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £77.17, Envelopes £20, Coffee £13.73, Bamenda £215.30 & Candles £15.95

Contactless Collection: General £238, World Mission Sunday £70 & Bamenda £125

Online Donation: General £ 210, World Mission Sunday £20, Bamenda £45 & CC New Carpet £50

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 today 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 22nd Nov. 2026.

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

100 CLUB OCTOBER WINNERS: 1st prize Paul N, 2nd prize Natasha B and 3rd prize Julie B. As we are not allowed to issue cheques anymore, if you win the 100 Club, please give your bank details to Angela W. (SJ) or Jenny (CC) so that we can pay your winnings directly into your account. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club meets again on Saturday, 14 November at 10.30 am in the hall at St. Joseph's. Do come along for a drink, cake and a chat. Among things being discussed this month will be the Christmas decorations for St. Joseph's Church. 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, Gloria G, 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 2026 at 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Our second collection next Sunday 15th of November 2026 is for Priests' Retirement Fund. The collection basket will be at the back of the church at the end of each mass or click the QR code below and it will link directly to the diocese website page supporting this second collection

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL is available to hire. It also hosts many different and varied groups, kurling for the over 60's, keep fit, line dancing, Slimming World and a craft market every month and of course our own Friendship Club which is growing in numbers every 2nd Saturday. If you are interested in any of the above, all the details are on the wall outside the kitchen in the hall.