

Corpus Christi with St. Joseph Parish



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33RD ORDINARY SUNDAY - 15TH NOVEMBER 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5
(Response)**: Blessed are all who fear the LORD.**
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Christ, The Head Of His Household
Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings to him the talents of a good wife, devoted sons, and faithful servants.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14th: 6 pm (SJ): For the intentions of the people of the parish
Sun 15th: 9 am (SJ): For the faithful departed we are praying for this month
11 am (CC): For the souls in purgatory
Mon 16th: 9:30 am (CC); RIP of Eleanor Mary Minter FM
Tue 17th: For the faithful departed we are praying for this month
Weds 18th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of John Paul Fewster FM
Thurs 19th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Canon Richard Hind FM
Fri 20th: 9:30 am (CC): For the faithful departed we are praying for this month



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

DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS BUT PUT THEM TO USE

Pope Francis is known for saying: “Do not bury your talents, the gift that God has given to you! Put your talents at the service of God”. These words are powerful and need to be put into practice by each of us, for we have all been given talents or potential by God, meant to help us serve Him and others. So, we do not need to bury our talents but to put them to use.

This is the lesson we can draw from today's gospel passage, in which Jesus spoke to his disciples about the kingdom of God. He said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability” (Mt 25:14-15). From this, we can immediately understand that we do not have the same talents or potential, as God has allotted different amounts to each of us. The essence is to recognise ours and make use of them. This brings to mind the words of St. Paul: "Each one of us has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it" (Eph 4:7). Why? Our gifts are meant to help us on our heavenly journey here on earth, amidst the temptations, difficulties, and challenges that this present life and its surrounding circumstances offer. As children of God, we have family, Christian, and societal responsibilities that we need to fulfil. God knows precisely what He wants us to do for Him, His church, and His people, and He has embedded in us millions of possibilities, potential, and talents that we can actualise for our good, for the good of His people, and for His glory. To enable us to realise this, He has also graced us for the task. Grace, therefore, is like the help we need on earth. It is available to us, but the decision to use it depends on each of us. We can use it or shun it.

We have all been graced with gifts from Christ, each according to what Christ has allotted. What are your own gifts? What are you good at that you can put at the service of the community and the Church? The whole issue of living the Christian life is about identifying our gifts and making use of them for the good of the Church, especially by working for the well-being of the community and contributing to the growth and well-being of the society in which we live and beyond. Let’s not bury our talents like the lazy man who buried the master’s talents without using them. If I were God, the only question I would ask at the end of time is: how did you manage to make use of the grace I gave you?

We need to ask ourselves: what am I doing with my talents? Why am I burying them? Do you think your talents are too small, or that you don’t even have any? Talents have been given to us according to our ability. Let us make use of them to build the church here and in Corpus Christi with St. Joseph.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 08/11/2026

ST. JOSEPH:	Loose plate £116.25, Envelopes £38.20, Bamenda £10 and Hall Rent £150
Contactless Collection:	General £25
CORPUS CHRISTI:	Loose plate £139.06, Envelopes £30, Coffee £13.60, Bamenda £15 & Candles £2.60
Contactless Collection:	General £30
Online Donation:	General £ 80 and Mass Intentions $15

STANDING ORDERS FOR OCTOBER 2026 £1,524

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 September and October amounted to £91.52 (well down on the last two months! 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.

MISSIO RED BOXES AT ST JOSEPH: St Joseph's Red Boxes are due for collection. Please bring along to Mass and pass to Marion Brooks or Fr Emanuel.
Your continued support for this special cause is a benefit to so many people. Thank You.



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 last Baptismal preparation. 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 15th 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.

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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

CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS: This year we will be again collecting Christmas vouchers for the less wealthy in our schools, Corpus Christi and St Paul's. Please purchase £5 supermarket vouchers and place them in the collection basket at either church. They will be given to the schools towards the middle of December so the schools can distribute them.

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. The craft market will be taking place after, so please do have a look around to see if there are any Christmas gifts.

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.

MARIAGE BANDS: FIRST CALL: Evans Ekairia and Eseohe Roseline Enogun 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 today 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

GROUNDSPEOPLE WANTED: At St Joseph's we desperately need people to volunteer to help clean up the areas around the church and keep them clean all year round:

1. The entrance to the church, to sweep up the pigeon poo each week
2. The area between the church and the hall, to sweep up the leaves etc each month
3. The area bounding along St Piran's Avenue, to tidy it up and keep it up together on a monthly basis.

If you're able to help, please speak to Angela W. or Fr Emmanuel.

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