

Corpus Christi with St. Joseph Parish



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Solemnity of Christ the King - 22nd November 2026
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 221-3. 5-56
(Response): ***The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Christ, The King
Christ is a King on the model of the homeric kings who called themselves 'shepherds of the people'. As a royal shepherd he is leading us to the Kingdom of his Father.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21st: 6 pm (SJ): RIP of Michael & Margaret Walsh FM
Sun 22nd: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Andreana Mary Joan Pace FM
11 am (CC): For the young people of our parish
Mon 23rd: 9:30 am (CC); NO MASS
Tue 24th:
Weds 25th: 7 pm (CC): Deceased members of Blair family NO MASS
Thurs 26th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Pace, Ellul, Heywood, Fuggle and Hounsell families NO MASS
Fri 27th: 9:30 am (CC): RIP of Lize NO MASS



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

CHRIST, OUR KING AND KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Year A. On this last Sunday of every liturgical year, the Church gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King on December 11, 1925, in an encyclical titled Quas Primus. The purpose was to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven, rather than to earthly supremacy. The meaning behind this feast stemmed from the hopelessness that lingered at the time, with people looking up to anyone who could enable them to put food on the table. At that time, governments were in economic chaos, unemployment was rampant, and people in many places were literally starving to death. Remember, this was shortly after World War I. At that time, the former stability of the old social and political orders, which had embraced royal houses and crowned heads of state, was crumbling. Then the victorious warring powers, like England and France, united, seeking severe penalties and unreasonable reparations from the vanquished Germans through the Treaty of Versailles.

This bred pessimism, fuelled by a sense of helplessness, and compounded hatred among the nations. Consequently, tyrants such as Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin stepped onto the stage, promising hope to the people, which made them appear like kings, ready to save their people. Amid all this drama, the world had to be reminded of Christ as our king and the king of the Universe.

God made all that exists in the universe, and His Son, Jesus Christ, is king of God's kingdom. As God's children, we belong to God's eternal kingdom, brought about through Baptism. Once we receive Baptism, we leave the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of light. But are we really in light or darkness?

Jesus' kingdom is not an earthly kingdom but a heavenly one. It is a kingdom not of this world, built not by the might of an earthly kingdom but in the humiliation of a shameful death on the cross. The earthly kingdom is built on power, fame, splendour, etc., for the sake of earthly glory. It's a kingdom that passes away. But Jesus' kingdom is one that lasts forever. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI remarked that Christ's kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. This explains why the gospel prescribes the seven corporal works of mercy as the condition for entering Jesus' kingdom. We therefore need to pause and reflect on the seven corporal works of mercy and consider whether we have been faithful to them. In this sense, we must ask ourselves: do I feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, welcome strangers, and bury the dead?

May our prayer on this solemnity of Christ the King be to work faithfully by carrying out the seven corporal works of mercy, so that we may be assured of membership in Jesus' kingdom.



FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 15/11/2026

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £97.20, Envelopes £13, Priests' Retirement Fund £19.70, Christmas Offering £50, Clergy Assistance Fund £23 and Bamenda £50

Contactless Collection: General £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £93.57, Envelopes £25, Priests' Retirement Fund ££107 Coffee £8.47, Mass Stipend £20 & Candles £15.66

Contactless Collection: General £30

Online Donation: General £ 117, CC New Carpet £10 and Priests' Retirement Fund £5

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 22nd 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 met last Saturday in the hall at St. Joseph's and was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 12 December, when we will meet for refreshments in the Sacristy and then, if you wish to, help with decorating the church for Christmas.

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 today 22nd November 2026 at CC church. Every aspect of the liturgy shall be prepared and led by the young people of our church. We pray for them as they prepare today.

MARIAGE BANNS: SECOND 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.

PRIESTS' RETREAT: Fr Emmanuel will be away for a retreat on the 23rd till 27th of November 2026. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** while he is away.

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/other week.
2. The area between the church and the hall, to sweep up the leaves etc when required
3. The area bounding along St Piran's Avenue, to tidy it up and keep it up together on a regular basis.

If you're able to help, please speak to Angela W. or Fr Emmanuel. These are essential jobs and now that the young Friars are not here to do what they were doing, we need your help more than ever.