



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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## 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022: Third Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; Gospel John 21:1-19  
Psalm from Psalm 29 (30)

### ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 30th **5pm: Mass**  
People of the parish

Sun 1st **9am: Family Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**

Margaret Mary Williams RIP  
Thanksgiving for Adrienne Hanrahan's  
children and grandchildren

Tue 3rd **9.30am – 10.30am: Adoration & Morning Prayer**

Wed 4th **10am: Liturgy of the Word and Communion**

Fri 6th **11:45am Requiem Mass for Shirley Roberts RIP**

**PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Tues - Fri 9.30am – 4pm**  
**Closed Bank Holiday Monday**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) -  
Please call the office on 01202 483340 to arrange

### HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

Sun 1st **11am: Mass**  
John and Nora O'Brien RIP  
Des and Jean O'Brien (wellbeing)

Mon 2nd **10am-2pm Adoration**

Fri 6th **10am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion**

**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) -  
By appointment or on request

### PARISH OFFICE-01202 483340.

Ansaphone available when the office is closed and messages picked up and dealt with as appropriate  
**NOTE-The office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and open on Tuesday between 9:30am and 2pm**  
Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause  
For urgent pastoral matters please call Deacon Hugh on 07971 071571

### PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Pastoral Council has, I think, done an amazing job in helping to steer the parish through the pandemic over the last 2+ years;

it has met every month, mostly online – and a smaller 'Support Team' has met weekly to fine-tune details.

In agreeing to take over the Chair from Richard Martin in November 2020,

I said I'd do it for a few months - that was 18 months ago!

Shortly before last week's meeting (21st April), I told the PC that I felt now was the right time to step down as Chair.

[I had, previously, chaired the Area Pastoral Council and the Evangelisation Strategy Team and have been involved as a PC member since 2012.]

I feel it is now time for change.

Fr John has suggested that, before we do anything else, we have a period of Prayer & Discernment, lasting up to Pentecost (5 June).

So until then, the PC will be in 'pause' mode.

PC members will continue to oversee matters as they have been doing, but we want everyone in the parish to pray and reflect on how we might move forward.

Fr John will have more to say on this.

Please do pray for the parish and how the leadership of the parish might develop – and how you might become involved, too.

To conclude, I would say it has been a pleasure to serve the parish in this way and I would like to pay tribute to my fellow-members, as well as numerous volunteers in the parish and to Fr John & Dcn Hugh, whose support has been inestimable.

God bless, Peter Thomson

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for all our parishioners who are unwell or troubled in any way, and especially at this time for:

**Kevin Curtis; Maggie Belcher; Norman Meech; Margaret Flint; José Garmendia; Anne Crane; Donal Toner; William James; Anne Wood; Dave Wood; Joan Miller; Reg Peckham; Andrew Allen; Louis Scatchal; Jillie Ryan and Canon Paul Townsend**

If you have any personal prayer intentions that you would like included in our Bidding Prayers and/or newsletter, or if you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, please contact the Office with details.

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Shirley Roberts and Clive Lester RIP who died recently

Please also keep in your prayers Kathleen Billett, Saverio Desimone, Brian Cole, Mary Muir and Dorothy Johnson RIP and all those whose anniversaries occur this week. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### STAMPS and FIRST DAY COVERS

We have been given in the office, many foreign stamps and first day covers to sell with the profits going towards Father John's Easter offering.



If you would like to buy them yourself or sell them for us, please contact the office for more information. Thank you

### DEFIB TRAINING

There is still time to sign up for the defib training taking place in the Parish Centre on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon

Please add your name to the list in the church porch.

Should you want more information please call Roger Adams on 07850713760



### STILL NEEDED!!

Thank you to everyone who has already dropped off items for Mike and David, the parishioners from St Mary's, Poole



who are revisiting Poland to support Ukraine refugees

If you do have any **binoculars, batteries and torches as well as nappies and washing up liquid**

please drop them into the presbytery for collection. If you would like to read more about their first trip click [HERE](#)

We have had a very busy couple of weeks serving our families through our Easter Holiday hunger scheme

Over the two weeks we gave out almost 200 food parcels,



including fresh fruit and veg, meat, bread, cheese, yogurts, toiletries and of course Easter chocolate eggs....all were very much appreciated.

Good news..... one of our families who were moved into temporary accommodation due to domestic violence during the pandemic and were helped through our furniture bank, foodbank, hardship fund and just walking with them on their journey.... got the keys to their new home this week.

They have worked so hard and it has been a blessing to work with them.

Thank you to everyone who donates through our projects, we could not do the work we do without your support.

**This week we are in need of Fray Bentos pies, tinned fruit, UHT milk and meat meals (curry, stew, chilli etc).**

**Thank you and blessings in advance**

### JOB VACANCIES at THE DIOCESE

For information about the latest job vacancies at Portsmouth please click [HERE](#)



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like something included in the newsletter please can you submit it to the

Parish Newsletter Email: [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) by **Wednesday afternoon** at the latest.

Thank you

### COVID SAFETY IN CHURCH

- Please wear a face mask during Mass.
- Please respect social distance, especially when going to and returning from Communion.
- Windows will be open during Mass to provide ventilation.

### YOUTH CLUB

#### FAMILY MASS on SUNDAY 1st MAY

This will be led by the Confirmation Candidates and we have a very special guest joining us - Steve Murray, the Christian Mime Artist will be performing during the homily.

**If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of bringing Steve to our Parish we would be very grateful -please see Emma or Maggie.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole congregation to experience a different type of worship.

### YOUTH CLUB

Do you have any unloved bean bags or large floor cushions taking up space at home?

If so, our Youth Club would love them for their sessions-

**please contact Emma on [familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk](mailto:familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk) or bring them along and leave in the Parish Centre.**

**The next Youth Club session is on Friday 6th May at 7pm**

**- don't forget to book in by emailing [stjosephsyoungclub1@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsyoungclub1@gmail.com)**

### YOUTH GROUP DAY-SATURDAY 7th MAY 2:30pm - 9pm at MOORLANDS COLLEGE

We are hoping to take a group of young people along to meet up with other young Christians in the area.

There will be a series of fun workshops and the day will end with a showing of Iron Man.

**If you would like to book a ticket, please contact Emma asap on [familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk](mailto:familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk).**

**The cost is £5 but if money is an issue please let me know.**

### MAGNIFICENT!

Many thanks to everyone who responded so generously to the information given about clergy income. Fr John will be receiving about £1,800 through the parish accounts, as well as the personal gifts given to him. He has been overwhelmed by your kindness.

Anyone still wanting to give their Easter offering, can put it in an envelope marked Fr John and pop it in the collecting bag. Thank you

### SOME WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES to do good work and have fun!

Can you spare a couple of hours every few weeks in the service of others?

Our Bric a Brac "shop" is up and running two mornings a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12 and we are keen to open other mornings, or afternoons from 12-2.

A Monday team is being formed: you can join one of the present days, or get together with a few others to take care of another session.

Like the Food Bank, it provides a valuable service for those on a limited income - and is a wonderful opportunity to protect our environment by RE-USING, while meeting others!

**Please ring Tony 07736 327407 to find out more**

If you are not available during the week,

why not consider helping in the Repository before and after Mass on Saturday or Sunday?

Selling cards and other items is straightforward, as Lesley has it all priced, and it is an easy way to meet others.

**Please ring Lesley 07826 544849 if you might be interested.**

### The QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Many of you will be involved in various street parties etc but we would like to put on a parish event as well, for those who do not have a local event, or just like to enjoy themselves.

What form it will take and when it will be held, will be up to those who would like to volunteer to organise it.

**Please ring Irene 077 953 66330, so that we can get an organising group together.**

### IMPORTANT: CAR PARKING FOR MASS

We are very fortunate that some of our neighbours kindly allow us to use their car park **during Sunday Mass only** with certain restrictions.



**At Priory Vets** (next door):

We may park **at the front of the surgery**, using the 8 spaces,

but **NOT down the side or around the back.**

**At Harbour House** (opposite the Vets):

We may **ONLY** park in any of the **4 spaces at the front**, but **not in front of the front door or down the side of the building.**

**THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THESE CONDITIONS**

**Please help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours**

### PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Father,

pour out your Spirit on our Parish and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ, our Lord.

**AMEN**



### PORTSMOUTH RC VOCATIONS

If you would like to know more about the vocations team you can sign up to their monthly newsletter by visiting [www.portsmouthvocations.org](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org)

### GIFT AID

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your donations, as we can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated to the parish, at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid is the most effective way to maximise your giving to the parish, either by Standing Order, Direct Debit or Envelopes.



Bank details for donations online or by cheque are **PRCDTR Christchurch**, Sort code **30-93-04**, Account No. **00876292**

All relevant Gift Aid forms are available to download on our Parish webpage, click **HERE**

**(<https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj/gift-aid/>)**

or available from the church office or church porch.

If you can, or you are new to the parish, and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please email **Pat Curtis: [giftaid@icsj.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@icsj.org.uk)** (Parish Gift Aid Administrator for St. Joseph's)

**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be Tea & Coffee after 9am Mass, in the Parish Centre to which you are all welcome. Please come and join us

