



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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21st and 22nd May 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 Gospel John 14:23-29
Psalm from Psalm 66 (67)

OUR SECOND COLLECTION is for FATHER PAUL and his GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 21st **5pm: Mass**
Ethel Symonds

Sun 22nd **9am: Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
People of the parish

Tue 24th **9.30am – 10.30am: Adoration & Morning Prayer**

Wed 25th **10am: Liturgy of the Word and Communion**

Thur 26th **6:30pm The Ascension of the Lord**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon - Fri 9.30am – 4pm

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

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

Sun 22nd **11am: Mass**
Christopher Moore RIP
Bernadette Moya Brown RIP

Mon 23rd **10am-2pm Adoration**

Fri 27th **10am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion**

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm

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

28th and 29th May 2022: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for the Catholic Communications Network,
assisting the Church to share the Gospel throughout the world.
To support the collection, click [HERE](#)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 28th **5pm: Mass**
Margaret Jaques RIP

Sun 29th **9am: Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Rob Wilson

Tue 31st **9.30am – 10.30am: Adoration & Morning Prayer**

Wed 1st **10am: Liturgy of the Word and Communion**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon - Wed 9.30am – 4pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) -
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HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

Sun 29th **11am: Mass**
Maurice Reynolds RIP
Carlota Locsin RIP
Mariano Locsin RIP

Mon 30th **10am-2pm Adoration**

Fri 3rd **10am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion**

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm

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

4th and 5th June 2022: Pentecost Sunday

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 4th **5pm: Mass**
People of the parish

Sun 5th **9am: Family Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
People of Ukraine

Tue 7th **9.30am – 10.30am: Adoration & Morning Prayer**

Wed 8th **10am: Liturgy of the Word and Communion**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon - Wed 9.30am – 4pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) -
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HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

Sun 5th **11am: Mass**
Johanna & Patricia Taggart RIP
Isobel Eustace RIP
Deceased relatives & friends of Ghislaine and David Woods

Mon 6th **10am-2pm Adoration**

Fri 10th **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

PLEASE NOTE-Office opening when Wendy is away.

The office will be closed Thurs 26th and Fri 27th May and bank holidays 2nd and 3rd June.

During other days we aim to have the office open and we thank the volunteers for stepping in as they have.

The phones will be monitored throughout as usual

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause

For urgent pastoral matters please call Deacon Hugh on 07971 071571

COVID SAFETY - UPDATE

In the light of significantly lower (and falling) Covid numbers locally, we are amending our safety guidelines.

With effect from this coming weekend (21/22 May 2022):

FACE MASKS - worshippers can decide for themselves whether to wear a face covering, or not; we will cease requesting this. (For some time, the wearing of face masks in shops and on public transport has not been mandatory);

SOCIAL DISTANCE - the request to maintain a one-chair gap between different households will no longer be made; please use your common sense when choosing your seat(s); spread out, if possible...but also be aware that when numbers are higher, social distance may be significantly reduced - if this is a concern, wearing a face covering will give some protection;

VENTILATION - windows will be fully open during Masses to provide good ventilation. Please be aware on those colder days!

Please do not come to church if you have tested positive or have any viral symptoms.

Sunday Masses continue to be livestreamed.

Guidelines may change in future, if circumstances change - we will keep you informed.

OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL – and the way forward

As you will be aware, our Pastoral Council is taking a break to allow time for the whole parish to pray and discern the best way forward for our community as we (hopefully) emerge from the Pandemic with all its restrictions.

Please see the back page of this newsletter to view Fr John thoughts on this.....

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; Carol Anne & Graeme Le Jehan;

Eileen Hyatt 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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

To **Florence and Ned Jones** who are being baptised here on **Saturday 21st May**

And **Kailen Seymour** who will be baptised on **Saturday 28th May**

We welcome you all into St Joseph's Parish Family



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Theresa Martin, Patricia Cole, Pamela Bradley, Declan Hogart, Jorly Gemma Chapman, Isabella Cassidy, Eileen Fentum, Michael Robson, William and Doris Wood, Eileen Hall, Elizabeth Welch, Peter Martin, Graham Price, Denis and Rosanna Flynn, Chas Clark, Mirian Cook, Ellen Smart, Ron Lesley and Harold Fenn RIP

and all those whose anniversaries occur this week. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Next meeting is **Wednesday 25th May** in the Parish Centre after the Liturgy of Word & Communion.

We meet every 4th Wednesday of the month, please come in and join us.

For more information contact **Ann-Marie** on **01202 463488**

ST JOSEPH'S LUNCH CLUB

The next planning meeting **Wednesday 1st June 9.30am**



The next Lunch Group will be on **Wednesday 8th June between 12.30pm - 1.45pm**

For more information please contact **Margaret Beams** on **01425 279993**

THE ROSARY GROUP

is continuing to meet each Monday in church at 11am and all are welcome to join us.

**May 23rd, 30th,
June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**

For more information please contact **Gerardine Thomas** on **01425 672100**



CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILY MASS On Sunday 5th June at 9am

we will celebrate the birthday of the Church at our Family Mass - there will obviously be doughnuts afterwards!

YOUTH CLUB

Although we normally have youth club on the first Friday of the month, due to the Jubilee celebrations our next session will be

Friday 10th June, 7pm - 9pm in the Parish Centre.

Please remember to book in by emailing

stjosephyouthclub1@gmail.com.

Join us for an evening of fun, friendship and laughter.

LEGO

Do you have any unwanted Lego or Duplo? We would love to take it off your hands for our children to play with after Mass on a Sunday in the Parish Centre.

Please leave it in the church porch FAO Emma or email familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk

and I can come and collect it.

Thank you so much in advance.

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

Last chance to be added to the invitation list for our
Jubilee event on Thursday 2 June.

If you remember any part of the 1950s, join our
celebration!

**Please phone Irene on 077 953 66330 or 01202 481937
by Monday 23 May,
to put your name down.**

GOLDEN JUBILEE - a reminder

Fr Paul will shortly be celebrating 50 years as a priest.
We will be having a simple celebration to mark this special
occasion **after Mass on Sunday 29th May** to which you
are all invited.

If you would like to show your appreciation for Fr Paul and
his unstinting support for our parish,
there will be a retiring collection this weekend.
You can also do so online in the usual way,
marking your contribution 'Fr Paul'
Thanks

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating this year, 2022,
your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th
wedding anniversary,



the Bishop would like to invite you to a
**Mass of celebration on Saturday 2nd July at 11am
at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke.**
Please see the poster in the porch for more details

DIOCESAN COURSES and INFORMATION

Online Workshops for readers with 1:1 practice

Workshop 1 offers a general and brief introduction to the
Liturgy of the Church and a more specific overview of the
Liturgy of the Word at Mass, as well as an overview of the
practical skills required for reading in church.

Workshop 2 offers a general introduction to the Bible and a
group study of a specific reading, using the 4 senses of
Scripture.

A diocesan certificate is awarded on completion.

**The workshops will take place on Saturdays 18th and
25th June, from 10am to 1pm.**

**Find out more details and register here:
<https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>**

UKRAINE APPEAL UPDATE!!

Mike and David are on their way back to
Poland with the thanks and prayers of St Joseph's.....

If you still have any
**binoculars, batteries and torches
as well as nappies and washing up liquid,**
please do drop them into the presbytery for future trips.
(Large photo of them setting off in the porch)

Christchurch Foodbank+

Thank you for all your support
and love you show through
community giving.



As I attended the funeral of Andrew
(our Homeless gentleman who sat in the carpark
at Saxon Square) I was reminded that we don't know
people's story and reasons that have led them to where
they are.

We must meet each person with kindness and meet them
where they are on their journey.

Andrew suffered with what's called 'survivors guilt',
after his wife and daughter were taken in a car crash.

Andy never felt worthy of 'normal life'.

God's Greatest commandment is 'Love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, soul and mind, love thy neighbour as
thyself'.

This commandment is without conditions.

Have a super blessed week and if you would like to support
our ministry you can, through financial donations (we will be
a good steward of monies and purchase the food we need
at the time)

OR our needs at present are
**tinned fruit, tinned custard, tea bags, dry rice, hot dogs
and tinned peas and carrots.**

Thank you in advance and blessings Tracy, Sarah and the
Team

ST PETERS YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 14th JUNE at 6pm

The year 5 information evening is for prospective students
interested in joining year 7 for entry in September 2023
**Please note the event WILL NOT include a tour of the
school**

**Doors open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start
Full open evening on THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
See poster in porch for more details**

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** (Parish Gift Aid Administrator for St. Joseph's)

GOODBOX-CARD DONATIONS IN THE NARTHEX

Please accept our apologies that we have been having issues with the card machine in the narthex.

It has now been exchanged and appears to be up and running again.

Thank you for your understanding

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



Our Pastoral Council – and the way forward – thoughts from Fr John

As you will be aware, our Pastoral Council is taking a break to allow time for the whole parish to pray and discern the best way forward for our community as we emerge from the Pandemic. Fr John shares his thoughts on this below:

“What is the Church/St Joseph’s?

The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ. St. Jo’s is not a building.

What is the Church/St Joseph’s for?

- To give Glory to God in worship, the BEST, so that we clearly reveal the face, the hands, and the heart of Jesus Christ.
- IN the love and service of our brothers and sisters both outside and inside the worshipping community. Washing feet is what we do.

This is evangelisation. When both come together, Jesus is revealed. It happens.

If we are faithful to this call, we will become an even more vibrant and cohesive parish family, but the parish is NOT here for ourselves. The following comment came from one of the Foodbank staff recently.

"Christians help others. Catholics help themselves." This comment is harsh, but it is not offensive, because it challenges us to be 'on point' with the Mission. Worship and Service, that's what we are here for!

The Pastoral Council ('PC')

- The PC exists to keep St Joseph's 'on point' with the Mission under the influence of the Holy Spirit and to the very best of our ability. PC members must have a heart for the Mission, personally, which will inevitably mean they will be already committed in different ministries within the life of the parish.
- Collectively, PC members will also serve by supporting all the different ministries and groups that are up and running, and signpost us to new ones as needs arise. It will serve, rather than govern, the mission of the parish, which will also give those who hold leadership positions an opportunity to be accountable for their ministry in the context of the Mission.

The Pause is for Prayer....

We are praying for guidance. Pray hard brothers and sisters. What will the PC look like into the future? How will it operate? Who will be involved? God is blessing us in so many ways. These are exciting times! Come Holy Spirit.

Fr John