



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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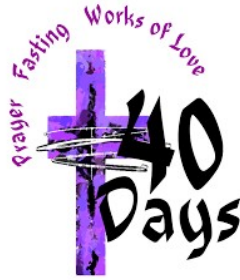
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## 16th and 17th March 2024: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*This Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel: John 12:20-33  
Psalm from Psalm 50(51)*

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

Sat 16th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Percival Carvalho

Sun 17th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
Nora Freda Gage RIP

Mon 18th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 19th **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning prayer**  
**6pm Rosary before Mass**  
**6:30pm St Joseph's Feast Day Mass**  
Adrienne Intentions

Wed 20th **9:30am – 10:00am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
Fe Reid RIP

Fri 22nd **10:30am Stations of the Cross**  
**7pm Stations of the Cross**

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

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

13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838

Sun 17th **11am Mass**  
Rick Higgins RIP

Mon 18th **10am – 2pm Adoration**

Wed 20th **4pm Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Thurs 21st **10am Mass**

Fri 22nd **10am Mass**  
**3pm Stations of the Cross**

**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm**

**PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340. The office is usually open every Wed – Fri between 9am and 5pm.  
If the office is closed, please leave a voicemail  
as all messages are dealt with outside these times.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to take part in this traditional and moving Lenten devotion, which usually lasts 30-40 minutes:  
**Any Wednesday in church after 10am Mass.**  
**Any Friday in church at 7pm.**

### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Partick Kimber, Maya Cowley, William Wood and Peter Black and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AND MASS is Tuesday 19th March.

To mark this important date, you are invited to **Mass at 6.30pm in church, followed by Prosecco, soft drinks and nibbles in the Parish Centre.** Please do come along to celebrate our wonderful community.  
**St Joseph: pray for us!**



### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

to Bay and Sunny Woodford and April, Ruben and Willow Fiddy who were baptised here last Saturday. We welcome you and your families into St Joseph's Parish Family.



**LAMPS THEATRE COMPANY** will be performing The Passion here **this Thursday 21st March at 7.00 pm**. Tickets still available, either after Mass or via [ticketsource](#) by clicking the link [HERE](#).



There will be Tea & Coffee after 9am Mass, in the Parish Centre to which you are all welcome.

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY CAFE

Home made soup and sandwiches, together with a guaranteed warm welcome to all.  
**We are open every Thursday 11.30am to 1.30pm.**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for all our parishioners who are unwell or troubled in any way, and especially at this time for:  
**Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubbs, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Lucy Maguire, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, Marie Macmillan, Baby Edward, Stan Murphy, Christina Bellanti, Steven, Slawek Gawlik and family, Pat Feltham, Catherine Judge, Eileen Kelleher, Charlotte Pritchard, Suzanne, Aunt Joan, Martin Leane, and Pope Francis.**

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.

### CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

**As the Easter School holidays approach we are in desperate need of UHT milk, cereals, tinned tuna, pasta sauce jars, tinned fruit, custard, crisps and savoury snacks.**

### OPEN DOOR – AN UPDATE

The Open Door group of enquirers has continued to meet.

We have now begun to explore many aspects of our Catholic Christian Faith, including belief in God, the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the role of the Church.

**We will meet again in person on Tuesday 26th March to review and to begin to plan the next steps.**

We have appreciated the honesty and openness of all involved and we ask the parish community to keep everyone in their prayers.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Easter gifts and cards are available for our housebound parishioners in St Catherine's kitchen.



Please name the cards personally. Thank you.

### IN THE PORCH AND NARTHEX – PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

Please help yourself to the Easter cards with dates and times of all services over Easter.

Maybe give some to neighbours and friends? You can also find the latest finance sheet in the porch.

In the Narthex you will find a box of 2024 giving envelopes. Please take the envelope with your name on. If you have any questions, please contact Ursula.

### FEEDBACK ON ST JOSEPH'S

We recently received some very positive feedback from a family which we would like to share.

In their email they wrote about how offers of help and support, came from right across the St Joseph's community.

The long email finishes with this...

Thank you all so very much for everything, and God bless St Joseph's for being so welcoming, generous, gracious, and open hearted to us and our family and friends.

Fr Paul and all the parishioners are a truly wonderful community and a living example of what it is to be Catholic Christians.

**What a wonderful testimony about our parish family and how blessed are we, to be a part of such an amazing community.**

### CHURCH – BIG EASTER CLEAN

As part of our preparations for the wonderful celebration of Easter, we are hoping people will help our dedicated cleaning team.

They will be carrying out a big church clean on **Monday 25th March at 2pm.**

Please come along as 'many hands make light work'.



### UKRAINE APPEAL

We, as a parish have supported a team, led by Mike, a parishioner from St Mary's in Poole to go over to Ukraine. Mike has just returned and the needs of children and families in the camps have become ever more evident.

He and the team are returning again in April

so if you have any of the items below, please consider donating

**There is a box in the porch**

**BUT**

**PLEASE NOTE FOR H&S REASONS, ANY PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS AND MILK FORMULA NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO ANN MARIE AFTER SUN MASS OR HANDED INTO THE OFFICE WHEN IT IS OPEN.**

Items needed -

**any sleeping bags, milk formula, children and baby clothing and any pharmaceutical item.**

If you have any questions call Ann Marie on 01202463488.



### UPDATE AND THANKS

**We have now replaced the boiler in the hall at a cost of £3,445 plus VAT**

**as further attempts at repair seemed uneconomical.**

We are, however, still planning to replace the church boiler.

After approximately 32 years, it is still 'just about' working,

but is getting to the end of its serviceable life.

**Thank you for your continuing and very generous financial support for both these projects.**

**Also thanks to the building committee for their tireless work in sorting this out and of course so many other parish needs.**



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**at Corpus Christi Church Boscombe 13-14th April 2024 (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm)**

A WME weekend is a positive, renewing experience for married couples.

**To book CLICK HERE or contact Jackie or Roger on 07948516854 for further information. Leaflets can also be found in the porch.**

### CONFIRMATION

**This year we have 20 young people on the Confirmation course**

**and at their Confirmation celebration, we would like to gift them a bible.**

If you would like to sponsor a bible for a young person, the cost is £15.

It would also make it very special if you could personally dedicate the bible to them.

**Bibles will be available from Emma personally or you can contact her at emma1976@gmail.com.**



### PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a special retelling of Easter story for our younger parishioners during Children's Liturgy so please do come along.