



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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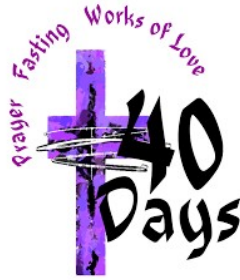
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9th and 10th March 2024: The Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel: John 3:14-21 Psalm from Psalm 136(137)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 9th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
 Fiona, Glen and Fred Howells RIP

Sun 10th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**
 John Drew RIP

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

Tues 12th **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning prayer**
6pm Rosary before Mass
6:30pm Mass
 Maureen Murphy RIP

Wed 13th **9:30am – 10:00am Adoration**
10am Mass
 Michael McGurrin RIP
10:30am Stations of the Cross

Thur 14th **7pm Reconciliation Service**

Fri 15th **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 10th **11am Mass**
 Jamie Flint RIP

Mon 11th **10am – 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 14th **10am Mass**
 Susan and John Reid RIP

Fri 15th **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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. Online donations can be made by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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.
Tuesday 12 March online via Zoom at 8pm.
 To log on for the Zoom event
You can also [CLICK HERE](#).

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Margaret Dickerson, Maureen Vale, John McKinley, Delia Kelly, Eddie Spink, John Larvin, Fr Donald Donovan and Anne Mahoney and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.



May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 10th March

Wishing all mums, and those who mother others, in our church family, a very relaxing and enjoyable 'Mothers Day'.



We especially remember and celebrate you today, but we appreciate you all year round.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE this Thursday 14th March starting at 7pm.

Please come along to this beautiful celebration of the word of God and avail yourself of the sacrament of reconciliation during this very special time of the year.



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, Auntie 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+

Our present needs are tuna, cereal, jars of pasta sauce, fruit squash, rice pudding and UHT milk cartons.



LAMPS THEATRE COMPANY

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

UKRAINE APPEAL

As some of you may remember we, as a parish have supported a team, led by Mike, a parishioner from St Mary's in Poole to go over to the Ukraine with different identified goods and items.

Mike has been over several times and has just returned from a particularly harrowing trip when the needs of children and families in the camps became ever more evident.

Mike is returning to the Ukraine again in April so if you have any of the items below, can you pop them in the box in the porch before Sun 31st March.

Items needed -

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

If you have any questions please call Ann Marie on 01202463488.



ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday 19th March is the Feast of St Joseph.

It is an important date for our parish: our parish patronal feast day and the anniversary of the dedication of our church building in 1993.

To mark the occasion, you are invited to our Feast Day Mass at 6.30pm in church, followed by Prosecco, soft drinks and nibbles in the Parish Centre.

Fortunately as it's a feast day, we are exempt from our Lenten observances that day!

Please do come along to celebrate our wonderful community.

St Joseph: pray for us!



ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN LUNCH

will be in the parish centre on **Friday 15th March from 12:30pm to 1:45pm.**

If you are able to provide a soup for the meal or can help out on the day,

please contact Margaret Beams on 01425 279993 for more information.



CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

We are currently undertaking the Closer to Christ Campaign which aims to support our priests from formation through to retirement and rejuvenate our parishes.

There will be 3 meetings either in the church or in the hall to explain this initiative.

I hope you are able to make it to either of the dates below:

Tuesday, 12th March at 7:00pm

Wednesday, 13th March at 11:30am

To RSVP, please email office@icsj.org.uk or call the parish office on 01202 483 340.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Paul

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

It is planned to re-introduce Holy Communion under both kinds from the

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 28th March.

To prepare ourselves for this, there will be a meeting for all Ministers on Saturday 9th March at 2pm.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OVER 65's LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on

Weds 13th March 12:30pm - 1:45pm.

Please call Ita on 01425 274996

ONLY if you are not able to make it.

PAMIS-PARISH REGISTRATION

please use the link below

<https://p4.pamis.co.uk/avonstour/online6213>

OR CLICK HERE

There are forms in the porch if you don't have online access but, if at all possible, please register online. All data is kept in accordance with Diocesan GDPR policy.

FEBRUARY FINANCES.

Income was £17,271

which included a very generous gift of £4,000

and a Gift Aid refund of £2,830.

Expenditure was £12,493.

Should you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's, or set up a direct debit or standing order regular payment, please use the following information.

Account - CDP St Joseph's Christchurch.

Account number - 00876292

Sort Code - 30-93-04

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

OPEN DOOR - AN UPDATE

The Open Door group of enquirers has continued to meet, mostly on Zoom. We have 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 consider how far we have come and to begin to plan the next steps.

We have appreciated the honesty and openness of the whole group and we ask the parish community to keep everyone in their prayers as we continue to explore the adventure of Faith.

Thank you!