



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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## 20th and 21st April 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings: Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18  
Psalm from Psalm 117(118)

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

Sat 20th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
 Stella and Anthony Nnopus RIP  
 Sun 21st **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
 George and Delia Kelly RIP  
 Mon 22nd **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
 Tues 23rd **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer**  
**6pm Rosary before Mass**  
**6:30pm Mass**  
 Stella and Anthony Nnopus RIP  
 Wed 24th **9:30am – 10:00am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
 Aunts and Uncles of Carvalho family RIP  
 Thurs 25th **3pm Reception of the body of Eileen Kelleher RIP**  
 Fri 26th **9:30am Requiem Mass for Eileen Kelleher RIP**

**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 21st **11am Mass**  
 Blanche Grandhaie RIP  
 Mon 22nd **10am – 2pm Adoration**  
 Thurs 25th **10am Mass with confession**  
 Keith Beech  
 Fri 26th **10am Mass**

**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm**

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – CLERGY TRAINING FUND

There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years comes from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund.

The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical.

**Give As You Live Donation Page: [CLICK HERE](#).**

### PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340.

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 every Wed – Fri between 9am and 4pm.  
 If the office is closed, please leave a message and  
 someone will get back to you.  
 If your enquiry isn't urgent,  
 please email me at [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk)  
 and I will reply when the office reopens.

### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Mary Horgan,  
 Brian Coulter and Barbara McCann  
 and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.  
 May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### FUNERAL MASS FOR EILEEN KELLEHER RIP

All are welcome to join our family to celebrate the life of  
 Eileen Kelleher RIP, who died on 9th April.  
**Funeral Mass is here at St Joseph's church**  
**at 9:30am on Fri 26th April.**  
**Reception of the body into church will be**  
**Thursday 25th April at 3pm, again all welcome.**

### ANOTHER EXCITING EVENING ARRANGED BY OUR WONDERFUL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING GROUP

Monday 29th April at 7pm,  
 the **Abaana New Life Choir** will be coming  
 to perform for us, here at St Joseph's.

The New Life Choir will be with us in just over a weeks time.

Come along to see the Choir of children  
 aged between 7yrs and 14yrs  
 perform a range of worship and traditional  
 African music and dances  
 while telling us stories of life in Uganda.

It's sure to be an amazing night, so make sure you invite your friends and family.

**No tickets needed – the concert is free.**

**There will be opportunities to make donations or purchase items such as CD's on the night.**  
**All donations will help fund the New Life Choir tour.**

**Still unsure about coming?**

**[CLICK HERE](#) for a flavour of the choir.**



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



## 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, Charlotte Pritchard, Suzanne, Aunty Joan, Martin Leane, John Michael Ryan 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+

We currently are in need of everything but especially baked beans, cereal, pasta sauce jars, UHT milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, hot dog sausages, custard and tinned fruit.  
Many blessings in advance and thank you.

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

would like to thank all parishioners for the collection of £80.50 for Christians in the Holy Land.  
Your donation will help us to support the most vulnerable at this very challenging time.  
Please continue to pray for the Holy Land and a peaceful resolution.

### GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Next meeting is **Wednesday 24th April** in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.  
We meet every 4th Wednesday of the month.  
**For more information contact Ann-Marie on 01202 463488.**

### CONFIRMATION



**This year we have 20 young people on the course and at their Confirmation celebration, we would like to gift them a bible.**

If you would like to sponsor a bible, 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.**

### 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.**



### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Carris and Lottie Wright

who were baptised here last Saturday.  
We welcome you and your families into St Joseph's Parish Family.



### HELP NEEDED

We need help with a couple of windows in the church as they are in need of some repair.

Amongst our parishioners, friends or family, do we have a joiner/carpenter, willing to help the maintenance team in replacing part of the frame?

**If you believe this is you or you know someone who could lend us a hand, please contact Roger Adams on 07850713760.**



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 information below.

**Account number 00876292**

**Account name CDP St Joseph's Christchurch**

**Sort Code 30-93-04**

**Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.**

### RAISING MONEY FOR A DYNAMIC OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has set up a Crowdfunder to raise £10,000 to significantly enhance their outdoor learning environment to provide a rich and varied learning experience for their pupils.**

The project will enhance the curriculum with outdoor learning through Forest School provision and Beach School to boost confidence, curiosity and adventure.

The funding will also help to buy some new equipment to specifically promote gross motor skills, to improve focus and academic performance.

**If you would like to pledge support to their Crowdfunder please visit the link:**

**<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/creating-a-dynamic-outdoor-learning-environment>**



### MARY'S MEALS

request unwanted foreign currency, no matter how old or obscure.

Please just drop anything you have into the collection basket.

Currently the charity feeds one good meal every day to over 2.4 million young children.

UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender also accepted.  
Thank you very much.



### PERSONAL INVITE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

I warmly invite you to join me and fellow pilgrims on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**This year's pilgrimage is from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July.**

**If you would like to know more, email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or CLICK HERE.**

### CARITAS

Caritas Plymouth is inviting people interested in learning more about modern slavery, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in

**Poole on 30th April.**

**Event runs from 10:30-12:30 in the church hall of St Marys Church, 211A Wimborne Road, BH15 2EG. Please register beforehand by CLICKING HERE.**

### SUNDAY 21st APRIL – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Francis emphasizes that we are all called to sow seeds of hope and build peace.

He invites us to let Jesus draw us closer, challenge us, and respect our freedom.

April 21st is dedicated to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of His Kingdom.

### CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Please find in the porch the latest Closer to Christ newsletter with up to date results for St Joseph's. You can also find a pledge form on the back of the newsletter, should you feel this is something you want to get involved with.