



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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27th and 28th April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel: John 15:1-8
Psalm from Psalm 21(22)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 27th 5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm

Frank Quinn

Sun 28th 9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).

Stella and Anthony Nnopus RIP

Mon 29th 11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 30th 9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer

6pm Rosary before Mass

6:30pm Mass

Joe Quinn RIP

Wed 1st 9:30am – 10:00am Adoration

10am Mass

Florence O'Brian 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 28th 11am Mass

Mon 29th 10am – 2pm Adoration

Thurs 2nd 10am Mass with confession

Fri 3rd 10am Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm

PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340.

The office is usually open 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 and I will reply when the office reopens.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Damian Cook, Kathleen Billett, Saverio Desimone, Brian Cole, Mary Muir and Dorothy Johnson and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE

Please put the word out to friends and family

that our lovely parish centre is available to hire most weekends.

The current price per hr is £17 for the hall and £12 for the small meeting rooms.

There are leaflets in the porch as well as information on our website

<https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj/parish-centre/> or [CLICK HERE](#)

Enquires can be made by calling the office or by emailing bookings@icsj.org.uk



ANOTHER EXCITING EVENING ARRANGED BY OUR WONDERFUL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING GROUP

This Monday - 29th April at 7pm

the New Life Choir will be joining us to perform a mix of worship and traditional African songs.

The choir is made of children aged between 7yrs to 14yrs so make sure to come along and support them.

All welcome – it'll be so uplifting I'm sure.



No tickets needed – the concert is free.

New Life CHOIR

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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

to Aurelia Mathero

who was baptised here last Sunday.

We welcome you and your family into St Joseph's Parish Family.



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, Richard, 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+

Thank you for all your continued and faithful support. Donations are so gratefully received and appreciated whether in food or finances.

During the school Easter holidays we gave out an extra 191 holiday hunger food parcels, feeding 320 adults and 432 children.

School holidays really diminish our stock so we are in desperate need of cereal, savoury snacks and crisps, baked beans, tinned tomatoes and tinned fruit.

If you are able to add an extra tin or packet to your shopping we would be really blessed.

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.



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.



CARITAS SPRING NEWSLETTER

It includes lots of information including environmental actions, Church Beyond Walls Workshop and the Let's end Poverty Movement.

CLICK HERE.

A SPECIAL INVITE

Baby Erin is being baptised here on Sun and to celebrate this wonderful sacrament, the Ellis family has invited everyone to join them in the hall after Mass to share cake.

We welcome Erin and all the family into the parish community.

Blessings to you all.



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.

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>

A DAY WITH MARY

Sat 18th May starting at 9:30am

at Bournemouth Oratory,

Richmond Hill, BH1 1BZ.

See poster in the porch.



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

or CLICK HERE.

REACHING THE UNREACHED – A BIG THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all who donated packs of pencils, crayons, stationery and small gifts for the children in the villages supported by RTU.

It was wonderful to see the joy and happiness of the children in the poorest villages

and to see the huge impact RTU has.

The memories for those who took these gifts over will also never be forgotten.

KEEPING IN TOUCH...

If you're away from your church or the Diocese, you can still keep in contact with all the latest news from the Bishop or the Diocese via the weekly enews.

CLICK HERE to see the current and past editions.

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 this is you or you know someone who could help, please contact Roger Adams on 07850713760.

