



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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## 4th and 5th May 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: John 15:9-17  
Psalm from Psalm 97(98)

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

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

Terence Hanrahan RIP

Sun 5th 9am Family Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).

People of the Parish

Mon 6th N/B NO ROSARY AS BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 7th 9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer

6pm Rosary before Mass

6:30pm Mass

Coral and Hugh Hanrahan RIP

Wed 8th 9:30am – 10:00am Adoration

10am Mass

Fe Reid RIP

Thurs 9th 6:30pm Ascension of the Lord Mass

John Mallory RIP Anniversary Mass

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 5th 11am Mass

Joan Gunnett RIP

Mon 6th N/B NO ADORATION AS BANK HOLIDAY

Thurs 9th 10am Ascension of the Lord Mass  
with confession

Fri 10th 10am Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm

## THE MONTH OF MAY

is traditionally among Catholics known as "Mary's Month",  
a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply when the office reopens.

### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Luke Sandoe,  
Pamela Bradley, John Parnell, Peter Cowley,  
John Mallory and Claire Parry  
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](mailto:bookings@icsj.org.uk)



### RICHARD MARTIN

Next Sunday, 12th May, at 9am Mass,  
Richard will formally be instituted as Lector.

This is the next liturgical step on his path to ordination as  
Permanent Deacon next year.

To accompany this newsletter,  
Richard has written a letter to us  
to explain more and to thank us

for our ongoing support, encouragement and prayer.

Richard's letter can be found in the porch,  
should you want a hard copy.



### CONFIRMATION BIBLES

Thank you so much to all those  
who have sponsored a Bible

for one of our confirmation candidates

- all bibles have now been sponsored which is wonderful!

If you have not yet returned your Bible,  
please can you return it by 1st June,

either directly to Emma  
or to the box in the porch.

Many thanks.

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, Steven, Slawek Gawlik and family, Pat Feltham, Catherine Judge, Richard, Suzanne, Auntie 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+

A heartfelt thank you for your donations again this week, we really wouldn't be able to support our visitors in the way we do without them.

We had a lovely lady come in this morning.

We have been supporting her, and her 3 children, for some time.

She had a huge smile on her face as she proudly told us that things were finally getting sorted out and that she wouldn't need to come so often, wonderful!

For all those who have not yet reached that stage in their journey, we are here to walk alongside them.

**Our needs this week are, UHT milk, tins of tuna, jars or pasta sauce, tins of fruit and tins of vegetables.**

Thank you for your continued support, Bless you.

### SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL 2024

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face another urgent crisis – extreme hunger.

Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal by **CLICKING HERE.**

Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and help to get medicines, as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Poster in the porch with more information.

### 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.](#)**

### 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.**

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.**

### "HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER" – A NEW TRADITION AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL

Exam season can be a challenging time for many of our young people and St Peter's school would like to invite you to help support their exam students through your prayers please.

How?

It's easy - At the back of Church there is a round bowl with yellow slips in, each with the first name of either a Year 11 student or a Sixth Former on it

– If you'd like to, please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your daily prayers.

The written exams start soon, on 9th May, and finish on 21st June.



We'd also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student (or to them all collectively) – just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in the second bowl.

We will then come and collect these messages and display them for all the students to read and see that you are praying.

Thank you for 'Holding Our Young People In Prayer' at this very important time in their lives.

God bless from St Peter's Chaplaincy team.

### 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.**



### ABAANA

**Wow what an evening!!**

*New Life*  
CHOIR

A big thank you to so many different people.

Firstly what an amazing, uplifting, humbling and generous gift the New Life choir of Abaana brought to St Joseph's. Who could not be touched by the wonderful energy of the

choir and the stories of their 'rescues' from the streets of Uganda.

May they and all those behind the scenes be blessed in abundance.

Secondly, thank you to St Joseph's Social Committee for all their hard work in looking after the children and their chaperones all day. They provided food, a safe place to nap, love and a fabulous welcome to Christchurch.

Lastly and importantly, thank you to everyone who came and made sure the children

had an enthusiastic crowd to sing to.

An evening all of us will remember very fondly I'm sure.



### 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.