



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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10th and 11th January 2026: The Baptism of The Lord

Sunday's readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Psalm from Psalm 29(28)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 10th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
 People of the Parish
 Sun 11th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
 Claire Bolton RIP
 Mon 12th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
 Tues 13th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Mass
 Wed 14th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**
10am Mass
 Thurs 15th **6pm – 7pm Adoration**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon & Tues 9:30am – 4pm.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838
 Sun 11th **11am Mass**
 Vera Gorman RIP
 Mon 12th **10am – 2pm Adoration**
 Thurs 15th **10am Mass**
 Intentions of Tony's brother
 Fri 16th **10am Mass**
 Jim O'Brien RIP

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is usually open Wednesday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm.

If you have an urgent enquiry outside these hours, please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up.
 Alternatively if your enquiry isn't urgent, please email office@icsj.org.uk
 and I will reply on my return.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Carole Ann Martin,
 Hilda Stowe, Simon Turner, Joseph Fuller,
 Dawn Allen, James Small, Mary Brookes
 and Nick Coghlan and any other anniversaries
 that occur at this time.
 May they all rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.



NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Our new Pastoral Area now has a Facebook Page,
 called "Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch",
 to share information across our area.
 Please visit it, like it and share with others.
 You can access the page via this link:
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583334070125
 or search Facebook for
 Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch.

MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL

I wish to thank you all for your kind prayers,
 cards and gifts over the Christmas season.
 As we work to build a vibrant faith community,
 your continued support and encouragement
 is so greatly appreciated.
 I will continue to hold each and every one of you
 in my prayers and pray that 2026
 will bring you and your family health, comfort
 and many blessings.

Fr Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

to Mya Ulloa Bryant
 who was baptised here
 over the Christmas period.
 We welcome you and your family into the
 Parish family of St Joseph.



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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers, especially at this time:

Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubbs, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, Baby Edward, Helen Pollard, Pat Feltham, Suzanne, Richard, Slawek Gawlik and family, John Michael Ryan, Anna and Raymondo Hubbard, Howard Wood, Carol Sneed, Maria Golding-Cooney, John Packer, Danny McQuillan, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Freddie, Daphne Fish, John Atkins, Veronica Purchase, Winifred Phillips, Wrox Rehill, Daniel Hyatt, Michael O'Connell, Gutierrez family, Pam Quinn, Madeleine Rose Halston, Martin Sumner, James Gardiner, Jackie and Tim Knight and Fr John Chadwick.
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+

Happy New year and thank you for all your faithful support of CFB+ over the Christmas period and within the community. With your help we blessed 117 individuals with a hot Christmas dinner, 70 full turkey dinner trays were delivered out to those in our communities who were unable or didn't want to go out. 331 households were blessed with Christmas goodies and 71 turkeys were delivered across BH23. That is all whilst the Foodbank operated as normal. **Our needs this week are UHT milk cartons, tinned carrots, peas and corn, meatballs and tinned pies.** Thank you and blessings in advance.



THE CARLO CLUB (YOUNG ADULTS GROUP)

at Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe.
Next walk Saturday 24th January.
New Year Meal Thursday 29th January.
Youth Mass starts up again on Sunday 1st February, at 5pm followed by refreshments. All welcome
Contact Nicola on 07932 142594 for further details.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's is undertaking a consultation regarding proposed changes to the Admissions arrangements for entry from 2027-2028 onwards.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (Parents/Admissions).

The consultation period runs from 8th December 2025 to 24th January 2026 and any comments should be sent to

Clerk to the Governing Body at clerk@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School website: <https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/>



POSTPONED - "LIVING WITH DEMENTIA" EVENT

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, our speaker is no longer able to come to St Joseph's Christchurch on Saturday 7th February, so the "Living with Dementia – a Christian Perspective" event will now have to be postponed.

Hopefully we will be able to rearrange for later this year – watch this space...



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.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING ONLINE GIFT CARD FRAUD:

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss.



Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently.

The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media.

If you receive a message of this kind, DO NOT respond and DO NOT send any money.

Please report it to your parish office or to the Diocese communications team so that we can alert others.

Thank you for your support and vigilance.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

24th January 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "GOD IS LOVE" – Jesus taught that God is a loving and merciful Father.

Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Fr. Chris Thomas.

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2026

More information at www.altonrenewal.com

THE PORTSMOUTH GREGORIAN CHANT COURSE at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, offers three one-day workshops scheduled for 10th January, 14th February and the 14th March.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced singer, this opportunity covers the practical interpretation of Gregorian Chant, as well as its history and liturgical dimensions.

For more information and to register, visit <https://portsmouthgregorianchant.blogspot.com> or follow @portsmgregchant on X (Twitter).

ST JOSEPH'S OVER 65's LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on

Weds 14th January 12:30pm – 1:45pm.

Please call Ita on 01425 274996

ONLY if you are NOT able to make it.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applying for a Reception place is **Thursday 15th January 2026.**



For families resident in the BCP area, parents can apply online via the Parent Portal at <https://bcp.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/ApplyforASchoolPlace.aspx>.

Parents who are having difficulty applying through the BCP Portal can contact the Admissions Team on 01202 123222 / 127963.

Paper application forms can also be obtained directly from the Admissions Team.