



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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17th and 18th January 2026: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday's readings: Isaiah 49:3,5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel: John 1:29-34
Psalm from Psalm 40(39)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 17th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
 James Small RIP
 Leslie Gage RIP
 Sun 18th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
 Susan Reid RIP Birthday Mass
 Mon 19th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
 Tues 20th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Mass
 Wed 21st **9:30am – 10am Adoration**
10am Mass
 Thurs 22nd **6pm – 7pm Adoration**

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

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilminster Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838
 Sun 18th **11am Mass**
 Pete Geoghegan
 Mon 19th **10am – 2pm Adoration**
 Thurs 22nd **10am Mass**
 Thomas Grundy RIP
 Fri 23rd **10am Mass**

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 pray for the soul of Pam Quinn who died recently.
 May God hold Pam's family and friends close
 during this very difficult time.



Please also keep in your prayers John Drew,
 Brendan Gilney, Leslie Gage, Jean Wentworth,
 Veronica Meredith, John Munden, Derick Carroll,
 Susan Ash, John Dunlop and John Ryan
 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.

DATABASE UPDATE AND INFORMATION

As some of you may be aware, for many years the Parish
 have used Pamis as our database.

We are now looking to move to a new provider
 called Churchsuite.

As we did our last registration in 2024,
 it has been agreed that we can move the data
 held on Pamis over to Churchsuite.

If you no longer want us to have your data on file,
 please do let us know in writing
 (an email will be sufficient),
 and we can make sure you are not included
 in this transfer.



Obviously this means there is a lot of work going on
 behind the scenes,

so we do ask you to be patient if there are a few weeks
 when the e-newsletter isn't sent out by email.

This, however doesn't mean anyone will miss out,
 as it is always available to view on the website at
<https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj/newsletters/>
 and of course there are hard copies in the porch.

If you have any questions, please do reach out to the office.
 Thank you for your understanding with this.



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, 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+

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 until 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/>

VOCATIONS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18, 2026

"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world".

John's recognition of Jesus calls us
to keep our focus on Christ and His mission.
Christ's mercy is made present through in the sacraments.

Is God calling you to this ministry?

Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or call 01329 318 869.



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.

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

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost a child's blue coat, age 9/10yrs,
it is on one of the hooks in the corridor
at the back of the church. Please do collect it.



There are also two woollen hats
in the porch which need to be claimed.
Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT

Looking for a evening of fun, meeting with friends,
having refreshments together
whilst also having the chance to win prizes, look no further.

On Saturday 7th February in the Parish Centre
starting at 7pm (doors open at 6pm),

we will be holding a parish fun quiz night.
Tickets being sold before and after
Sun Mass. Cost £3.

Bring your own food and drink to share.



There is a copy of the latest social committee meeting
minutes on the noticeboard in the porch.

THE PORTSMOUTH GREGORIAN CHANT COURSE

at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, offers two
one-day workshops scheduled for
14th February and the 14th March.

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

GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Next meeting is Wednesday 28th January
in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

We usually meet every 4th Wednesday of the month.
For more information contact Ann-Marie
on 01202 463488.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like something included in the newsletter
please email it to
office@icsj.org.uk

by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

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

