



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

67 Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

PARISH PRIEST - Rev. Paul Obada [pobada@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pobada@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
PARISH DEACON - Rev. Richard Martin [rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Website: [www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj](http://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj)  
Bishop: Rt. Rev. Philip Egan Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 1199568  
Part of Bournemouth – Christchurch Pastoral Area



**Parish Office:** Telephone: **01202 483340**

**Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm**

**Please leave a voicemail if there is no reply.**

**Office email:** [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk)

**Parish Administrator:** Wendy Wadsworth

**Parish Newsletter:** email: [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk)

**Finance Officer:** Ursula Cook

email: [accounts@icsj.org.uk](mailto:accounts@icsj.org.uk)

**Parish Centre Bookings:**

email: [bookings@icsj.org.uk](mailto:bookings@icsj.org.uk)



**Safeguarding:**

**Please contact the office**

**Gift Aid:** Brigid Hincks

**Please contact accounts**

**Families and youth enquiries:**

**Please contact the office**

**Hospital Chaplains:**

**Bournemouth:** 0300 019 4221

**Poole:** 0300 019 2167

**Christchurch:** 0300 019 5111

## 24th and 25th January 2026: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Sunday's readings:** *Isaiah 9:1b-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23*  
*Psalm from Psalm 27(26)*

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

Sat 24th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**

People of the Parish

Sun 25th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**

Mary Hamill RIP

Mon 26th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 27th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**

**Morning Prayer at 10:15am**

**6pm Rosary followed by**

**6:30pm Mass**

**9:30am – 10am Adoration**

**10am Mass**

Maureen Gage birthday Mass

Thurs 29th **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 25th **11am Mass**

Monica Tavernier RIP

Doreen Griddle RIP

Mon 26th **10am – 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 29th **10am Mass**

Fri 30th **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](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply on my return.

### THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week.

Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed.

Your support is vitally important to us. Thank you.

For more information about how you can also support the Cathedral150 Appeal, [CLICK HERE](#)

Online donations for the Second Collection can be made by [CLICKING HERE](#)

### REST IN PEACE



Please also keep in your prayers

Wayne Rutledge, Norma Doleman,  
Hugh Cassidy, Agnes Hoban, Catherine Judge,  
Betty O'Neil, Dorothy Adam, Austin Tubb  
and Tim Hoban

and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.

### DATABASE UPDATE AND INFORMATION

We will, in the next couple of weeks be moving all data given from our last registration in 2024 over to a new provider – Churchsuite.

The Diocese has agreed we can move the data over, but should 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.

During this transition there may be a few weeks when the e-newsletter isn't sent out by email.

Don't worry, the newsletter as always will be 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.

### 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.



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubb, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, 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, Freddie, Daphne Fish, John Atkins, Beryl Rice, Veronica Purchase, Winifred Phillips, Wrox Rehill, Michael O'Connell, Gutierrez family, Martin Sumner, Madeleine Rose Halston, 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.

The foodbank+ and all its visitors want to say thank you for your continued support. It really has been a busier than usual January to start the year off. 

Good news to share.....

a Dad who now has a full time employment contract, a young family who have moved out of temporary accommodation and into a place they can call home, our cooking classes have restarted and the Community supper numbers went over 100.

Christchurch Foodbank+ plus projects enable us to walk with visitors on their journey and equip and empower them to do it for themselves, Amazing!

**Our needs this week are cash donations, tinned carrots and peas, Fray Bentos pies, custard and rice pudding.**

Thank you and Blessings in advance.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583334070125) or search Facebook

for Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch.

### A WEEKEND OF SCRIPTURE

Fr. Brian de Búrca OMI will lead a weekend of Scripture at The Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe, from 20th to 22nd February.

The theme is "Meals in the Early Christian Community and The Eucharist".

Cost per person £195.

If you are interested, please contact Brigid on 01202 470175 for further details.

### NEW TO THE PARISH, POPPING IN OR VISITING

If you are new to St Joseph's or are visiting

and are joining us as we celebrate Mass together, you really are most welcome.

If you have any concerns at all,

please speak with one of our welcoming team and they will help you with whatever you need.

We hope you enjoy your time here in Christchurch and your visit to St Joseph's.



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



### 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.



### THE CARLO CLUB (YOUNG ADULTS GROUP)

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.

### 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 @portsmsgregchant on X (Twitter).

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9th to 14th February 2026.

It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Travel, full board and programme cost £590.

Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 11am to 12:30pm.

Free hot drinks and home made cakes although donations are always most welcome. Parishioners and those from wider in the community are guaranteed a warm welcome.

For more information, contact Rosie 07762 315288.

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.