



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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31st January and 1st February 2026: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday's readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
Psalm from Psalm 146(145)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 31st **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
 Patrick Tomlins RIP Anniversary Mass
 Sun 1st **9am Family Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
 Rowland and Dorothy Adams RIP Anniversary Mass
 Mon 2nd **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
 Tues 3rd **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Mass
 Conchi Garmendia
 Wed 4th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**
10am Mass
 Marie Macmillan birthday Mass
 Thurs 5th **6pm – 7pm Adoration**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon - Fri 9:30am – 4pm.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilminster Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838
 Sun 1st **11am Mass**
 People of the Parish
 Mon 2nd **10am – 2pm Adoration**
 Thurs 5th **10am Mass**
 Fri 6th **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 also keep in your prayers
 Judith Newman, Margaret Payne,
 Mike Rice, Ann Horne,
 Charles Hadley-Surch, Ted Doleman,
 Rowland Adams, Sheila L Fisher
 and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
 May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
 Amen.



VOCATIONS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

The Beatitudes guide us in living holy
 and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed
 on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues,
 serving God and His people with humble hearts.

**Pray for discernment and openness to where God
 might be inviting you to follow Him.**

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

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.



FINANCE PRESENTATION

This weekend, at both Masses
 there will be a brief finance presentation.
 This allows the finance team to give us all important
 information on the Parish finances
 and what we can all do to help.
 There will be hard copies of the report in the porch,
 should you want to take one home
 and have a read through in your own time.

There will be Tea & Coffee after 9am Mass,
 in the Parish Centre 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, 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+

Thank you for your faithful and much needed support, we can only do what we do for those in our communities with your help.

We are almost back to normal in our Foodbank+ world.

We are now cooking for over 90 people at our weekly Wednesday tea time community supper and have started our cooking on a budget workshops with 'treats' and 'soups and stews'.

We need volunteers, so if you are interested in helping and can cook puddings, or be a table friend or just general helping out,

please let us know on 07587371088 or admin@christchurchfb.faith-works.org.uk

Come for a trial and dinner, we would love to meet you.

Our needs in the foodbank this week are tinned fruit, tinned carrots, custard and tinned pies.

Thank you and blessings in advance.

DATABASE UPDATE AND INFORMATION

We are 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.

This will be the last e-newsletter that will be sent out for a while as we make the transition from one database to another.

We appreciate your patience with this.

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.

POSTPONED - "LIVING WITH DEMENTIA" EVENT

A reminder that the "Living with Dementia

– a Christian Perspective" event,

originally scheduled for 7th February

at St Joseph's Christchurch on Saturday 7th February, has had to be postponed.

It will be rearranged for later this year

– watch this space...



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.

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).

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.

CAFOD INVITATION

The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD offers an opportunity to raise funds,

this year for Life-Saving water - either as an individual or on behalf of the Parish,

whilst having fun at the same time.

Walk 200km in 40 days

-walking anytime, anywhere, solo or with friends.



Previously this has been led by Maureen T who unfortunately has other commitments this Lent. **Please do call her on 01202 242281 if you're interested and she would be happy to register you with CAFOD and give any advice needed.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at

St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester

on Saturday 9th May 2026 starting with Mass at 9am.

There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina:

"Living a Eucharistic life

– what does it mean to live out the eucharist?".

All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. Please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Poster in the porch.

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.



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Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.