

# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish



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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.**

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**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

**14th and 15th February 2026: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday's readings: Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37  
Psalm from Psalm 119(118)**

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

Sat 14th 5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm

Michael Don Levy RIP

Sun 15th 9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))

Mary and Peter McKeown RIP Anniversary Mass

Mon 16th 11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 17th 9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with

Morning Prayer at 10:15am

6pm Rosary followed by

6:30pm Mass

Fr Ramon Prat I Pons RIP

9:30am – 10am Adoration

10am Ash Wednesday Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

Antonio Castrondeza RIP

Thurs 19th 6pm – 7pm Adoration

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 15th 11am Mass

Mon 16th 10am – 2pm Adoration

Wed 18th 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thurs 19th 10am Mass

Fri 20th 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE THIS FRIDAY,  
20th FEBRUARY AT MIDDAY.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

For Ash Wednesday Mass times throughout the  
Bournemouth-Christchurch Pastoral please  
[CLICK HERE.](#)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME IS NOW OPEN.

The 10-week program is open to children  
in Year 3 and above, who have already been Baptised  
and wish to take their First Holy Communion this year.  
Weekly sessions will take place after 9am Sunday Mass  
alongside sessions for parents.

  
We begin on Sunday 19th April  
and the course culminates in our  
First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 21st June.  
For further information and enrolment forms,  
please contact Juliette at [FHC@icsj.org.uk](mailto:FHC@icsj.org.uk)



## REST IN PEACE

Please keep Beryl Rice and her family in your prayers.  
Beryl who was a member of St Joseph's family for many  
years died last week. She will be missed greatly.

May the face of God shine upon her  
and may she rest in peace.



Please also keep in your prayers

Peter and Mary McKeown, Eddie and Stanley Ryan,  
Sue Foster, Josephine Hodder, Fr Lawrence McGlinchey,  
Paddy Cash, Glen Howells and Freda Hindley  
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Amen.

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



## LENT SESSIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Dcn Richard will lead a series of sessions  
on "The Great Week", exploring the liturgies of Holy Week  
(the week leading up to Easter Sunday).

  
The sessions start on 24th Feb and end on  
24th March, 7:30pm to 8:45pm  
with refreshments from 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to find out  
why this is the most important week in the Church's year -  
all welcome!



## 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, 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+

#### HELP PLEASE!



After a slow start to the year, visitors are now streaming in and our shelves are looking very sparse.

We are in need of: rice, pasta sauce jars, tinned carrots and peas, tinned fruit, tinned ravioli, mac-n-cheese, meatballs, tinned meat meals (chilli, curry, stew etc) and UHT milk cartons.

### CAFOD LENT APPEAL.

#### FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Please if you are able, donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection with CAFOD this year.

You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate by [CLICKING HERE](#).

### CAFOD INVITATION

If you are interested in supporting CAFOD and getting some fun exercise as well, please contact Maureen T who can give you more information about the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.

Maureen can be reached on 01202 242281 and she would love to hear from you.



### CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Volunteers urgently needed to support our parish repository before and after Mass each weekend.

Please speak to Carol De Simone about Saturdays, or Maria Garmendia about Sundays or ring the office and have a chat.



### FREE ONLINE LENT 2026 COURSE

Online Lent 2026 Bible Studies, a FREE, six-week journey presented LIVE ONLINE by Mauro Iannicelli of Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries.

**-STARTS: Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm and continues for 6 weekly sessions ending on Tues 24th March.**

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS](#)

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY.

We will be back on

**Thursday 26th February between 11am and 12:30pm.**  
For more information, contact Nuala on 01202 253897.

### TIME AT THE OASIS

Corpus Christi memorial room,

**Saturday 21st February, 11am to 1pm, or on Zoom.**

Join us for refreshments after 10 o'clock Mass.

All welcome, no experience needed.

For further information please contact Jackie on 07948516854 or see the poster in the porch.

### DCN RICHARD'S "MASS OF JOYFUL HOPE"

#### Richard's Mass of Joyful Hope

has now been officially approved for liturgical use

by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Department for Christian Life and Worship.

It was originally completed in 2014 and has been trialled very successfully here in St Joseph's since then.

Please let others who may be interested know that on Richard's website RM Creative ([www.rm-creative.uk](http://www.rm-creative.uk)), the sheet music can be downloaded

and used FREE of charge, and basic audio files to help with learning are also available

(as well as some of his other compositions and even some poems!)

### ADoRE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

#### 28th February 10.00-1.00 on Zoom:

"JESUS – NO GREATER LOVE."

What is our relationship with Jesus, the source of eternal love?

Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026](http://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026)  
More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### ADoRE (2) – EXCITING NEWS

We are delighted to be hosting this Charismatic Catholic event live on Saturday 25th April from 10am to 3pm.

Save the date in your diaries !

More details to follow.



### CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL JOB VACANCY RE Lead ( Senior Leadership Team).

The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint a practitioner who is passionate, highly motivated, enthusiastic and hard-working and who will support the future development of our much loved school.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

**The closing date is midday Monday 9th March 2026.**

### CBCEW 5 WEEK LENTEN COURSE 'WE DARE TO ASK'

As we prepare our hearts and minds to renew their Baptismal promises during the Easter celebrations,

[CLICK HERE](#)

to find information on the 5 weekly Lenten sessions.

### DECLUTTERING?

Bric a Brac (open Mon to Thur 10am to 12noon) welcomes kitchenware, knick knacks, jewellery and good condition paperbacks.

We cannot accept DVDs, clothing and glassware. Thank you for all the items you place in the box 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.



Account number 00876292

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**Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.**