



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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21st and 22nd February 2026: First Sunday of Lent

Sunday's readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm from Psalm 51(50)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 21st **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
Trevor Johnstone RIP Anniversary Mass
Sun 22nd **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Nora Freda Gage RIP
Mon 23rd **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 24th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Mass
Wed 25th **10am Requiem Mass for John Moran RIP**
N/B There will be no Stations of the Cross today
Thurs 26th **6pm – 7pm Adoration**
7pm Stations of the Cross

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 22nd **11am Mass**
Mon 23rd **10am – 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 26th **10am Mass**
Jean Underwood RIP
Fri 27th **9:45am Rosary**
10am Mass followed by refreshments
Anthony Mahony RIP
11:15am Bible Study
3pm Stations of the Cross

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to take part in this wonderful devotion during Lent – just come when you can.

It lasts for about half an hour as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Wednesdays after 10am Mass (about 10.30)

– except 25th February and 4th and 25th March, when there are funerals.

Fridays 7pm – every Friday in Lent, last one on 27th March.

If you would be interested

in helping to lead one of these sessions, please let Richard know (email at top of newsletter).



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 this Tuesday 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!



LENT

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Pat Routledge, Nora Gage, Alfred Timson,

Peter Solloway, Fr Conor Murphy OMI,

Rose Radley and Margaret Monen

and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.



ANNUAL LEAVE AND THE NEWSLETTER

I will be on annual leave for a week starting Monday 2nd March.

With this in mind next week's newsletter will cover 2 weeks, the weeks of 28th/29th February and 7th/8th March.

Should you want anything added to the newsletter for these weeks,

could I ask you to get it to me by Wednesday 25th February.

Thank you. Wendy.



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, Brother Cyril, 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 FOOD BANK+ HELP PLEASE!

Thank you for all your continued support. As we move into half term and prepare for the Easter holidays, please can we ask that you consider adding an extra item to your shopping if you can.

We are in need of UHT milk cartons, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat meals (chilli, curry, stew etc) and pasta sauce jars.

Thank you for helping us help those in our communities.

We have a vacancy to lead our in-house debt advisors and budget coaches.

If you are interested please look at the job description at

<https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/>

CLICK HERE to view a video of one of our Foodbank+ projects, The Community Supper.

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.**



There will be a CAFOD rep talking to us briefly at the following Masses
5pm on Saturday 21st February
and 9am Sunday 22nd February.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND EVENTS UPDATE

The minutes from the last Social Committee meeting are in the porch for your information.

The Xmas raffle made a fantastic £308 and the recent Quiz Night £334.

All profits go directly to the Parish so thank you to everyone for your wonderful support and also of course to the Social Committee for all their hard work.



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.



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

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

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
More information at 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.

CBCWEW 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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