Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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Part of Bournemouth – Christchurch Pastoral Area

Parish Office: ***Telephone*: 01202 483340**
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28th February and 1st March 2026: Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday's readings: Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm from Psalm 32(33)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 28th	**5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
	Adam Jake McGunnigle RIP
Sun 1st	**9am Family Mass (livestreamed link HERE)**
	Kate Toner (Jo Buck's sister)
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
	John & Susan Reid Wedding Anniversary Mass
Wed 4th	**10am Requiem Mass for Pam Quinn RIP**
	The wake for Pam will be held in the
	Parish Centre afterwards
	N/B There will be no Stations of the Cross today
Thurs 5th	**6pm – 7pm Adoration**
Fri 6th	**7pm Stations of the Cross**

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

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)
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Sun 1st	**11am Mass**
Mon 2nd	**10am – 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 5th	**10am Mass**
Fri 6th	**9:45am Rosary**
	10am Mass followed by refreshments
	Alex Walsh RIP
	2pm World Day of Prayer – an Ecumenical
	Service with refreshments afterwards

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

7th and 8th March 2026: Third Sunday of Lent

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 7th	**5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
	Kevin Peat RIP 9yrs in heaven
Sun 8th	**9am Family Mass (livestreamed link HERE)**
	Columba and Ursula Cook
Mon 9th	**11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 10th	**11:30 Requiem Mass for Anna Frith RIP**
	6pm Rosary followed by
	6:30pm Mass
	Eileen Peat
Wed 11th	**9:30am – 120am Adoration**
	10am Mass
	10:30am Stations of the Cross
Thurs 12th	**6pm – 7pm Adoration**
Fri 13th	**7pm Stations of the Cross**

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Thurs12th	**10am Mass**
Fri13th	**9:45am Rosary**
	10am Mass followed by refreshments

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340
The office will be closed for annual leave from Fri 27th February at 4pm
and will reopen on Wednesday 11th March at 8:30am.
If you have an urgent enquiry during these times of closing,
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.
Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 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, 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers
James McQuillan, Christine and Jim McQuillan,
Edna Spink, Wendy Jean Yates, Nora Johnson,
Paul Bellanti, Margaret Dickerson, Maureen Vale,
John McKinley and Delia Kelly
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+ HELP PLEASE!

Thank you for all your continued support.
As the half term has finished
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.**

ADoRE – 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.

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 have now started
and will 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!

EASTER CARDS AND SO MUCH MORE

**Repository is in the Parish Centre on
Sunday 1st March after the 9.00am Mass.**

Please come along
and see our new range of cards for Easter.
All profits support church funds,
and enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship,
whilst you are browsing.

PARISH FEAST DAY

**Thursday 19th March is the Feast of St Joseph,
our Parish Patronal Feast.**

This year our parish is 160 years old!

**Please come to Mass at St Joseph's
at 6.30pm on that day if you can,**
to pray for our Parish and give thanks to God
for all the ways He has blessed us over the years.

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**

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY ENVELOPES

Please make sure you hand in your Lenten Fast Day
envelopes as soon as you are able.
Thank you
for your support
- it really does make such a difference.

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN LUNCH

**will be in the parish centre on
Friday 13th March
starting at 12:30am sharp.
If you are able to provide a soup for the meal
or can help out on the day, please contact
Margaret Beams on 01425 279993 for more information.**

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
Account name
CDP St Joseph's Christchurch
Sort Code 30-93-04
Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.**