

Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish



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Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

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Please contact the office

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7th and 8th February 2026: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Sunday's readings: Isaiah 58:6-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
Psalm from Psalm 112(111)**

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 7th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
Charles Hadley-Surch RIP Anniversary Mass
Graham Tubb RIP Anniversary Mass
Sun 8th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
John Ryan RIP
Mon 9th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 10th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Mass**
Wed 11th **9:30am – 10am Adoration
10am Mass**
Maureen Gage RIP
Thurs 12th **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 8th **11am Mass**
Claire and Richard Mullins
Wedding Anniversary
Mon 9th **10am – 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 12th **10am Mass**
Fri 13th **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.

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
Charles-Hadley Surch, Teresa Rourke,
Raymond Burgess, Ralph Hicks, Rose Walsh,
and Tommy Browning
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen.



REQUIEM MASS FOR PAM QUINN

Pam's family would like to invite parishioners to Pam's
Requiem Mass on Wednesday 4th March at 11:30.
There will also be a celebration of Pam's life in the
Parish Centre afterwards which again you are invited to.
May Pam rest in peace
and her family feel the loving arms of Christ
especially at this difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Lilah Mae Russell

who was baptised here last weekend.

We welcome you and your family, Charlotte and Nick
into the Parish of St Joseph.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Enrolment for this year's First Holy Communion
Preparation Programme**

at St Joseph's Church is now open.

**The 10-week program will begin after the Easter holidays
and 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 at St Joseph's Church
on Sunday mornings after 9am Mass
alongside weekly 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**

QUIZ NIGHT

**This Saturday 7th February in the Parish Centre
starting at 7pm (doors open at 6pm),
we will be holding a parish fun quiz night.
Tickets can be bought on the door. Cost £3.
Bring your own food and drink to share.**



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+

Our needs in the foodbank this week are rice, pasta sauce jars, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned carrots and peas and tinned meat meals. Thank you and blessings in advance.

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.

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.

"We will lead you through an in-depth exploration of the six Lenten Sunday Gospels, preparing you to hear them proclaimed at Mass.

- Breaking open each Lenten Sunday Gospel
- 'Expository preaching' teaching method
- Life Application Questions

- The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way!"

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

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS](#)

LENT SESSIONS

On Tuesday evenings in Lent, Dcn Richard will lead a series of sessions on **LENT "The Great Week"**, exploring the liturgies of Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter Sunday).

Meeting in the Parish Centre

7.30-8.45pm, starting on 24th Feb and ending on 24th March, 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!

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.

DCN RICHARD'S "MASS OF JOYFUL HOPE"

A Mass setting composed by Dcn Richard, has now been approved for liturgical use by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department for Christian Life and Worship.



Richard's Mass of Joyful Hope was originally completed in 2014 and has been used here very successfully since then, undergoing minor 'tweaks' on the way and getting it in a suitable form for submission for approval.

The Mass is written for melody/guitar, so has melody and chords, but not full piano/organ score.

The sheet music, which you can download and use FREE of charge,

as well as basic audio files to help with learning, are now available on Richard's website RM Creative (www.rm-creative.uk),

where you can also find a few of his other compositions and even some poems!

Richard is willing to hold a session locally to teach the music in person if that is helpful

– please contact him if you would be interested (via his website above or email rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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.

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](#).



CAN YOU HELP OUT?

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

If you can help out in any way, please speak to Carol De Simone about Saturdays, or Maria Garmendia about Sundays.

Alternatively ring the office and have a chat.

