

NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY 7th to FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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	HOLY REDEEMER HIGHCLIFFE		St JOSEPH'S CHRISTCHURCH
Sun 8th	11am Mass Claire and Richard Mullins Wedding Anniversary	Sat 7th	5pm Mass confession from 4pm Charles Hadley-Surcho RIP Graham Tubb RIP
Mon 9th	10am-2pm Adoration	Sun 8th	9am Mass John Ryan RIP
Thur 12th	10am Mass with confession Our Lady of Lourdes	Mon 9th	11am Rosary
Fri 13th	9.45am Rosary 10am Mass Refreshments after Mass Bible Study	Tues 10th	9.30am-10.30am Holy Hour and morning prayer 6.30pm Mass
		Wed 11th	9.30am-10am Adoration 10am Mass Maureen Gage RIP
		Thur 12th	6pm-7pm Adoration

PRIVATE PRAYER

HOLY REDEEMER DAILY 10am-2pm

ST JOSEPH'S Monday and Tuesday 9.30am-4pm

PSALM *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret (Peggy) Moore, Doreen Irvin, Ivy Albert, Malcolm Paton, Winifred Stockford, Sydney Burford and Phyllis Flynn.

POSTPONED "LIVING WITH DEMENTIA" EVENT 7th February. It will be rearranged.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS The next meeting of our Catholic Grandparents will be after Mass on Thursday 12th February. All are welcome.

PARISH NEW YEAR PARTY: SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY 4-7pm. All Parishioners are invited to this FREE party! BRING AND SHARE (bring a plate of selected food from a list that a social group member will have available in the porch, after Mass today). It will be a fun afternoon with entertainment provided by a few of our well-known parishioners!

N.B if you have an entertaining 'party piece' we could add, please see Stevie after Mass.

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NOT QUITE 100 CLUB This month's £25 winners are Anne G. and Maura G. Congratulations.

MISSIO BOX HOLDERS Our parish promoters will be collecting your Red Boxes during February. They will also be distributing Novena Prayer Cards and Mass Petitions for the upcoming National Novena dedicated to St Joseph. No money is required, simply return your petition slip to your promoter or the parish office.

DCN RICHARD'S "MASS OF JOYFUL HOPE" A Mass setting composed by Dcn Richard Martin 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 very successfully since then in St Joseph's, Christchurch, 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)

A WEEKEND OF SCRIPTURE Fr Brian de Burca 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". The cost per person is £195. If you are interested, please contact Brigid on 01202 470175 for further details.

LENTEN LUNCHES with REFLECTION will begin on THURSDAY 26th February from 11am, and each Thursday during Lent. We begin with a Lenten reflection followed by a soup and rolls lunch. Please sign the list in the porch if you are able to provide soup and rolls at any of the lunches.

Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6th March 2pm. This year Holy Redeemer are hosting this Ecumenical service which has been put together by the women of Nigeria.... very appropriate as our own Fr Paul is Nigerian! It promises to be an uplifting and spiritual event. So please put it in your diary, and bring your friends.

BINGO AFTERNOON. TUESDAY 21st April 2-4pm. More details to follow.

A JIGSAW SALE is planned for **9th May** of this year. If you have any unwanted jigsaws at home, please think of donating them to us as soon as possible as this will give us time to complete them in time for the sale. We also require quantities of cardboard on which to assemble the jigsaws and then display them at the sale. If you are having any sizeable deliveries which arrive in cardboard boxes, please consider donating the boxes to the church, preferably flattened first.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS - HELD IN THE ANNEX Knit and Natter. Sessions take place on Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS DAYS Please see the noticeboard for details of the 2026 dates.

PARISH GIVING Sunday 1st envelopes £210, loose £301.63. Thank you for your generosity. Online donations can also be made by bank transfer, Standing Order or Direct Debit to account number 00879968, sort code 30 93 04, CDP Highcliffe.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+ Christchurch Foodbank+ We need your help! Our shelves are looking very sparse. Please, if you can, add a tin or packet to your shopping and either drop it in the box at Sainsburys or Waitrose OR drop it into your church or directly to us. **WE ARE IN NEED** of: Rice, Pasta sauce jars, tinned carrots and peas, tinned fruit, tinned Ravioli, mac 'n' cheese, meatballs and tinned meat meals (chilli, curry, stew etc) and UHT milk cartons.