



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

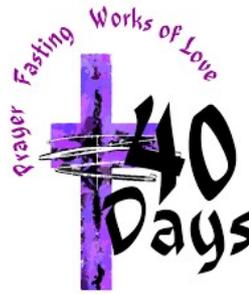
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14th and 15th March 2026: Fourth Sunday of Lent, “Laetare” (Rejoice) Sunday
Sunday’s readings: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel: John 9:1-41
Psalm from Psalm 22(23)

ST JOSEPH’S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)
Sat 14th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
George Blaney RIP
Angela Murphy RIP
Sun 15th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Anne Mahoney and Margaret Kavanagh 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
Wed 18th **10am Mass**
10:30am Stations of the Cross
Thurs 19th **6:30pm Mass The Feast of St Joseph**
Fri 20th **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 15th **11am Mass**
Mon 16th **10am – 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 19th **10am Mass**
Fri 20th **9:45am Rosary**
10am Mass followed by refreshments
PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund.
The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team.
The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals.
To donate [CLICK HERE](#).



ST JOSEPH’S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340
The office is normally 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.

WELCOME FR ANTONY

We welcome and thank Fr Antony who will celebrate Mass with us this week. May God bless you and the time you spend here at St Joseph’s.



PARISH FEAST DAY – Thursday 19th March

This year our parish is 160 years old!
Please come to Mass at 6.30pm, to pray for our Parish and give thanks to God for all the ways He has blessed us over the years.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Eddie Spink, John Larvin, Fr Donald Donovan, Anne Mahoney, Patrick Kimber and Maya Cowley and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please also keep in your prayers the family of Beryl Rice whose funeral Mass will be here on **Wednesday 25th March at 11am.** All are most welcome to join the family in the hall afterwards as they celebrate Beryl’s life. Amen.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 15th March

Wishing all mums, and those who mother others, in our church family, a very relaxing and enjoyable ‘Mothers Day’. We especially remember and celebrate you today, but we appreciate you all year round.



GRANDPARENTS MEETING – A CHANGE OF TIME

This month we will meet on **Wednesday 25th March at 9:30am** in the small meeting room in the Parish Centre



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, 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 FOODBANK+

What a privilege it is to see the end of peoples journeys that start with 'a tin'.

Together we change lives.

Good news: Jo first came to us before covid, an addict, losing his home and pushing his family away, broken and in his words 'not worth it and unlovable'. Christchurch Foodbank's response.... Let's start with food, warmth and love, we said, then move on to help, hope and friendship, hard work and commitment from Jo, partnering, practical support and faith from us and here we are together, 4 years later, Jo is celebrating sobriety, purchasing his own home, family reconciliation

and having just been baptised....FREEDOM.

A journey together that started with a 'tin' and hope.

There is always 'HOPE' in God **CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK+**

Our needs for donations are:

pasta sauce jars, tinned meat/meat meals, tinned fruit and tinned carrots and peas.

Blessings and thanks.

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

LENT SESSIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

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

The sessions continue every Tuesday until 24th March, 7:30pm to 8:45pm with refreshments from 7pm.



All welcome!

Recordings, slides and further information [CLICK HERE](#)



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.

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat 21st March 10am to 1pm on Zoom.

"THE SPIRIT OF LOVE."

The Holy Spirit transforms us by opening us to God's love.

Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Daniella Stephens, dynamic young Catholic evangelist and conference speaker.

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2026

More information at www.altonrenewal.com

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT 'Spring Sounds' Sunday 19th April at 2.30pm

at St Immanuel URC Church,

120 Southbourne Road BH6 3QJ.

Tickets £12, includes refreshments & cake, from Ticket Source or [CLICK HERE](#)

Please bring cash for our fabulous Raffle.

Monies to go to 3 charities,

Bournemouth Hospital BEACH appeal,

Quilts for Care Leavers and Reaching the Unreached.

All welcome.



TIME AT THE OASIS:

Corpus Christi memorial room,

Saturday 14th March, 11am to 1pm,

or on Zoom. For further information or Zoom link please contact Jackie on 07948516854.

BIG EASTER CLEAN

As we approach Easter, a huge thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who regularly ensure that our church is clean and tidy.

On Tuesday 31st March at 2pm, please come along to help as we get ready for Easter. Definitely a case of the more the merrier.

EASTER CARDS IN PORCH

There are Easter cards in the porch with all the details, dates and times of the Easter services both here and at Holy Redeemer. Please help yourself and maybe take a few more copies and pop into your neighbours letter box! What a wonderful time to reach out and invite those who may not be used to coming to church, to the joy of Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Aria Lucy Dutton

who is being baptised here this weekend. We welcome you and your family, Amy and Adam into the Parish of St Joseph.



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.

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

