



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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21st and 22nd March 2026: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday's readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45
Psalm from Psalm 129(130)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 21st **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
Eileen Peat
Sun 22nd **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Maria Deloras Aganthangelou RIP birthday Mass
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
Teresa Clark RIP
Wed 25th **11am Requiem Mass for Beryl Rice RIP**
Celebration of Beryl's life in the hall afterwards
Thurs 26th **12:30pm Requiem Mass for Graeme LeJehan RIP**
7pm Service of Reconciliation
Fri 27th **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 16th **10am Mass**
Fri 27th **9:45am Rosary**
10am Mass followed by refreshments

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

EASTER COLLECTION

Any additional donations given on Easter Saturday and Sunday will be used to support the priests of the diocese. Every penny specifically donated over this weekend (together with any Gift Aid on qualifying donations) will be used to support your local priest.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is normally open Wednesday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm although this week it will be open Tuesday to Thursday and closed Friday 27th.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers
William Wood, Peter Black, James Pittendreigh,
Fe Reid, Carol Ann Le Jehan,
Valerie Scott-Johns and John Halston
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



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.



LAST LENT SESSIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Dcn Richard is leading an exploration into "The Great Week", looking at the liturgies of Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter Sunday).
The very successful sessions come to an end this Tuesday 24th March, so why not come along 7:30pm to 8:45pm in the hall with refreshments from 7pm. ALL WELCOME! Recordings, slides and further information
CLICK HERE

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+

Our needs for donations are:

pasta sauce jars, UHT milk, tinned meat/meat meals, tinned fruit, tinned carrots and peas, soup, small lunch chocolate bars eg kit kats and small Easter eggs
Blessings and thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For those Eucharistic Ministers who visit people in their own home, please collect cards and Easter gifts from St Katherine's kitchen.

Lets share the joy of Easter as we all come together in whatever way to celebrate the Lord's rising.

PALM SUNDAY ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS

Churches Together in Highcliffe have organised an ecumenical Walk of Witness on

Palm Sunday afternoon (29 March) at 3pm, starting at the Cliff Top Car Park

by the Cliffhanger Restaurant (BH23 5DF).

Deacon Richard is leading part of the service

– everyone welcome to share in this joint act of witness.



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

this **Saturday 21st March 10am to 1pm on Zoom.**

"THE SPIRIT OF LOVE."

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 Immanuel URC Church,

120 Southbourne Road BH6 3QJ.

Tickets £12, from Ticket Source or [CLICK HERE](#)

Monies to go to 3 charities,

Bournemouth Hospital BEACH appeal,

Quilts for Care Leavers and Reaching the Unreached.

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.

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



CHURCH WINDOWS UPDATE

The new windows on the sanctuary and to the left and right of the sanctuary have now been installed.

The stained glass windows have been carefully stored and we are hoping to reinstall them when some special new frames have been made.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please see below the link to the school's newsletter - what a great way to keep up to date with all school activities.

TO VIEW CLICK HERE.

Please also see the notice in the porch about the Childrens Big Lent Walk taking place on 25th March.



MESSAGE FROM JOHN MURPHY

NYPD4CHRIST LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

On behalf of the young people of NYPD4CHRIST, I would like to thank you for your very generous response to our appeal on Laetare Sunday.

You contributed £300-84,

an amazing sum considering there was also a second collection for the "clergy assistance fund"

I always feel very welcomed by St Joseph's, and young Abel was very much affirmed in his efforts to raise money for his Lourdes Pilgrimage in May.

I was personally impressed by the many young families and youth present at 9am Mass and the enthusiasm of the congregation to praise and thank God in The Eucharist.

As usual I left St Joseph's

feeling very much affirmed in my faith.

It was lovely to again be among friends and to be so beautifully presided over in The Eucharist by Fr Antony.

God bless and a BIG THANK-YOU once more!

THANK YOU

A big thanks to all the soup-makers and helpers who helped with the recent Lenten Lunch.

It was a very successful event.

Margaret Beams.



THE CARLO CLUB (YOUNG ADULTS)

meets on Saturday 28th of March,

for an outing to Swanage. Timings are weather dependent.

Contact Nicola for further details (07932) 142594.