



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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28th and 29th March 2026: Palm Sunday
*Sunday's readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm from Psalm 21(22)*

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)
Sat 28th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
Dionisio Jorge RIP
Sun 29th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Danny and Ronnie
Mon 30th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 31st **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
Morning Prayer at 10:15am
6pm Rosary followed by
6:30pm Service of the Word and Communion
Wed 1st **9:30am – 10am Adoration**
10am Mass
Helen Abbott RIP
Thurs 2nd **8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**
(livestreamed link [HERE](#)) followed by an
optional 'Watching with The Lord' until 10:30pm
10:20pm Night Prayer
Fri 3rd **3pm Good Friday. Celebration of the**
Lord's Passion (livestreamed link [HERE](#))
PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon – Wed 9:30am to 4pm.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)
13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838
Sun 29th **11am Mass**
Maurice Reynolds RIP
Mon 30th **10am – 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 2nd **5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Fri 3rd **3pm Good Friday**
Celebration of The Lord's Passion
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

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd COLLECTION
Every Good Friday, churches across the world collect donations that are sent to the Holy Land
to support the care of its sacred places and the local Christian communities.
TO DONATE CLICK HERE

 **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340**
The office will only be open on Wednesday 1st April of this week.
If you have an urgent enquiry, 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
Elizabeth Salmon, Ronald Parady, Paul Hastrop,
Ann Duggan, Margaret White,
Charles Philp, Miranda Glover
and Kathleen Slater
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

PALM SUNDAY ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS
Churches Together in Highcliffe have organised an
ecumenical Walk of Witness on
Palm Sunday afternoon (29th 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.

 **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 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+ CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK+

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.

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 [CLICK HERE](#).



BARN DANCE – SAVE THE DATE AND GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

The Social Committee is working hard arranging our next social event.

Please, if you are able, come along, support and have a great deal of fun.

Saturday 9th May.

Doors open at 6pm and the dance starts at 7pm. Tickets £12 – on sale after both weekend Masses.

There are limited tickets available due to number restrictions in the hall. Please contact Ann Marie for more information if needed.

Bring your own food and refreshments. Live Band – Murphy's Lore.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The latest minutes from the last Social Committee meeting are on the noticeboard in the porch.

Please let me know if you would like me to send you a copy.

Thank you to the whole Social Team for all you do for the Parish.

VOCATIONS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 29, 2026

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

As we enter Holy Week, we honour Christ's sacrifice.

Priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others.

Could God be calling you to serve?

Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



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.



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



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

A GOOD TIME TO REMIND PEOPLE... CAR PARKING FOR EASTER SERVICES

Some of our neighbours kindly allow us to use their car parks with restrictions outlined below.

The following is the situation over Easter.



At Priory Vets (next door):

we may park *at the front of the surgery*, using the 8 spaces,

but **NOT down the side or around the back on Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (evening only) and Easter day only.**

We have been advised that people in the past have parked at the back and down the side.

Please be aware that should this happen again, the facility of using their space may be withdrawn.

At Priory Concept Group (opposite the Vets and at the front of what was Harbour House):

If the front of the building car park is free, please use, making sure one parking space is left free for their own use.

At Harbour House (opposite the Vets):

PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

We can NO LONGER park at the front of the building.

For Masses over the weekend

we can now park in the back car park ONLY.

We CANNOT park on site at any other times.

There is a gate to get into the car park so please open and then close on leaving.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS.

Please note next weeks newsletter will be very simple, merely giving details of Mass/service times, intentions and anniversaries only.