

# NEWSLETTER

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

### Palm Sunday

#### **HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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	<b>HOLY REDEEMER HIGHCLIFFE</b>		<b>St JOSEPH'S CHRISTCHURCH</b>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am Mass</b> Maurice Reynolds	<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5pm Mass</b> Confessions from 4pm Dionisio Jorge RIP
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am-2pm</b> Adoration	<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Mass</b> Danny & Ronnie
		<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b> Rosary
		<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30-10.30am</b> Holy Hour <b>6pm</b> Rosary <b>6.30 pm Mass</b>
<b>Thur 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5pm Mass</b> of the Last Supper Followed by Watching until 7.30pm	<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am Mass</b> Helen Abbott RIP
		<b>Thur 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8pm Mass</b> of the Last Supper Followed by Watching until 10.30pm
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3pm</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3pm</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **PRIVATE PRAYER**

**HOLY REDEEMER DAILY 10am-2pm**

**ST JOSEPH'S Mon to Wed 9.30am-4pm**

**ANNIVERSARIES** Valerie Scott-John (Mass offered 26<sup>th</sup> March), Mary Bartlett, Valencia Howell, Michael Stiffle, Doris Blake, Maureen Cassley, Pope Saint John Paul II, Jack Baxendale and Louisa Lewis.

**TODAY 3pm** There will be an ecumenical Walk of Witness today, Palm Sunday at 3pm, starting at the Clifftop carpark by the Cliffhanger. Please join us if you can.

**THANK YOU FROM MARY AND BILL** *We wish to thank everyone for the wonderful surprise celebration to mark our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We were certainly taken by surprise but then it was typical of the wonderful members of our parish. A special thanks to Jan for the beautiful cake. We are truly blessed. With our love and thanks, Mary and Bill.*

**OFFICE** All Diocesan offices will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday of Easter Week.

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**LENT LUNCHES** Grateful thanks to all who supported these events. To those who provided inspirational and diverse reflections each week. To our lovely soup- makers and for all your generous voluntary donations to NYPD 4 CHRIST...the youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We have been able to donate £120 to this cause.

**EASTER** donations given on Easter Saturday and Sunday will go directly to Fr Paul. You can also donate online through your bank (see account details below) or visit the following website at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/highcliffe-holy-redeemer-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2026>.

**REFRESHMENTS** Would anyone like to join the Coffee Rota on a Sunday? It's quite a pleasant job and if you feel you can help, please come and talk to Yvonne after Mass.

**WELCOMING ROTA** We would be very grateful if you would consider joining our welcoming volunteers. Please speak to Alice Murphy if you feel you could lend a hand. Many thanks.

**GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** Every good Friday churches across the world collection donations that are sent to the Holy Land to support the care of its sacred places and the local Christian communities.

**BINGO AFTERNOON** Tuesday 21st April 2 -4pm. Tickets are available today at £3. A fun afternoon is guaranteed, with delicious tea and cakes. Bingo cards for the 6 games, will be available on the day, @ £ 1. All welcome. Bring friends and family.

**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.** Knit and Natter will be taking place at the usual time this week, **1st April, but at a different location.** If you are thinking of joining us for this session, please obtain details from Yvonne after Mass.

**PARISH GIVING & COUNTING** We are looking for more volunteers to help. Please contact Joseph Kierney in person or via e mail at [accounts.hiq@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:accounts.hiq@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> envelopes £140, loose £255.60 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+** What a privilege it is to see the end of peoples' journeys that start with 'a tin'. 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.