Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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18th and 19th April 2026: Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday's readings: Acts 2:14,22-23, 1 Peter 1:17-21 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Psalm from Psalm 15(16)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 18th	**5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
	People of the Parish
Sun 19th	**9am Mass (livestreamed link HERE)**
	Maria Garmendia and Liz Hernaman
Mon 20th	**11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 21st	**9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**
	Morning Prayer at 10:15am
	6pm Rosary followed by
	6:30pm Mass
	Fr Ramon Prat I Pons
Wed 22nd	**9:30am – 10am Adoration**
	10am Mass
	Joanna Tajkowsko
Thurs 23rd	**6pm – 7pm Adoration**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon – Fri 9:30am to 4pm.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)
13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838

Sun 19th	**11am Mass**
	People of the Parish
Mon 20th	**10am to 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 23rd	**10am Mass**
Fri 24th	**10pm Mass**

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

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, 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
Mary Horgan, Brian Coulter,
Kevin Batten and Barbara McCann
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

Please also keep in your prayers the family of
John Kennedy, whose funeral Mass will be here on
Tuesday 28th April at 12:30pm
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

ADoRE – EXCITING NEWS

We are delighted to be hosting this
Charismatic Catholic event live on
Saturday 25th April from 10am to 3pm.
The day includes Mass, Adoration,
Praise & Worship, Prayer, Reconciliation
and an inspiring talk by Geoff Poulter.

Everyone is welcome:
in person or via livestream.
Full details at www.avonstour.co.uk/adore
Poster in the porch with more information.

NEW TO THE PARISH, POPPING IN OR VISITING

If you are new to St Joseph's
or are visiting
and are joining us as we celebrate Mass together,
you really are most welcome.
If you have any concerns at all,
please speak with one of our stewards
and they will help you with whatever you need.
We hope you enjoy your time
here in Christchurch
and your visit to St Joseph's.

GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Next meeting is **Wednesday 22nd April**
in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.
We usually meet every 4th Wednesday of the month.
For more information contact Ann-Marie
on 01202 463488.

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 Shrubb, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, 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, Jackie and Tim Knight, Fr John Chadwick, Elaine Carr and family and Moira McClelland.

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 this week are:
pasta sauce jars, custard, lunch chocolate bars eg kit kats, tinned meat/meat meals, cereals, UHT milk, soup, tinned fruit and tinned carrots and peas.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME IS NOW OPEN.

The 10-week programme 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 this 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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are mainly used in the context of renewal, primarily for people who already identify as Catholic to bring those church members to a fuller experience of life in the Spirit. However, the Life in the Spirit Seminars have a primarily evangelistic character. They are designed to take the basic message of Christianity and to proclaim it anew so that those who hear it can make a renewed commitment to the Lord in a way which will allow them to receive a fuller experience of the work of the Spirit in their lives.

This particular programme has 7 sessions, which will be on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm from 23rd April.

All these sessions are available online; however, it is recommended that people try to attend the Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 23rd May at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit session.

This is a very special time, being Pentecost weekend, to receive such prayer in person.
Please see the poster in the porch or
CLICK HERE
for registration information and zoom details.

BRIC A BRAC SPECIAL OPENINGS

The bric a brac shop will be open after Mass (10am to 11am) this Sunday 19th April.

Special offer cards are in the porch and all proceeds go directly to St Joseph's!

BARN DANCE – SAVE THE DATE AND GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

Saturday 9th May.
Doors open at 6pm and the dance starts at 7pm.
Tickets £12 – on sale after both weekend Masses.
There are only a very few tickets left so if you want to come along, please hurry!.
Please contact Ann Marie for more information if needed.
Bring your own food and refreshments.
Live Band – Murphy's Lore.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES

Please note there will be no children's liturgy during half term – Sunday 24th and Sunday 31st May

Family Mass will be as usual on 3rd May and 7th June and children's liturgy will resume on Sunday 14th June.
Thank you to all those involved with this valuable and most valued ministry.

BECKY'S COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS IS OPEN EVERY THURSDAY BETWEEN 11am and 12:30pm.

All most welcome.
For more information, contact Nuala on 01202 253897.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY TREK 2026

On Saturday May 2nd,
I will be doing the 13 mile walk near Stonehenge to raise funds on behalf of families and relatives who are experiencing this disease.
If you would like to support my efforts, my just giving page can be found at www.justgiving.com/page/allan-wheeler-1 or see the poster in the porch
Thank you. Allan 07782968593

JOB VACANCIES AT THE DIOCESE

For information about the latest job vacancies please
CLICK HERE.

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.

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Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.