



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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**Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm**  
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**25th and 26th April 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter. Good Shepherd Sunday**  
*Sunday's readings: Acts 2:14,36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25 Gospel: John 10:1-10*  
*Psalm from Psalm 22(23)*

## ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 25th **10am to 3pm AdORE**  
**Day of Renewal of The Holy Spirit with**  
**10am Mass**  
**5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Valerie Scott-Johns RIP  
Sun 26th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**  
Mary and Peter Thomson  
Mon 27th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
Tues 28th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**  
**Morning Prayer at 10:15am**  
**12:30pm Requiem Mass for John Kennedy RIP**  
**6pm Rosary followed by**  
**6:30pm Mass**  
Gerry Curran  
Wed 29th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
Thurs 30th **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 26th **11am Mass**  
Blanche Grandhaie RIP  
Mon 27th **10am to 2pm Adoration**  
Thurs 30th **10am Mass**  
People of the Parish  
Fri 31st **10pm Mass**  
**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm**

## 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 10 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination.

Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually.

These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year.

Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to this fund- [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, please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up.

Alternatively if your enquiry isn't urgent, please email [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply on my return.



## REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers  
Christina Bellatini, Damian Cook  
and Kathleen Billett  
and any other anniversaries  
that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



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



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME.

The 10-week programme has now started so if there are any parents of children in Year 3 and above, who have already been Baptised and wish to take their First Holy Communion, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [FHC@icsj.org.uk](mailto:FHC@icsj.org.uk)

Thank you to the children, parents and of course the leaders and volunteers who work hard with this vital ministry. Please keep them all in your own personal prayers and may God support them with their journey.





## 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, 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+

**Children are back to school and our shelves are desperate to be filled.**

**We are in need of soup, UHT milk cartons, boxes of cereal, rice, pasta sauce and tinned fruit and veg.**

We have the privilege of seeing so many lives turned around through our food and + projects but..... each journey starts with food.

### 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!.**

**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.

### 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, with all sessions being available online;**

Please see the poster in the porch or **CLICK HERE**

for registration information and zoom details.

### FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

To everyone who volunteers within the Parish, especially those who need a DBS and safeguarding training in place to allow them to take on that role, thank you.

**If you have been contacted by Wendy or the Diocese regarding your training needing updating or being completed, and don't feel comfortable doing the online training, there is a face to face session being held at**

**St Edmund Campion Church on**

**Saturday 9th May between 10am and 1pm.**

**This training is mandatory for all roles where a DBS is needed.**



Please see the poster in the porch, contact Wendy in the office or email [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**are now looking for new trustees to join their Governing Board.**

**If you are interested please see the poster in the porch or email Mrs S Wallace-Abbott at [swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)**

### ST PETER'S YEAR 11 STUDENTS

On Sunday 3rd May, we will be joined at the 9am Mass by some students from St Peter's Secondary School.

Their RE GCSE exam is fast approaching and we welcome them to help support their revision and preparation.



**Please encourage any students you know in year 11 to come along and please keep all students facing exams in your prayers.**

### THE CRAFT AND CUPPA CLUB

**Meets once a month starting**

**Wednesday 13th May from 2pm to 4pm**

**at Iford United Reformed Church, Ropley Rd, Iford..**

See the poster in the porch, ring Sue on 01202 478783

or email her at [suesbags@icloud.com](mailto:suesbags@icloud.com)



### ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE

September reception places available.

**Tours with our Headteacher, Mr Doherty can be arranged, so if you are interested, please call the school office on 01202 487976 or email [admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk)**



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