



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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16th and 17th May 2026: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday's readings: Acts 1:12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16 Gospel: John 17:1-11
Psalm from Psalm 26(27)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 16th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
People of the Parish
Sun 17th **9am Mass (livedreamed link [HERE](#))**
Anniversary Mass Peter and Mary McKeown RIP
Mon 18th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 19th **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 20th **10am Requiem Mass for Helena Shrubbs RIP**
Thurs 21st **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 17th **11am Mass**
Lorenzo Fecci RIP
Mon 18th **10am to 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 21st **10am Mass.**
Fri 22nd **10am Mass**

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 17th May marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications.

This year's theme is Preserving Human Voices and Faces.

The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels.

To donate [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 and I will reply on my return.



REST IN PEACE

Helena Shrubbs,

our 105yr old parishioner who died recently will be having her Requiem Mass here on Wednesday 20th May at 10am.

Helena's family have invited us all to come and remember Helena at Mass and celebrate her life in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Please also keep in your prayers

Charles Raven, Margarita Browning, Brent and Donna Warburton, Maria Ponsford, John Joe Buckley, Douglas Jeans, Terence Davis, Marie Macmillan, Gillian Fisher and Roisin Martin and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH IN THE LEAD UP TO PENTECOST.

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and on our Parish.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ, our Lord.
AMEN!



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, 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+

are looking for volunteers for their Wednesday evening Community Supper. The role involves being a 'table friend' so you can sit, chat and share a lovely meal with guests. For more information please call 07587371088. **Our needs in the foodbank are tinned custard, rice pudding, tinned meat meals, pasta sauce jars and finally cereal and UHT milk cartons.**

CAFOD INVITATION

Together, let us keep on making the world a better place for all our brothers and sisters. Through prayer - pray for justice and peace Through petition - sign the form at the back of the church calling upon the PM to reform the broken global debt system. A CAFOD representative will be available and have a table up in the Narthex during the weekend of Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May to answer any questions or concerns.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF CELEBRATION

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am.

Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire



(kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), at the Bishop's Office.

"HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER"

Exam season can be a challenging time for our young people and St Peter's School would like to invite you to support their exam students through your prayers please.

How? It's easy: look out for a bowl with slips in, each with the first name of either a Year 11 or Year 13 student on it then please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your prayers. We'd also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student (or to them all collectively) – just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in the second bowl.

The school will collect these messages and display them for all the students to read.

God bless from St Peter's Chaplaincy team.



WELCOME BACK FR PAUL

We all hope you had a restful time away from the parish Fr.

We welcome you back with love and prayers as we continue to worship together in the great faith community of St Joseph's.

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 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.

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME.



The 10-week programme has now started. If you have any enquiries, please email 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.

LATEST UKRAINE APPEAL

Mike will again be taking a van to Ukraine at the beginning of July.

Him and his team have been advised that the following items are urgently needed.

- **Wet wipes (check that there is no alcohol content)**
 - **Bandages or sterile dressings**
 - **White cotton sheets - these will be torn up**
 - to make bandages
 - Male/female toiletries
 - **Baby food / formula baby nappies**

PLEASE NOTE - no clothes are needed for this trip due to the lack of space.

If you are unable to provide any of the above, but would like to support this appeal, a cash donation towards the cost of transport would be gratefully appreciated.

There will be a box inside the church porch marked "Ukraine".

Closing date for items to be dropped off here is 21st June.

Any queries and to make cash donations, please contact Ann-Marie Bridle 01202 463488.



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

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