



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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2nd and 3rd May 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday's readings: Acts 6:1-7, 1Peter 2:4-9 Gospel: John 14:1-12
Psalm from Psalm 32(33)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 2nd **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
Francis Delaney and family
Sun 3rd **9am Family Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**
Mike and Judy Cooper
Mon 4th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 5th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with Morning Prayer at 10:15am**
6pm Rosary followed by 6:30pm Mass
John Kennedy RIP
Wed 6th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**
10am Mass
John Mackey RIP Anniversary Mass
Thurs 7th **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 3rd **11am Mass**
Joan Gunnett RIP
Mon 4th **10am to 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 7th **10am Mass**
People of the Parish
Fri 8th **10pm Mass**
Richard & Lillian Beddow RIP
Stephen O'Brien RIP.

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
Helena Shrubbs who died peacefully this week.
Please also pray for her family as they remember their much loved mum and grandma.
Please also pray for
Saverio Desimone, Brian Cole, Mary Muir,
Dorothy Johnson, Luke Sandow, Pamela Bradley,
John Parnell and Peter Cowley
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



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
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.



ST PETER'S YEAR 11 STUDENTS

This Sunday we will be joined at 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 keep all students facing exams in your prayers.



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.



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+

The sun is shining and the nights are warming up.
Good News to thank God for-
one of our young care leavers has his forever home.

Through our+ projects we have furnished it,
provided white goods
and shown him how to use **CHRISTCHURCH
FOOD BANK+**
a washing machine.

He has joined our 'Budget and financial resilience' training
and has started to attend our
'Cooking on a budget workshops' and together we are
supporting and walking with him on his journey
into employment.

This and all journeys begin with 'a tin', people come in for
food and we help to empower them to work hard
so they no longer need us.

'Alongside' is one of our key value words.

Thank you so much for your support.

**Our needs this week are tinned soup, tinned fruit,
pasta sauce jars and tinned meat meals including pies.**

Thank you and blessings in advance.

BARN DANCE

Saturday 9th May – next weekend.

**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.**



BECKY'S CAFE – ALL WELCOME

Every Thursday between 11am and 12:30pm.

**We are now able to serve sandwiches
drinks and cake free of charge,**

although donations are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers greatly appreciated

**especially for cake making and if able to assist with
putting tables away at 1pm.**

Contact Nuala for details 07594238187.



TIME AT THE OASIS: Mary, Cause of our Joy.

**Please join us on Saturday 9th May at 11am,
Corpus Christi memorial room.**

Teas and coffees served after 10am Mass.

For further information or Zoom link contact

Jackie or Roger on 07948516854.

See poster in the porch for other dates.

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.**



This will be followed by a buffet lunch.

**It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate
and witness to Marriage.**

**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.**

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**



"HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER"

– a prayer tradition at St Peter's school

Exam season can be a challenging time for many of our
young people and, once again, St Peter's school would like
to invite you to help 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.

The written exams start soon and finish on 18th June.

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 then come and collect these messages and
display them for all the students to read and see that you
are praying. Thank you for 'Holding Our Young People In
Prayer' at this very important time in their life.

God bless from St Peter's Chaplaincy team.

ADoRE – A SPIRIT FILLED DAY!

A huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helped to make
Saturday's ADoRE event such a success.

We managed to assemble a great team to provide support
and ministry in so many areas: music/singing,
livestreaming, TV slides, sound tech, refreshments,
car park stewarding, prayer ministry, Reconciliation,
Adoration, Mass

and perhaps other areas too...

There were about 75 people at the event
in person, with over 100 joining live online and
many more viewing the recording later
(over 500 views of the livestream on YouTube so far!).

*Thank
you
so
much*

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