



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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## 9th and 10th May 2026: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday's readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18 Gospel: John 14:15-21  
Psalm from Psalm 65(66)

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

Sat 9th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Pauline Carrol RIP  
Sun 10th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**  
Gerardine Thomas  
Mon 11th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
Tues 12th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour with**  
**Morning Prayer at 10:15am**  
**6pm Rosary followed by**  
**6:30pm Mass**  
Wed 13th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
Thurs 14th **6:30pm Mass. The Ascension of The Lord**  
**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 10th **11am Mass**  
Alban Widmer RIP  
Mon 11th **10am to 2pm Adoration**  
Thurs 14th **10am Mass. The Ascension of The Lord**  
People of the Parish  
Fri 15th **10am 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](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply on my return.

### WELCOME TO BOTH FR BERNARD AND FR ANTONY

We welcome and thank Fr Bernard who will con-celebrate Mass with Fr Paul this Sunday.

We also welcome Fr Antony who will celebrate Mass with us this week, including an additional Mass for the Ascension of The Lord on Thursday 14th May at 6:30pm.  
May God bless you both and the time you spend here at St Joseph's.



### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Claire Parry, John Mallory, Paddy McSweeney, Joseph Humphries, John Michael Green, Elizabeth Welch, Joyce Ewart and Bill Quinn 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.



### ASCENSION DAY MASS

Thursday 14th May at 6:30pm.

Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus completes His earthly mission and ascends into Heaven.

Why not try and make room in your diary to join our Mass on this wonderful day of Holy Day of Obligation?





## 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.**

It is so lovely to have the sun out and our friends who sleep outside are noticing the weather warming up. We are looking for new socks and new water bottles to be able to help these clients please.

**Our needs in the foodbank are tinned custard, rice pudding, tinned meat meals, pasta sauce jars and finally cereal and UHT milk cartons.**

**Thank you so much in advance.** 

Good news this week:

we were able to give a family four new mattresses after theirs were ruined by mould in their previous property., Each mattress came with a fresh new bedding pack for cosy, fresh nights sleep.

Thank you for helping us help those in need in our communities.

### 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](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), at the Bishop's Office.



### "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 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.



### 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](mailto:admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk)**



### BECKY'S CAFE – ALL WELCOME

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

Contact Nuala for details 07594238187.

### ADoRE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

23rd May 10am to 1pm on zoom.

**"THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF LOVE."**

Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

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### 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



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

to reform the broken global debt system

A CAFOD representative will have a table up in the Narthex during the weekend of

Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May

to answer any questions or concerns.

### ST JOSEPH'S OVER 65's LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on

**Weds 13th May 12:30pm – 1:45pm.**

Please call Ita on 01425 274996

**ONLY if you are NOT able to make it.**



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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