

# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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Part of Bournemouth – Christchurch Pastoral Area



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**Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm**  
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## 13th and 14th June 2026: Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday's readings: Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Psalm from Psalm 99(100)

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

Sat 13th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
William and Doris Wood RIP Anniversary Mass

Sun 14th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#))**  
Brigid Hincks

Mon 15th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 16th **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 17th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**

Thurs 18th **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 14th **11am Mass**  
Barbara Grainger RIP

Mon 15th **10am to 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 18th **10am Mass**  
People of the Parish

Fri 19th **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.



### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers  
Paschal Dawson, Kevin Cassidy,  
and Noeleen Braisby and any other anniversaries  
that occur at this time.  
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES

**Please note the dates for Children's Liturgy sessions.**  
**They will resume**  
**on this Sunday and then continue on 28th June,**  
**12th and 19th July.**  
**They will then restart after the summer holidays**  
**on Sunday 19th September.**

### NEW PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

We now have a website for our new Pastoral Area  
to collate and share information about the 8 parishes.  
It is still in the early stages of development, so please  
continue to visit it over the coming weeks and months.  
**The web address is: [www.bccatholics.uk](http://www.bccatholics.uk)**

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



### DATABASE AND E-NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This weekend Deacon Richard will speak with us about  
registering as part of St Joseph's Church.  
As you may be aware we are changing our database  
provider to a system called Churchsuite  
and we can now start asking people to register.  
I know many of you may think, "but I've already registered"  
and you may have done, but to adhere to good practice  
around safeguarding data,  
nothing was brought over from the old system  
so we don't have up to date records.  
To remain registered, to receive a weekly e-newsletter,  
to receive all communications from the Parish  
and to make sure we have contact details in case  
you want us to reach out to you, please make sure you  
have completed the online registration forms.  
There is a separate adult and child form.  
They really are very simple – see links below, on posters  
around the site and on our website.  
The posters and website also have a QR code  
if you prefer.  
Of course if you have any difficulties, please do reach out  
to Wendy and she will do her best to help.  
**ADULT REGISTRATION FORM [CLICK HERE](#)**  
**CHILD REGISTRATION FORM [CLICK HERE](#)**



### 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, 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, Michael Bonard, Mike Gage 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+

Needs this week - tinned meat meals, chilli, curry and stew, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, UHT milk, custard and savoury snacks (crackers, crisps etc).

#### PARISH SHOWCASE

You are all invited to attend the "Parish Showcase" This is being held on 4th & 5th July in the parish centre after both masses.

Most of the volunteer groups will be represented and refreshments will be available.

Please come and see how many activities actually go on in our parish, especially behind the scenes.

Come and have a chat or a browse and see if there is anything that you feel you would like to get involved in or could contribute to.

Its a great way to meet new people and really be a part of our growing church.

Just a reminder for the group leaders to please send your brochure information to Theresa, email [tacmartin@yhaoo.co.uk](mailto:tacmartin@yhaoo.co.uk) by this Sunday evening, thank you.



#### ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER BAZAAR

Saturday 11th July 11am to 1pm.

Free entry.

Come along, have fun and show your support to the parish.

Featuring....

BBQ, Pimms, tombola, charity stalls, cake sale, craft stalls, kids games and so much more.

If you are able to donate any good quality toys or gifts for the tombola, please speak with any social committee member after Mass and they will arrange for items to be stored before the Bazaar.

If you can cook any cakes, please see Nikki for a cake box after Mass on either Sunday 28th June or Sunday 5th July.

More information – see the poster in the porch.

#### PARKING & SEATING NEXT SUNDAY

15 children will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday 21st June at 9am Mass, so our church is likely to be very full, which is wonderful!

Please help by parking off-site if you are able to, either at 2 Riversmeet Sports Centre (10min walk) or at The Buttery (first left past the church towards Purewell roundabout - 5mins walk), and by sitting in the overflow seating in the chapel and parish centre if asked.

Thank you for your patience and help in making these families welcome.

#### GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The June meeting has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to family holidays.

We will meet again on 22nd July.

For more information contact Ann-Marie on 01202 463488.



#### LATEST UKRAINE APPEAL

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

The following items are urgently needed.

- **Wet wipes (check that there is no alcohol content)**
  - Bandages or sterile dressings.
- **NOTE ANY MEDICINES NEED TO BE IN DATE**
- **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.

Closing date for items to be left in the box in the porch marked "UKRAINE", is 21st June.

Any queries or to donate cash, please contact Ann-Marie on 01202 436488.



#### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Oscar Ray and Sophia Karen Young who were both baptised here last weekend. We welcome you and your family, Sam and Rachel into the Parish of St Joseph.

#### DIOCESAN E-NEWS AND THE EBOLA OUTBREAK

In the Diocesan e-news this week, the Bishop writes about the Democratic Republic of Congo and the latest Ebola outbreak.

He writes how he understands that for many people they wish to support in a practical way as well as by praying.

With this in mind **CLICKING HERE** takes you to the CAFOD page where you can donate money & learn more about CAFOD's response.

#### EXPLORE LIFE, EXPLORE FAITH

COME TO ALPHA

Taster Evening

Tuesday 15th Sept 7:30pm to 9:15pm in the Parish Centre.

Who could you invite?

For details visit [www.bccatholics.uk/alpha](http://www.bccatholics.uk/alpha)



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

Sort Code 30-93-04

Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.

### ST PETER'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

The following are the dates and times of these events -

#### **Primary**

**12th October 6pm to 7:30pm**

**Welcome talk 6:15pm**

#### **Secondary**

**21st September 5pm to 8:30pm**

**Welcome talks 5:30pm and 6:45pm**

#### **Sixth Form**

**5th October 5:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Welcome talks 6pm and 7pm.**

Please see notice in the porch for more details.



### THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

starts on Thursday 10th August between 7pm and 8pm.

Why not join us as we share an hour in prayer and devotion before the Eucharist.

If you are unsure, come along and just "be there" in Jesus' presence.



### THE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – THE UNIVERSE

which stopped being published during Covid, is now being printed weekly again.

There are leaflets with information about both the newspaper in the printed format as well as a digital format in the porch.

There are also a few example copies of the paper for you to take and try – please help yourself.

**For more information please call Michelle Jones on 07436617650 or email**

**[michelle.jones@universcatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universcatholicweekly.co.uk)**

The benefits of having a Catholic newspaper in the home really can't be exaggerated!

### PORTSMOUTH RC VOCATIONS

If you would like to know more about the vocations team you can sign up to their monthly newsletter by visiting [www.portsmouthvocations.org](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org)



### JOB VACANCIES at THE DIOCESE

For information about the latest job vacancies at Portsmouth please click **HERE**



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

## **Our Pastoral Council – and the way forward – thoughts from Fr John**

As you will be aware, our Pastoral Council is taking a break to allow time for the whole parish to pray and discern the best way forward for our community as we emerge from the Pandemic. Fr John shares his thoughts on this below:

### **“What is the Church/St Joseph’s?**

The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ. St. Jo’s is not a building.

### **What is the Church/St Joseph’s for?**

- To give Glory to God in worship, the BEST, so that we clearly reveal the face, the hands, and the heart of Jesus Christ.
- IN the love and service of our brothers and sisters both outside and inside the worshipping community. Washing feet is what we do.

**This is evangelisation. When both come together, Jesus is revealed. It happens.**

If we are faithful to this call, we will become an even more vibrant and cohesive parish family, but the parish is NOT here for ourselves. The following comment came from one of the Foodbank staff recently.

"Christians help others. Catholics help themselves." This comment is harsh, but it is not offensive, because it challenges us to be 'on point' with the Mission. Worship and Service, that's what we are here for!

### **The Pastoral Council ('PC')**

- The PC exists to keep St Joseph's 'on point' with the Mission under the influence of the Holy Spirit and to the very best of our ability. PC members must have a heart for the Mission, personally, which will inevitably mean they will be already committed in different ministries within the life of the parish.
- Collectively, PC members will also serve by supporting all the different ministries and groups that are up and running, and signpost us to new ones as needs arise. It will serve, rather than govern, the mission of the parish, which will also give those who hold leadership positions an opportunity to be accountable for their ministry in the context of the Mission.

### **The Pause is for Prayer....**

We are praying for guidance. Pray hard brothers and sisters. What will the PC look like into the future? How will it operate? Who will be involved? God is blessing us in so many ways. These are exciting times! Come Holy Spirit.

**Fr John**

