



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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Part of Bournemouth – Christchurch Pastoral Area



Parish Office: Telephone: 01202 483340

Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Please leave a voicemail if there is no reply.

Office email office@icsj.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Wendy Wadsworth

Parish Newsletter: email: office@icsj.org.uk

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email: bookings@icsj.org.uk



Safeguarding:

Please contact the office

Gift Aid: Brigid Hincks

Please contact accounts

First Holy Communion enquiries:

email: FHC@icsj.org.uk

Hospital Chaplains:

Bournemouth: 0300 019 4221

Poole: 0300 019 2167

Christchurch: 0300 019 5111

12th and 13th September 2026: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Psalm 103(102)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 12th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**

Maureen Blinman RIP Anniversary Mass

Sun 13th **9am Mass (livedreamed link [HERE](#))**

Jan and Ann Marie Bridle

Mon 14th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 15th **6:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

Wed 16th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**

10am Mass

Fr Ramon Prat I Pons

Thurs 17th **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 13th **11am Mass**

Gail Smith RIP

Mon 14th **10am to 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 17th **10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

Fri 18th **10am Mass**

Betty May Rendle RIP

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is usually open Wednesday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm.

If you have an urgent enquiry, please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up outside these hours.

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

Dick Wentworth, Edna Huntington

and Ray Dunne

and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



WHO COULD YOU INVITE?

Most people who come to Alpha have received a personal invitation from someone they know.

Who could you invite to our no-commitment

Alpha Taster Evening,

Tuesday 15th September, 7.30-9.15pm?

Perhaps you could offer to come along with them...

Or maybe you are interested in coming for yourself.

Alpha is a great way to explore life's questions, develop your own faith

and get to know more people in the parish family.

For more info, take a flyer from the back of church or see the poster there.

Full details online here: www.bccatholics.uk/alpha



WOMENS PRAYER, MEDIATION AND REFLECTION GROUP.

Wednesday night every 4 weeks commencing 22nd October.

Peter's room in the Parish Centre, 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Reading material: *Awaken My Heart'*

by Emily Wilson Hassem.

The book can be purchased from

<https://amzn.eu/d/0h8HOf1T>

Please contact Simone on 07929239700 for any queries.



CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

Thank you for your continued support and please consider supporting us if you can.

We are now approaching Harvest and with this in mind you can find 'Harvest Bags' in the porch.

Please if you are able, fill these and return them to the porch so we can help the Foodbank+ to refill their shelves.

Our needs are tins of soup, tins of tomatoes, pasta sauce jars, tins of carrots and sweetcorn, and biscuits please.



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, 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, Deacon Richard, Michael Bonard, April Jane, Heather Gardiner and Mike Gage.

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.



UKRAINE APPEAL

Items needed for the next trip:

Sterile dressings and bandages,

White cotton sheets

that will be torn up to make bandages, medicines eg paracetamol (but must be in date), wet wipes (check there is no alcohol content), male and female toiletries, baby food/formula and nappies and warm winter clothing.

Please leave any items in the Ukraine box in the porch.

If you would like to make a cash donation to help with transport costs, or if you have any other enquiries please contact Ann-Marie Bridle 01202 463488.

NEW DATABASE REMINDER

If you have any concerns about completing the forms, please do contact Wendy and she will help you out.

As we haven't been able to keep old registrations, the Parish doesn't have any contact details for you so should you need a priest, we may not be able get in touch. **The links and QR codes for both the adult and the child registration forms (please use the correct one) can be found on the many posters around St Joseph's or by visiting the website at www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj or by CLICKING HERE**

FOODBANK+ TALK AT HOLY REDEEMER

On Thursday 17th September at 7pm at

Holy Redeemer Church, Highcliffe,

there will be a talk by Tracy

from Christchurch Foodbank, with a buffet supper.

The event is FREE but PLEASE BRING AN ITEM(S)

FOR THE FOODBANK BOX.

There will also be a RAFFLE on the night with all monies donated to the Foodbank.

To help with catering numbers, please let Noleen, the Parish Administrator know if you plan to attend by emailing holyredeemer@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring 01425 274838 .



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DIOCESE ENEWS

Why not get the Diocesan enews,

a weekly digital newsletter

full of news from the Diocese

as well as a range of stories,

teaching, events, tips and lots more.

CLICK HERE for more information.

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.

BECKY'S CAFE

We are now up and running after our summer break, and welcoming all members of our parish and community.

From 1st October, our opening times will change slightly to 11.30 am to 1.30 pm, every Thursday.

This is because we will be offering soup and bread, alongside our current offering of sandwiches, fruit and cake.



We also hope to reach out to more of the most needy in our community (in addition to our other guests),

by remaining open after the Food Bank closes. We are also strengthening supportive links with Christchurch Support Kabin.

Please come and join us on Thursdays- we want Becky's Cafe to be a living reflection of our church where all sorts of connections and friendships are made.

For more information or if you can help in any way, please contact Nuala on 07594 238187.



ST PETER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

We are holding an Open Evening for families who are looking to make a decision about entry to our Secondary School for September 2027.

Our Open Evening will be held on

Thursday 17th September from 5pm – 8.30pm at the Secondary site in Southbourne.

Please see the poster in the porch for more details.



JOB VACANCIES AT THE DIOCESE

For information about the latest job vacancies please **CLICK HERE.**



SUPPORT THE PARISH

NEW STOCK IN THE REPOSITORY

We now have St Carlo Acutis prayer cards, rosaries, small gifts, Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, diaries, and assorted books for children.

Please come and support us with all profits going to our parish. Thank you.

RTU-REACHING THE UNREACHED ANNUAL BROTHER LIONEL SPONSORED WALK

This yr's sponsored walk in aid of Reaching the Unreached will take place on **Sunday 4th October at Poole Park, leaving St Mary's Church in Poole at 11am and starting at The Ark at 11:30am**

Las year we raised a magnificent £5,300 between the 10 churches in BCP and this yr as usual we will be collecting for this sponsored walk at Masses in the proceeding weekends.

For more information ring John Duffy on 07746169601 or Mo Houlden on 01425 657321.

Thank you Fr Paul for allowing this collection to take place.