



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4pm

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Please contact the office

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26th and 27th September 2026: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Psalm 25(24)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 26th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**

Michael Blinman RIP Anniversary Mass

Sun 27th **9am Mass (livedreamed link [HERE](#))**

Anne Marie and Stewart Rawlins -

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Matthew Bates RIP

Mon 28th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 29th **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO**

LITURGY OF THE WORD OR MASS TODAY

Wed 30th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**

10am Mass

Thurs 1st **6pm – 7pm Adoration**

PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon – Fri 9:30am to 4pm.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilminster Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838

Sun 27th **11am Mass**

Alex Welsh RIP

Mon 28th **10am to 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 1st **10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

Fri 2nd **10am Mass**

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.

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

Mary McQuillan, Ramiz Hattab, Maureen Koller,
Cecelia McPherson, Brian Watters, June Gordon,

Reg Peckham and Marie-Teresa Regan

and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

BECKY'S CAFE

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

Please come and join us -
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.**



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

WOMENS PRAYER, MEDITATION AND REFLECTION GROUP.

Wednesday night every 4 weeks commencing

21st October 6:30pm to 7:30pm

In Peter's room in the Parish Centre.

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.**



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 2nd October.

A wonderful opportunity to put our faith into action
by supporting our global neighbours
this Harvest season.

**There will be CAFOD rep's
at each Mass this weekend
to highlight this year's appeal.**

Envelopes will be given out
although online donations are always encouraged.





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 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.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

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

We are now approaching Harvest and 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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME



Evie Gladman
who was baptised here this week.
We welcome you and your family,
into the Parish of St Joseph.

BRIC A BRAC

Will be open on

**Sunday 27th September after Mass
from 10am to 11am.**

Please do pop in.

We NEED paperback books to sell as they are our best seller so why not have a clear out to help us.

N/B we are not able to take clothes or DVD's.

Thank you.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Started on 21st September, so we encourage you this fortnight and throughout the year to consider using Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and other food stuffs.

By supporting Fairtrade, we support farming communities and help them adapt to the challenges of climate change.



SEASON OF CREATION

runs **annually throughout September.**

It is a time to dedicate prayer and action for the protection of creation.

CLICK HERE for more information on this season.

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS:

17th October 2026

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester.

Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like something included in the newsletter please email it to

office@icsj.org.uk

by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

CHRISTMAS UKRAINE APPEAL -

Thank you to all who donated for the recent trip to Ukraine – all items will be delivered mid October so any items for this trip, need to be left in the porch before the first week in October.

Now, whilst Christmas can seem a long way away, we are looking to put together Christmas gift bags to bring a little joy to the children

and young people of Ukraine who have suffered so much these past years.

If you have any small toys, games, crayons, wrapped sweets and chocolates or other gifts for children of all ages, please pop in the box marked Ukraine in the porch.



Empty bags will be handed out after the Family Mass on 4th October and spare bags will be left in the porch for future donations.

Last year we were able to send 150 Christmas gift bags for the children and this year will be the 15th humanitarian trip to Ukraine made by Mike, his wife and his team.

Please see separate write up by Mike's son telling us all about the recent trip.

ALPHA UPDATE



Thank you for your prayers for Alpha.

We have had an excellent response, with 34 guests signed up to come,

including a large number of young adults.

Please continue to keep our guests and team members in your prayers over the coming months.

Come, Holy Spirit!

NEW DATABASE REMINDER

As we haven't been able to keep old registrations, should you need a priest, we may not be able to get in touch, so please complete the new online registration forms.

The links and QR codes for both the adult and the child registration forms 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**

RTU-REACHING THE UNREACHED

This year's sponsored walk 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**

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

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.

