



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

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Safeguarding:

Please contact the office

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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

5th and 6th September 2026: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Psalms 95(94)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

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

Jack Conway RIP

Sun 6th **9am Mass (livedreamed link [HERE](#))**

Nora Alice Lee and Patricia Ivory RIP.

Anniversary Mass

Mon 7th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 8th **9:30am – 10:30am Holy Hour**

with Morning Prayer at 10:15

6pm Rosary followed by

6:30pm Liturgy of the Word

Wed 9th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**

10am Mass

Thurs 10th **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 6th **11am Mass**

Doreen Walden RIP and Edward Pillinger RIP

Mon 7th **10am to 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 10th **10am Liturgy of the Word**

Fri 11th **10am Mass**

Mary Frith 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
Bernard Hirst, Patrick O'Driscoll,
Elizabeth Johnson, Nora Lee and John Lawless
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

PARISH UPDATE FROM FR PAUL

I would like you all to know that beginning
Monday 7th Sept,

I will be starting an additional part time role as
Mental Health Chaplain to run alongside
my Parish Priest duties.

This will mean there will be 2 small changes to my
schedule with Deacon Richard kindly agreeing
to celebrate a Liturgy of the Word here at
St Joseph's every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm
as well as at Holy Redeemer every Thursday at 10am.
All emergency calls for those sick or needing last rites

will of course still be available

when I am away from the Parish,
so please do contact the office or Deacon Richard
and they will make sure you have access
to the support and prayers needed.

Thank you to Deacon Richard and Wendy
for supporting me with this new and exciting ministry.

I ask for all your prayers for strength,
wisdom and divine protection
as I look to support those
who need my help in this new role.

I keep you all in my personal prayers.

Fr Paul.



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.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

Thank you for your continued support and please consider supporting us if you can. We were able to help over 300 local families during the summer holiday and that always leaves stock a little short.

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

Thank you for helping us to help others.

UKRAINE APPEAL

Medical relief workers have identified the following 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.

AS WINTER IS ON ITS WAY,
THERE IS ALSO A NEED

FOR ANY WARM WINTER CLOTHING.

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

If you are unable to provide any of the above but would like to show support, cash donations to help with transport costs can be given to Ann-Marie or the office.

If you have any other enquiries please contact Ann-Marie Bridle 01202 463488.



Remember
In Prayer

25th ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

25 years on from that fateful day which we remember with horror, we also remember that Christ is the Divine Physician who healed us then and who continues to touch us with his healing now.

We pray for all those involved directly in 2011 and also those who continue to carry the scars of that day.

*"You may forget with whom you laughed,
but you will never forget with whom you wept"*
Khalid Gibran.



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/licsj or by CLICKING HERE

LAMPS SALT AND LIGHT PERFORMANCE

WOW WHAT AN EVENING.

I think everyone who came along and enjoyed the joyful, fun and thought provoking performance of the first disciples story telling would like to thank all involved.

There is so much work done behind the scenes to make these events so memorable.

A big thank you also to Fr Paul for agreeing to host this event and the social committee who all worked tirelessly to make this happen for us all.

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/0h8HO1T>

Please contact Simone on 07929239700 for any queries.



SUPPORT THE PARISH NEW STOCK IN THE REPOSITORY

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

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

JOB VACANCIES AT THE DIOCESE

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



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.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."



Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others.

Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness.

How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life?

If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.