



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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Part of Bournemouth – Christchurch Pastoral Area



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Wednesday - Friday 8:30am – 4pm

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Please contact the office

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Bournemouth: 0300 019 4221

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10th and 11th October 2026: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
Psalm 23(22)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 10th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**

William Lee RIP Anniversary Mass

Sun 11th **9am Mass (livedreamed link [HERE](#))**

Dionisio Jorge RIP

Celeste Jorge RIP

Mon 12th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 13th **6:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

Wed 14th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**

10am Mass.

Fr Ramon Prat I Pons RIP

Thurs 15th **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 11th **11am Mass**

John and Patricia Taggart RIP

Mon 12th **10am to 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 15th **10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

Fri 16th **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

Ann Garton, Eileen Small, Lucy Maguire, Gerard Koller,

Margaret and Kevin Batten, Mary Dransfield,

Veronica Lavender, Annie Walsh,

Margaret Collins, Andy Calderbank,

Yvonne Martineau and Peter Herbage

and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



WOMENS PRAYER, MEDITATION AND REFLECTION GROUP.

Wednesday night every 4 weeks commencing 21st October 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Reading material: 'Awaken My Heart' by Emily Wilson Hassem.

The book can be purchased from

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

Call Simone on 07929239700 for more information.



NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - the Pope's charity for world mission.

This day of prayer, solidarity and giving through a special collection unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.



CAFOD REMINDER

Please hand in your CAFOD family fast day envelopes over the next couple of weekends. Remember you can also donate using the Dona contactless machine (choosing CAFOD) in the narthex.

ALPHA DONATIONS

The new Alpha course has got off to a great start with over 30 guests but can you help as we try to cover all costs.

As well as publicity and set-up costs, there is the cost of weekly refreshments.

We try and make these special and would love to provide them free as a gift from St Joseph's.

If you would like to make a small donation towards these costs, bless you and thank you.

Please use our contactless 'Dona' machine and choose "Alpha" or drop any cash donations into the office.

We continue to keep praying for our guests and for our wonderful team members.





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, April Jane, Mike Gage and Ann Marie Bridle.

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+

Please if you are able, fill the 'Harvest Bags' which you will find in the porch and return 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.

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 posters around the site, by visiting the website at www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj or [CLICK HERE](#)



FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK
Celebrate's latest Family Activity Pack is now available to download free here:

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypack>

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please do complete the Bishop's short anonymous online questionnaire,

as mentioned in his recent

Pastoral Letter (available though our website)

You can access the questionnaire here:

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/QTBWYRP>



ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI - RETREAT

24th October 9:30am - 3:30pm

in-person at English Martyrs, Reading.

Theme: "THE HEART OF HOLINESS IS LOVE" - how sainthood is for ordinary people!

Register in advance for in-person attendance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2026REG or join the YouTube livestream 10.00-1.00 at

www.youtube.com/@englishmartyrs3732

BECKY'S CAFE

Our opening times have changed 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.

SEPTEMBER INCOME

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their kind donations.

The total income figure for September 2026 was £5,523.20.

CHRISTMAS UKRAINE APPEAL -

Although 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.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S OVER 65's LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on

Weds 14th October 12:30pm - 1:45pm.

Please call Ita on 01425 274996

ONLY if you are NOT able to make it.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE

Please put the word out to friends and family that our lovely parish centre is available to hire most weekends.

The current price is £17ph for the hall and £12ph for the small meeting rooms.

There are leaflets in the porch as well as information on our website <https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/icsj/parish-centre/> or **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

Enquires can be made by calling the office or by emailing bookings@icsj.org.uk



REACHING THE UNREACHED

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the walkers in aid of Reaching the Unreached which took place last weekend.

You still do have time to donate and help their wonderful work in India so please leave any remaining donations in the Parish Office.

Your generosity will make a huge difference to the lives of orphaned and abandoned children living in their Children's Villages in South India. Thank you.

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.

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

