Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish



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24th and 25th October 2026: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday readings: Exodus 22:21-27, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
Psalm 18(17)

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 24th	**5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**
	Dionisio Jorge RIP
Sun 25th	**9am Mass (livestreamed link HERE)**
	Joanne Rowlands RIP
Mon 26th	**11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
Tues 27th	**6:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
Wed 28th	**9:30am – 10am Adoration**
	10am Mass.
	Eileen Clare Small RIP
Thurs 29th	**N/B No Adoration this evening**

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 25th	**11am Mass**
Mon 26th	**10am to 2pm Adoration**
Thurs 29th	**10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
Fri 30th	**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 although there is a small change this week with it being open on Tuesday 27th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th.
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
Jenny Hyatt, Tania Herbage and Michael Scott
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

NO THURSDAY EVENING ADORATION
on Thursday 29th Oct
as the people who kindly give their time are away.
It will be back for us all on Thursday 5th November.

GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION
Next meeting is **Wednesday 28th October**
in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.
We usually meet every 4th Wednesday of the month.
For more information contact Ann-Marie
on 01202 463488.

WINTER CLOCK CHANGE REMINDER.
This Sunday 25th October at 2am
the clocks will 'fall back' an hour.
One extra hour of sleep
until we 'spring forward' again next year.





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

OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
This year our Memorial Mass will be a little different.
Instead of the separate Saturday morning Mass,
we will be devoting
both weekend Masses of
Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th November
to this special tradition.
This will coincide with the National Remembrance Day.
During both Masses the names of
deceased parishioners and relatives
will be read out as we have always done.
Anyone who wishes for the names of
deceased parishioners or relatives
to be included in the 'roll call of the deceased',
please PRINT the name, (or the family name)
in the books provided in the narthex and the porch.





EVENING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Father Paul will be leading another Evening for
Eucharistic Ministers on
Friday 4th December at 7.00pm.
Please do try to attend this Evening.
It will fulfil the promise we make at our re commissioning each year to attend a period of reflection.
If you are unable to attend it will be your responsibility to find an alternative and to let Father know.



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+

Thank you for all your continued support and for making our shelves look healthy after a long Summer.

Our needs at present are the treats, jelly, rice pudding, custard and crisps please.

We are now busy preparing for Christmas and have had lots of requests for the **'Reverse Advent Goodie boxes'.**

Please find copies of the calendar in the porch.

Thanks from all the CFB+ Team.

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

BRIC A BRAC

Bric a Brac is undergoing a facelift and we have a wonderful Autumn display in our clear window**.**

Come and visit Mon - Thurs 10am to 12noon.



Many, many thanks for all the paperback books. They are flying off the shelves.

More donations are always welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The School is hosting a Community Stay and Play session on

Saturday 14th November between 10am and 12noon.

See the poster in the porch for more information and how to confirm your attendance.

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision so why not book a tour to have a look around.

For more information see the poster in the porch, ring 01202 485976 or email admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk

THANK YOU

for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal.

Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief.

Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

PORTSMOUTH EVANGELISATION FORMATION DAY

Saturday 31st October 10am to 1:30pm

Christ The King, Reading, RG2 8NR.

To register email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHRISTMAS UKRAINE APPEAL -

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 them in the box marked Ukraine in the porch.

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Card Bingo

Friday 20th November starting at 7pm.

£6 for 1 entry and £2 per round on the night.

Cheese and biscuit platter included with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes (please bring your own drinks).

See poster in the porch and tickets on sale after Mass..

Why not get involved and have fun at the same time?

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to everyone who are involved with both our Lunch Group and Becky's Cafe as they have both had their Food Standards Agency inspection and both have passed with flying colours.

Thank you to all the generous and dedicated volunteers for keeping us all and our visitors safe.

ALPHA – DONATIONS UPDATE

Our Alpha is going really well and we have our special Alpha Away Day coming up on Saturday 14th November.

A huge thank you to those of you who have already made donations towards our costs, it is very much appreciated and helps us to provide welcoming hospitality to our 30+ guests.

If you would like to make a donation, however small, towards our costs, you can donate using our contactless 'Dona' machine at the back of church (choose "Alpha"), or by dropping cash/cheque donations in an envelope marked "Alpha" through the office letterbox.

Thank you so much!

Please also keep praying for our guests and for our wonderful team members.

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.