



Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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11th and 12th January 2025 : The Baptism of The Lord

*This Sunday's readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Psalm from Psalm 104(103)*

ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 11th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**

Joseph Fuller RIP Anniversary Mass

Sun 12th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**

James Edward Small RIP Anniversary Mass

Leslie Gage RIP Anniversary Mass

Mon 13th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Tues 14th **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer**

6pm Rosary before Mass

6:30pm Mass

Wed 15th **9:30am – 10:00am Adoration**

10am Mass

Thurs 16th **N/B NO ADORATION TODAY**

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

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838

Sun 12th **11am Mass**

Dorothy Brett (Special Intention)

Mon 13th **10am – 2pm Adoration**

Thurs 16th **10am Mass and confession**

Annie Byrne (Special Intention)

Fri 17th **10am Mass**

Pete Geoghegan RIP

PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am - 2pm

PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

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

If you need to speak with someone urgently,

please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up when the office is closed.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th - 25th January

This year, Christchurch Fellowship of Churches (CFoC) have arranged a prayer service to take place each weekday (see below), led by a different member-church.



Monday 20th January: 5.30 pm:

Godfirst Church at: Water Lily Cafe, 131 Barrack Rd, Christchurch, BH23 2AW.

Tuesday 21st January: 4 pm:

Burton URC Church at: Burton Green, 119 Salisbury Road, Burton, BH23 7JN.

Wednesday 22nd January: 5 pm:

The Priory C of E. at: The Priory Church, Quay Rd., Christchurch BH23 1 BU.

Thursday 23rd January: 12.30 pm:

Christchurch Baptist Church at: 49, Bargates, Christchurch (Soup and a roll at 12.15pm)

Friday 24th January: 3 pm: St Joseph's Catholic Church – here! (Refreshments afterwards)

Please try to attend at least one of these services during this special week of the year.

"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.." (John 17: 21)

MINISTRY AT SUNDAY 9am MASS

Have you ever thought about joining one of our Ministry teams, particularly our team of readers who proclaim the Word and/or the Ministry of introducing?

Readers always share this ministry with another person

(one reading the 1st reading and the other reading the 2nd).

The Introducers welcome parishioners at the beginning of Mass,

prepare and read the intercessions and highlight some newsletter items.

If the thought of writing the Intercessions seems daunting,

I am pleased to say that Richard has offered his assistance with this.

If you feel that you would like to join one of our Ministry teams

please either see Mike at the end of Mass or email him at famcooper@hotmail.com.



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

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for all our parishioners who are unwell or troubled in any way, and especially at this time for:
Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubbs, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, Marie Macmillan, Baby Edward, Stan Murphy, Steven, Slawek Gawlik and family, Pat Feltham, Catherine Judge, Richard, Suzanne, John Michael Ryan, Anna and Raymondo Hubbard, Howard Wood, Carol Sneed, Maria Golding-Cooney, Roger Mallory, Annie Baldry, Helen Pollard, John Packer, Danny McQuillan, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Madeleine Rose Halston, Pauline Robins, Fr John Chadwick, Fr Antony Gatt and Pope Francis.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Hilda Stowe, Simon Turner, Joseph Fuller, Dawn Allen, James Small, Mary Brookes, Nick Coghlan and John Drew and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



Please also pray for the soul of Patrick Tomlins who passed away recently. May his family and loved ones feel the love of the Father especially at this time of grief.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

After 4 years, it's back...

Our popular evening of Song, Scripture & Silence returns at last!



This will be our first event as the new Bournemouth East Pastoral Area, bringing together the parishes of Charminster & Castlepoint, Highcliffe and Christchurch.

**Tuesday 11th February at St Joseph's Church
7:30pm – 9pm**

followed by refreshments.

Everyone welcome! (and why not bring a friend or two...?)

Comments from previous events:

“wonderful, reflective and uplifting”

“a truly inspirational evening!”

“a lovely sense of calm and deep prayer”

“inviting, open and non-threatening”

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



IS THIS ENOUGH, LORD

Br Lionel of Reaching the Unreached has written a book 'Is this enough, Lord', detailing his life and work.

This can be obtained for a special price of £10.

If you are interested please call Ann Marie on 01202463488.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI – RETREAT

25th January 10am -1pm

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - JESUS IS THE WAY.

Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2025.

More information at www.altonrenewal.com

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

Happy New year.

We felt such anger and sadness when we were burgled before Christmas and then we were overwhelmed with all the love and support for 'our community foodbank'.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We were still able to bless 100 isolated and vulnerable individuals with a full Christmas dinner on Christmas day, 98 people came to our Christmas community supper and shared dinner and carols and 86 families had a turkey and all the trimmings delivered for Christmas day.

Over 250 children were blessed with toys and books, and we gave out school holiday hunger top up bags, feeding 708 people and 289 goodie hampers/bags.

We couldn't do it without you so thank you and God bless you abundantly in 2025.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Out of 86 primary schools, our Church primary school, in Christchurch, is delighted to be listed in the top 10 primary schools in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Liz Rippon, Headteacher, and Mike Board, Chair of Governors, are very proud of the children, staff team and hugely supportive parents and governors. Please continue to keep the school in your prayers.

We give thanks for all the wonderful children and families in our community and those who dedicate their vocation to young people.



A YEAR OF HOPE:

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting a lively start to the Jubilee.

Saturday 18th Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.
Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 25th January 9am -12pm

Poster in the porch for more details or contact 01202 485976.

Please check the school website by **CLICKING HERE** should the weather be bad. All proceeds go to the school.



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.

