

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting: **Mon 22nd January**

Newcomers welcome – we meet on **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month** either in each other's houses, or the Parish Centre at St Joseph's. Whoever is hosting provides a light meal, and we meet informally for fellowship to share news, discuss a topic and share some prayer together.

If you are interested in joining please contact Chris Burgess email: home.burgess@ntlworld.com or 07779 563 648.

## 'ADOREMUS' Liverpool Sept 2018

The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a *National Eucharistic Conference* this year (7th - 9th Sept) in Liverpool.

It will consist of:

- ✘ a one day Theological symposium on Fri 7th Sept
- ✘ a conference style Congress on Sat 8th Sept
- ✘ a Eucharistic Procession in the city

The last Conference was held here in 1908, so it is a significant and important time of grace for the Church.

Participation in the congress will enable us to:-

- ✘ To rejuvenate Eucharist Adoration
- ✘ To encourage a greater love for the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
- ✘ To engender a deeper understanding of the place of the Eucharist in the life of the church
- ✘ To provide practical resources for Eucharistic Adoration for parishes and schools
- ✘ To better form Extraordinary Ministers.

**If you'd like to be considered** to attend the events in Liverpool, please contact the Christchurch office a.s.a.p. Tickets are limited for the Pastoral Area and there may be some travel costs involved - tbc.

## ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

**Sat 27th Jan 10am - 11.30am** at St Joseph's. All servers (potential servers) are encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided!

## HOME ROSARY GROUP - St Joseph's

2nd & 4th Monday's of the month at 11am. Please contact Eileen (01202 474 024) or Gerardine (01425 672 100) for info.

**All very welcome to join us** as we ask Our Lady for her powerful intercession.

## KNITTING WOOL

Hylma, a parishioner at St Joseph's, is asking for donations of unwanted knitting wool. She knits blankets for those in need and can use anything you may have hanging around.

There will be a basket in the Foyer at St Joseph's for donations and it will be there until 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Any donations from Holy Redeemer Parish, can be given via Fr John!

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Silent vigil of Adoration, an oasis of peace and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.*

**Holy Redeemer Church:**

Monday 10.30am - 3pm

**Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Church:**

Mon, Weds, Thurs., 9am - 10am

Friday 9am - 7pm (1st Friday to 10pm)



## BAPTISM 'Welcome to God's Family!'

Please contact the Christchurch parish office to arrange for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism.

## FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME '18

The first & most important stage toward the process for requesting the Sacraments is to join your community for the celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday. St Joseph's prep:-

### Session 5.

Parent's Session: Tues 23rd Jan 7.30pm

Children's Session: Sat 3rd Feb 9am

Family Celebration Mass: Sun 4th Feb 9am



## CONFIRMATION - 2018

**Fri 26th Jan 7- 8.30pm Session 3**

In the St Joseph Centre (for the whole Avon & Stour Pastoral Area).

We are still looking for Adult Helpers/Catechists to assist with the group. Do get in touch if you can help!

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Teams who worked so hard setting the various Crib scenes for our community.

A special thanks to **'Brandon Hire'** for the free loan of fencing for the street scene at St Joseph's.

## CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK

Our shelves are looking pretty healthy at present but we do still need more **fruit squash**.

One heartwarming story from Christmas has been a young schoolgirl who raised over £100 for the Foodbank by a sponsored silence! She has had great fun spending the money and this week delivered a car load of food to us. Wonderful.

Did you know that you can also give one off or regular donations of money to the Foodbank (which we use to top up short term shortages as and when they arise)? If you're a tax payer you can also Gift Aid it. Thank you from all the team and those that need the **Foodbank+**



## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN WEBSITE

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Please take time to look at the website.

## SIGN UP FOR PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E-NEWS

The Diocesan e-news comes out once a week – latest events, photos and videos. Links are on the website.

# HIGHCLIFFE & CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

## Holy Redeemer Parish

13-15 Kilmington Way, Highcliffe, BH23 5BL

Tel: 01425 274 838

Email [holyredeemer@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:holyredeemer@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Priest:** Rev. John Cooke

**Deacon:** Rev. Hugh Parry

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mrs. Clare Ryan

**Administrators:**

Mrs Mary Tolfree (HC), Mrs Bridget Brien (CC)

## The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

67 Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

Tel: 01202 483 340

Email [icsjoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:icsjoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Avon Stour Pastoral Area**

**Website:** [www.avonstourpastoralarea.org](http://www.avonstourpastoralarea.org)

**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**

Bishop: Rt. Rev. Philip Egan

Reg. Charity No. 246871



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year of Mark (B)

## 21st January 2018

## God's words are always true, and God is always true to His word.

When God's words call you, God puts your life at a cross-roads. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life as if God didn't really matter or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to Him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind for a new life that might have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for God.

The people of Ninevah responded to God's call in this second way. They believed God's words and sought to be obedient to God, and that is why they repented of their former ways. As a result they become very different from the people they had been. When the people of Ninevah responded to God's words with trust & obedience, they ceased to be what they were - and the old Ninevah was destroyed.

As for the apostles in the Gospel, they followed Jesus almost blindly. With Jesus' gentle guidance they found out gradually what following the Messiah meant. Unlike Jonah, who had had imagined the worst and tried to run away, the apostles imagined the best and they ran to follow Jesus. As it happened, they ran into the worst: the passion and crucifixion. Lucky for us all, the resurrection followed since suffering seems to be inevitable in human life, and here was an answer to that that gives us hope. God will keep after you, pulling you out from fishy environments, pushing you, asking you to learn what love is really about - willing the good of the other. Let us be open and be willing to change.

## Avon Stour Pastoral Area:

### Other Priests in the Pastoral Area:

Cn. Paul Townsend 01425 653 131

Fr. Darryl Jordan: 01202 485 588

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: 01202 424 960

### Our neighbouring Church communities

Fordingbridge, Iford, Ringwood & Southbourne

*Our Pastoral Area is in the*

*Deanery of St. John XXIII, West Solent*

Dean & Coordinating Pastor: Cn. Paul Townsend

## THE WEEK AHEAD *Diary - at a glance ...*

Sun 21st	1pm	Appointment with a parishioner
Tues	7pm	'Born for This' - Rehearsal
	7.30pm	FHC Parents' session
Weds	10.45am	Catholic Grandparents' Assoc
	2pm	Appointment with a parishioner
	7.30pm	Children's Liturgy meeting
Thurs	2pm	Year 3 & 4 Mass at St Joseph's Sch
Fri	10am	Requiem - Maria Evans RIP
	7pm	Confirmation Session
Sat	10am	Altar Servers' Practice
	2pm	Parish IT/Media meeting
	4pm	Meeting with an engaged couple
Sun 28th	1pm	Appointment with a parishioner

## ST JOSEPH'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**This Thurs. 25th Jan 2pm Mass**

As we celebrate Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, there will be a Mass for Years 3 & 4. Parishioners are warmly invited to join us.

**New parents are very welcome** to book a visit to look around our school tel: 01202 485 976

**TWO GOVERNOR VACANCIES** Be part of an amazing Team and the Catholic vision of our School - one of whom must be a practising Catholic. Please contact Chair Brigid Hincks 01202 470175 for details.

### Other useful contacts/info

**Christchurch Parish Office - opening times**

Tues, Weds, Thurs 10am-12 noon (leave a message if closed)

**Dcn. Hugh Parry**

Tel: 07971 071 571 [hparry@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hparry@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Safeguarding Co-ordinators

Highcliffe: Amanda Pillinger c/o Highcliffe Parish office

Christchurch: Reena Kelleher 07802 954 936

Any concerns / advice, tel. 023 9281 6396 (Diocesan Office)

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head teacher: Miss Louise Buxton Tel. 01202 485 976

### St Peter's Catholic Secondary School

Head teacher: Mr David Todd Tel. 01202 421 141

### Director of Lay Formation for Pastoral Area - Richard Martin

Tel. 07990 826 934 [rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Hospital Chaplains

**Bournemouth & Christchurch:** Fr Darryl Jordan

Contact 01202 704 221 Urgent / out of hours 01202 303 626

**Poole:** Dcn. Declan McConville 01202 442 167 / 665 511

**'BORN FOR THIS'**

**Palm Sunday weekend**

**Sat 24th & Sun 25th March - 3pm**



A liturgy of Music, Drama and Narration of 'The Stations of the Cross'. We would still welcome musicians, choirs, readers & actors to come forward and join us as we begin to rehearse this production of Jo Boyce's interpretation of The Stations of the Cross in music, drama and narrative. Please do come along.

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays 7pm in the St Joseph Centre. Everyone is warmly invited. This will help us all to relive Christ's Passion and Death in a dynamic and meaningful way. Come & see!

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Weds 24th Jan 10.45am - Christchurch**

Our Avon Stour branch meets after morning Mass. All are very welcome to join us, to pray for our families, support and catch up on each other's news too.



**Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe meets:**

2nd Tuesday of the month after Mass.

**St Joseph's, Christchurch meets**

4th Wednesday of the month after Mass.

**ST JOSEPH'S ROTAS**

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

Would all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please collect their new rota from the rack in the Narthex. It is important that everyone is aware of their dates for reading or ministering. The two rotas are amalgamated into one this time and I hope that it isn't confusing. The rota covers the period up to and including 8th April (including Holy Week).

If you are unable to minister or read on your allocated date, please find a substitute and amend the Master Copy. Fr. John wishes to continue with the additional Ministers at the Sunday 9am Mass. Would the two Ministers with Ciboria either side of the celebrant and the two Ministers holding the chalice nearest the Celebrant, please remember to stand on the step. Ministers who are bringing up the Ciboria must ensure that the Altar in the Chapel is set up before Mass. Thank you for your service over the past year.

*Mike Cooper*

**St. Joseph's Church Social Evening**

**Song and Dance**

**Saturday 24 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Time: 7.45pm**

**St. Joseph's Parish Centre**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW - AFTER MASS** £8.00 (to include supper of Fish or Sausage and Chips) Bring your own drinks!

**Please be conscious of our 'WELCOME'...**

**Ministry of Welcome & Hospitality Training**

**St Joseph's Parish Centre - Sat 3rd Mar 2-3.30pm**

*"Welcoming is not just something that happens as people cross the threshold. It is an attitude; it is the constant openness of the heart; it is saying to people every morning and at every moment, 'Come in'; it is giving them space; it is listening to them attentively. To welcome means listening a great deal to people and then discerning the truth with them."* Jean Vanier

Imagine walking into the Church for the first time, 10 mins. before Mass begins. What kind of welcome would you hope to receive? (Perhaps you have experienced this as a visitor in another church? How did you feel?) Do we notice newcomers, or are we happy just to talk to the people we know?

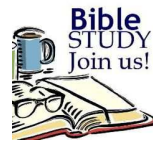
**Hospitality is the gift of being able to change a stranger into a guest.** Everyone needs to be aware of this – every day! It's about changing our mindset; With our recent changes in Sunday Mass times there are always new faces at our services.

Remember, a stranger is just a friend you haven't yet met! Those words of Jesus should inspire us, 'Truly, I say to you, when you welcomed a stranger in my name, you welcomed me.' ALL are welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

**Highcliffe Parish**

Meets every Wednesday from 7.15pm in the Annexe at Holy Redeemer Church, Highcliffe. NB This group is moving to a Thursday evening soon...



**Christchurch Parish Home Group**

Meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm in Mudeford Please contact Moira 01425 279467 or 07722 170 117 All are welcome to come together to 'unpack' the Word.

**CAFOD**



CAFOD are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP.

To find out more please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-12 noon** locally at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Fordingbridge. SP6 1EG

For info please call Jo Lewry 01252 329 385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**ST JOSEPH CHURCH, LITURGICAL BANNERS**

**Thank you** so much for your very generous response. All the banners for the Liturgical Year have now been sponsored.

Our thanks go to the following families:- *Donohoe, Parry, Martin, Hincks, Ponsford, Cradick, Groom, Curtis, Kennedy, Cooper, Ryan, Parsa, Riche, Bloodworth and Rutins.*

We hope you are inspired seeing them as we journey through 2018. A.M.D.G.!



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Fri 2nd March, 2pm St Marks Church, Highcliffe**

It is an Ecumenical event and Holy Redeemer Parish has usually been well represented.

**Meeting & Rehearsal:** There is a meeting for those who would like to take part on Fri. 19th Jan at 2pm, and a rehearsal in St Marks on Fri 23rd Feb 2pm

**PALMS - to ashes! Lenten preparation**

Please return any Palms you may have from last year, to the baskets in the Foyers for burning to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.



**Service of Preparation & Burning of Palms**

Fri 9th Feb 2.45pm (weather permitting!)

At St. Joseph's School with the children. All welcome

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH SILVER JUBILEE**

**Mon 19th March 7pm Mass & Social... Save the date!**

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE 2020**

A 12 day, 3 centred experience through the Holy Land; starting in the Negev desert, then onto Jerusalem and finishing by Galilee.



Fully guided (with headsets), enjoying 4\* full board accommodation. All entrance fees/tips included.

**Travelling Sun 1st March - 12th March 2020**

Led by Fr John, Clare & v. experienced guide 'Oliver'. We will launch this Pilgrimage (our 8th!) with an information session on **Sat 21st April at 2pm** in the St Joseph Centre. Start saving now! We will take a maximum of 49 pilgrims i.e. one coach

**Mass & Service Times & Locations**

Third Sunday Ord Time Yr B 20th Jan / 21st Jan 2018		Ordinary Time - Week 3 Prayer of the Church - Wk 3	Mass Book Page 129
Sat 20th	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	Christchurch
Sun 21st	9am	John Symonds RIP (Fdn)	Christchurch
Sun 21st	11am	For the People of the Parish	Highcliffe
Mon	Feria -	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist	Highcliffe
	10am	John Ryan RIP	Christchurch
Tues	Feria 10am	Gerdie Doherty RIP	Highcliffe
	Reconciliation after Mass	Confessions	Highcliffe
Wed	St Francis de S 10am	Margaret Pocock RIP (Fdn)	Christchurch
Thur	Conv'n of St Paul 10am	Roger Perkins RIP (Hincks)	Christchurch
	Years 3 & 4 2pm	Mass at St Joseph's School	Christchurch
Fri	Requiem 10am	Maria Evans RIP	Highcliffe
	'Adoration' 9am - 7pm	All day adoration	Christchurch
Sat	HMP Winchester 10.30am	Ints. of the prisoners	Winchester
	Reconciliation 5.30pm	Confession available	Christchurch
Fourth Sunday Ord Time Yr B 27th Jan / 28th Jan 2018		Ordinary Time - Week 4 Prayer of the Church - Wk 4	Mass Book Page 132
Sat 27th	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	Christchurch
Sun 28th	9am	Ints Mary & Phillip Danks (50th)	Christchurch
Sun 28th	11am	Still available	Highcliffe

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for **Maria Evans RIP** who died on Christmas Day. Her Requiem Mass is at Holy Redeemer on Fri 26th Jan at 10am  
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

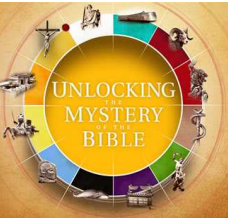


**'THANK YOU' from Mary, Bruce & family**

To all our friends for your support, prayers and kindness following the loss of Roger Perkins RIP.

**'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE'**

This excellent 8-week DVD course is being run at **Sacred Heart Church, Ringwood**, and anyone from the Pastoral Area is invited.



Beginning on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February, the course, which gives an excellent overview of the Bible and how it relates to everyday life, will be on;

**Wednesday mornings at 10.45am** (following Mass), and **repeated on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm.**

There will be 4 sessions prior to Holy Week and Easter, then 4 more beginning 11th/12th April.

For more info or to sign up contact Terry Mee asap & by 21<sup>st</sup> Jan at the latest (resources need to be ordered) on 01425 479597/ [terry.mee@btinternet.com](mailto:terry.mee@btinternet.com)

There will be a maximum cost per person of £19 for participant resources, depending on what funding/subsidies can be negotiated.

More info available on the Ascension Press website <https://ascensionpress.com/parishes-and-schools>

**'Sunday's Scripture Musings'**

**Mark 1:14-20**



**Questions for reflection**

Must you be called as a missionary and, for instance, go to Africa? Or could your call be to bring the Good News wherever you are, in whatever you do? Which way does Jesus call you?

Do you have to be perfect to be called? Is the Lord with you when you make mistakes? How does he show his eternal love?