

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

At Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth

Friday's 4th May - 1st June 7.30 - 9pm
The Diocesan Formation for Mission Team is offering 5 sessions of training for those interested in catechesis & faith formation. This includes children & adult groups.



DIPPING YOUR TOE INTO THE BIBLE

- for busy people... The Bible Society has a great new resource specifically to help Catholics get started on reading the Bible, even if they are busy people! Visit this website for tips to get started and a short video story. www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/word-on-the-go/

'WELCOME TO WORSHIP'

Tues 15th May 7-9pm. Theme: *The Holy Spirit*
The next evening of prayer, worship and reflection will be just before Pentecost at St Joseph's, Christchurch.

DAY FOR READERS Sat 16th June

An important day for all those who read the Scripture in church: It will probably be at St Bede's, Basingstoke. More details in due course

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Sat 20th Oct 10am - 4pm

St John's Cathedral Parish, Portsmouth.
An important day for all those involved in such ministry e.g. Sacramental Preparation & Children's Liturgy. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/

HANDBOOK FOR CATECHISTS

There is a new book published by CTS that may be of interest to any current or potential catechists who 'echo' the faith. Lesley has ordered a supply of these for the St Joseph's Repository.

HOME ROSARY GROUP - St Joseph's

2nd & 4th Monday's of the month at 11am.
Please contact Eileen on 01202 474 024 or Gerardine 01425 672 100 for further information. **All very welcome to join us** as we ask Our Lady for her intercession.

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.

Travelling Sun 1st March - 12th March 2020
Led by Fr John, Clare & v. experienced Guide 'Oliver'.
Enjoying 4* full board accommodation. All entrance fees, lunches, tips, headsets, booklets etc. included.
On **Sat 21st April at 2pm** we will launch this pilgrimage (our 8th!) with an information presentation in the St. Joseph Centre. Start saving now! We can take a maximum of 49 pilgrims i.e. one coach.

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:
Monday only 9am - 10am. *Wed & Thurs 9.15am Stations*
Friday 9am - 7pm.



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:-

First Confessions
Sat 17th March at 11am



CONFIRMATION - 2018
Fri 23rd March 7- 8.30pm Session 7
In the St Joseph Centre (for the whole Avon & Stour Pastoral Area).

FAN THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP 20-24th Aug

For those aged 10-25 who will be in streams according to age. A week of camping, faith & fun. Cost £100 (fully catered) in Sway and run by the Dominican Sisters. For further details and booking info please see: <http://www.ftfcmplash.com/summer-camp>
Book early to avoid disappointment!

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE 29/30th Sept

The Southampton Celebrate Website is now up and running. Full details are on the website & booking forms. Early booking is advisable.
Visit: www.celebrateconference.org/southampton

CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK

Donations welcome in the box in the St Joseph's Foyer. 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+**

SCRIPTURE EVENINGS - Weds/Thurs

Highcliffe Parish
Meets every Wednesday from 7.15pm in the Annexe at Holy Redeemer Church, Highcliffe.
Christchurch Parish Home Group
Meets every **Thursday** from 7.30pm in Mudeford. Please contact Moira 01425 279467 / 07722 170 117
All are welcome to come together to 'unpack' the Word.



HIGHCLIFFE & CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Holy Redeemer Parish

13-15 Kilmington Way, Highcliffe, BH23 5BL
Tel: 01425 274 838
Email 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

Avon Stour Pastoral Area
Website: www.avonstourpastoralarea.org
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Bishop: Rt. Rev. Philip Egan
Reg. Charity No. 246871



Fourth Sunday of Lent 'Laetare Sunday' Year of Mark (B) 11th March 2018

LENT - Reconciliation

Ignoring God cannot be a good thing. We all know that. But the readings on this Fourth Lenten Sunday drive the point home.

At the end of this Gospel reading there is a very interesting, wise saying that sums up the message of all the readings today:

*Light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their deeds were evil.*

*For everyone who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it
for fear their actions should be exposed.*

Maybe these sentences reveal the heart of sin itself. Light displays too much of life. We become ashamed. We hide ourselves, our sinfulness. Yet, we are built to seek the light.

Let us use the opportunities this Lent to shed light on any dark areas of your life and celebrate the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is a beautiful gift for us, which restores our relationship with God and restores the sanctifying grace we lose through our deliberate turning away from God and our hiding in the dark.

'BORN FOR THIS'

Sat 24th & Sun 25th March - 3pm

A stunning liturgy of Music, Drama and Narration of 'The Stations of the Cross'.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7pm in the St Joseph Centre. Everyone is invited. This liturgy will help us all to relive Christ's Passion & Death in a very powerful way



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 11th	pm/am	25th Testimony Mother's Day
Tues	12.30pm 4pm 7pm	Highcliffe Finance meeting Meeting with Bishop Philip 'Born for This' - Rehearsal
Weds	11.15am pm 6.15pm	St Peter's School - Confessions Holy Week preparations St Joseph Full Governing Body
Thurs	am/pm	Clergy day re Pastoral care LGBT
Fri	12 noon pm 7pm	St Joseph's Lent Lunch Visits Iford - Reconciliation service
Sat	7am 11am 3pm	HMP Winchester FHC First Confession Service Ringwood - Reconciliation Service
Sun 18th	pm/am 3pm	25th Testimony & RCIA rites (am) SVP Afternoon Tea at St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH SILVER JUBILEE

Mon 19th Mar 7pm Jubilee Mass & Social
We are going to have a bring and share meal afterwards in the parish centre. A list of suggested food items is in the porch at the back of church - please sign up to indicate what you will bring. Many thanks! Hope to see you all there.

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
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
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

COULD YOU HELP BE A PARISH DATA CO-ORDINATOR?

The Diocese has a small central team who will provide on-going training, advice and guidance. However, at a local level we will need each parish to have a Data Protection Co-ordinator. This role is similar to the practice already followed by parishes in having Safeguarding and H&S Co-ordinators.

What does a Parish Data Co-ordinator do?

Under the direction of the Diocesan Data Protection Officer (DPO) and central team the role of the Data Co-ordinator (DPC) is to support the parish in meeting the requirements of the regulations; to monitor activity and support on-going compliance.

Further details available from the Parish Office and full training will be given.

AFTERNOON TEA - AT ST JOSEPH'S

Sun 18th March 3-5pm Our S.V.P. group are hosting an afternoon of tea and company. Lifts can be arranged if needed – please phone 01425 279 997 (Noeleen). Booking not essential, but it may help us to prepare. We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTIAN MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting: Mon 12th March

Newcomers welcome – we meet on **2nd & 4th Monday of the month** either in each other's houses, or the Parish Centre at St Joseph's. We share a light meal, fellowship, news, discussions & we pray together.

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

ROSARY ON THE COAST

**for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles
Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm**

Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to a Day of Prayer for Faith, Life & Peace which will surely be pleasing to the Holy Spirit, and to Our Blessed Mother. It is very much hoped that people across the Diocese will participate.

To participate people can just find a coastal location for prayer and submit it either via the website for inclusion on the map www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or send an email with the details to; admin@rosaryonthecoast.co.uk



You can find lots of info on the Rosary on the Coast Facebook page & website where you can also read the briefing document for the event.

Christchurch & Highcliffe are perfectly situated to take part in this initiative. We invite you to gather a small group, decide where you are to meet / pray and let Fr John know so we can advertise it for others from our community to join you & to ensure it is on the National website in order to extend the invitation.

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING 'Latarae Sunday'

Wishing all the Mums in our Church family a very relaxing and enjoyable 'Happy Mother's Day'. We especially remember and celebrate you today, but we appreciate you all year round!



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Congratulations...



To **Anne-Marie & Jan Bridle** who celebrate on Sat 10th March. As we join them in their joy, we join them also in their gratitude. God has set them among us as a sign of his love.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESS - Christchurch

Friday 16th March at 12.30 St Joseph's
Friday 23rd March at 12.30 All Saints



If you can help make a soup, or to serve, set up/clear up then please contact Margaret Beams 01425 279 993. Thank you! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to join with the other local Churches. All welcome.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES ...!

Fr James Mallon will talk about the 'Divine Renovation Journey'. Where to start? **Weds 9th May 9-5pm Holy Trinity, Brompton, London.**



If you'd like to attend, please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/divine-renovation-where-to-start-tickets-42560995082

Sherry Weddell Forming Intentional Disciples is going to be spending two days in our Diocese.

Fri 18th May 2-7pm & Sat 19th May 9.30am-4.30pm Basingstoke Country Hotel

Sherry will be sharing the fruit of her experience and research and giving examples of how parishes can develop plans that foster the emergence of an attitude that looks beyond the parish walls, where prayer is the foundation of parish life, and with parishioners that have an alive relationship with God.

In addition, members of various parishes around the Diocese will be sharing their experience of developing parish plans, of revitalising their Sacramental programmes, working with parents & families, of prayer groups, and finding multiple ways of evangelising in their local area.

If you would like to stay overnight, there is a special rate (£60 double, £55 single, incl. breakfast). If you can come on only one of the days, then that is ok too!

If you'd like to attend, please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-renewal-in-the-portsmouth-diocese-with-sherry-weddell-tickets-42527602203

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today for the **Clergy Assistance Fund.**
For Sick and retired priests.
Next week for the **Easter flowers.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekdays 9.15am - before the 10am Mass
St Joseph's Thursdays 7pm
Holy Redeemer Fridays 3pm



The Stations of the Cross are a devotion that commemorates Jesus' last day on earth as a man. They focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

LENT Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Holy Redeemer Parish, Highcliffe

Lent 'Tuesdays of Retreat'

Stations of the Cross at 9.15am, Mass at 10am, followed by the Rosary Lent talk and period of reflection, followed by a Lenten lunch. Please join for all / some.



Pastoral Area - Lent Reconciliation

Fri 16th Mar 7pm, lford
Sat 17th Mar 3pm, Ringwood

ST JOSEPH'S LUNCH GROUP

This Weds 14th March, 12.30 - 1.45pm in the Centre
Contact: Margaret Beams 01425 279 993

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - ST JOSEPH'S

Your new planned giving envelopes for the new tax year 2018/2019. Are available this weekend for collection, to those Parishioners who have not as yet collected their envelopes in the Narthex. If you have any queries. Please contact your Parish Gift Aid Administrator for St Joseph's. Pat Curtis on 01202 488079.



Mass & Service Times & Locations

Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr B 10th March / 11th March 2018			Lent 4 of 6 Prayer of the Church - Wk 4		Mass Book Page 162
Sat. 10th	6.30pm	Anne-Marie & Jan Bridle (50th)	Christchurch		
Sun. 11th	9am	For the People of the Parish	Christchurch		
Sun. 11th	11am	Mary & Jack Conway RIP	Highcliffe		
Mon	Lent 10am	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist	Highcliffe		
	10am	Angela King RIP	Christchurch		
Tues	Lent 10am	Cn. Tim Healy RIP	Highcliffe		
	Reconciliation After Mass	Confessions	Highcliffe		
Wed	Lent 10am	Jerry Kelleher RIP	Christchurch		
Thur	Lent 8am	Rev. Eric Nimmo RIP (PACT)	Christchurch		
Fri	Lent 10am	A. Mahony & M. Kavanagh RIP	Highcliffe		
	'Adoration' 9am - 7pm	All day adoration	Christchurch		
Sat	Reconciliation 11am	First Confessions Service	Christchurch		
	Reconciliation 5.30pm	Confession available	Christchurch		
Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr B 17th March / 18th March 2018			Lent 5 of 6 Prayer of the Church - Wk 1		Mass Book Page 169
Sat. 10th	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	Christchurch		
Sun. 11th	9am	David Vinnell RIP	Christchurch		
Sun. 11th	11am	Yvette Pearcey RIP	Highcliffe		

ALPHA - CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?

We would like to offer regular Alpha Courses across our Pastoral Area and we need your help, please!



If you might be willing to help in any way in your local area (or elsewhere) – organising, planning, publicity, administration, cooking, serving refreshments, moving chairs & tables, technology, facilitating a group, welcoming, music etc ...

Info meeting - Tuesday 24th April 7.30 - 9pm in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch.

You are not committing yourself to anything at this stage! We will be discussing potential dates and venues then too. Please contact Richard Martin if you're interested, or if you would like more info: rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07990 826 934

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Please come and witness to the sanctity of human life, joining us for an hour or two of prayer on Wednesday (until 21st March) opposite the BPAS abortion centre, 23 Ophir Road, BH8 8LS, any time from 8 am to 8 pm. For further information contact Colin at: 40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com

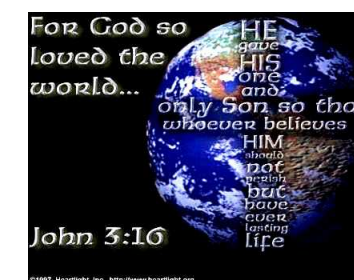
ADORERS DAY

Sat 5th May - At the Theatre Royale, Portsmouth

A Diocesan Day with Bishop Philip in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress. In addition to some wonderful speakers, there will be the opportunity to participate in workshops, Adoration and end the day with Mass in the Cathedral. Book your ticket now by emailing: congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning 0778 0221 686

'Sunday's Scripture Musings'

John 3:14-21



Questions for reflection

"For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son ... " So what is your job? Are you one who will tell the world about this love? Name some ways that you can do this.

Might you run into difficulties at times? Is it true that you are not alone and that you will always receive the grace you need?