

## Prayer for the Parish

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Father,  
Pour out your Spirit on the people of  
St. Joseph's parish,  
Grant us a new vision of your glory,  
A new experience of your power,  
A new faithfulness to your word,  
And a new consecration to your service,  
That your love may grow among us,  
And your kingdom come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Schools

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### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head teacher: Louise Buxton  
Tel: 01202 485976  
[www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk)

### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Head teacher: David Todd  
Iford Site, Holdenhurst Avenue,  
Tel: 01202 421141  
Southbourne Site, St. Catherine's Avenue,  
Tel: 01202 427291  
[www.s-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](http://www.s-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)

## Local Pastoral Council

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President: Rev. John Lee  
Chair: Nick Coghlan  
Secretary: Beryl Rice

A list of Church Council members may be  
found on the notice board in the porch.

Our weekly/quarterly newsletter gives up  
to date details of events and activities -  
Contact the parish office.

## Masses

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Sunday *1st Mass* Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am and 10:45 am  
Monday to Thursday 9:20 am  
Friday 7:30 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am  
Holy Days 9:20 am and 7:30 pm

## Divine Office

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Monday to Friday 9:00am  
Saturday 9:45am

## Confessions

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After Saturday Masses  
10:00 am & 6:30 pm, or by appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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Monday to Thursday 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am  
Friday 9:00 am – 7:30 pm  
First Friday after 7:30 pm Mass until 10:00pm



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# Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph

part of the Avon Stour Pastoral Area

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## Welcome to the Parish

Introduction to Ministries and Activities

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*Free Publication*

## About the Parish

The original parish church was built in 1866 and our new church, designed by architect & parishioner Columba Cook, was completed in 1992 and consecrated by Bishop Crispian Hollis. A new parish centre, designed by the same architect, was built in 2010, providing facilities for the parish and many local groups.

The first parish primary school, built on the church site, in 1866, was replaced by a newer building on spacious grounds in Somerford, in 1962-63. (School contact details overleaf.)

### Our Parish Mission Statement

*"We are a people who are called to live and proclaim the Gospel, and make disciples."*

In his encyclical on "Christ's Faithful People", His Holiness, Pope John Paul II wrote,

*'The Parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, The Family of God*

*A fellowship afire with a unifying spirit*

*A familiar and welcoming home  
A community of the Faithful.'*

## Avon Stour Pastoral Area

St Joseph's is one of six parish communities comprising the Avon Stour Pastoral Area.

The others are:

*Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe;*

*St Thomas More's, Iford;*

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Southbourne;*

*Sacred Heart & St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood;*

*Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip Benizi,*

*Fordingbridge.*

For details of Mass times in these parishes, see the weekly newsletter, or visit the diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Our Area Pastoral Council, made up of representatives from each community, oversees the work of the Pastoral Area. The Pastoral Area also produces its own regular news magazine, 'The Link' (available, free).

## Parish Ministries

Below are listed some of the ministries currently active in our parish. For a fuller list and further information, please see the parish website (see over), or ring the Parish Office. If you feel you would like to volunteer for any ministry please contact the appropriate person listed. Your participation will be very welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT	Judy Cooper	01202 471204
BRIC-A-BRAC open Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	Carole McAndrew	07873 312711
CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Dev.	Peter Martin	01425 280281
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Weekly	Freda Bonard	01202 477342
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Christine Woodacre	01202 483735
CONFIRMATION	Maggie Belcher	01425 274678
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRIES	Mike Cooper	01202 471204
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Johanna Mills	01202 250520
FOOD BANK	Nick Coghlan	01425 673906
HEAVEN'S THRESHOLD 3 day family event in August	Freda Bonard	01202 477342
HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN Bournemouth / Christchurch	Fr. John Lee	01202 483340
KNIGHTS of ST. COLUMBA	Rob Weston	01202 474074
LITURGY GROUP	Roger Spencer	01425 274760

LUMEN CHRISTI Youth Prayer Group Every Friday 8 - 10 pm	Freda Bonard	01202 477342
LUNCH GROUP 2nd Wed of the month 12:30-2pm	Margaret Beams	01425 279993
MENS PRAYER FELLOWSHIP Fortnightly on Mondays 7:30-10pm	Chris Burgess Bob Belcher	01202 470435 07889 605935
MUSIC/CHOIR MINISTRY	Maggie Belcher	01425 274678
READING MINISTRY	Roger Spencer	01425 274761
REFRESHMENTS-Sunday Mass	Sue Verneti	01425 270228
REGISTRAR of MARRIAGES	Bridget Brien	01202 470367
REPOSITORY SHOP	Claire Riche-Gallet	01202 423431
SAFEGUARDING	Mary Thomson	01202 418032
SECRETARY / NEWSLETTER	Maureen Gage	01202 483340
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Jan Bridle	01202 463488
TAIZE MEDITATION	Maggie Belcher	01425 274678
TEA/CAKE SOCIAL CLUB 3rd Weds of month 2 - 4 pm	Lesley Seymour	01202 496309
TODDLERS/PARENTS/CARERS MASS 9:30am 2nd Tues of each month	Juliette Bridle Johanna Mills	01202 416507 01202 250520
YOUTH CLUB Friday in term time 6:30 - 8pm - Years 5 + 6 8 - 9:30pm - Year 7 upwards	Maggie Belcher Lizzie Rippon	01425 274678 01425 280503

## St. Joseph's Centre

Our newly built centre offers a unique, open, light and airy venue in Christchurch.

To hire the Centre, contact the Booking Manger on: 01202 471023, or e-mail: [sjparishcentrechristchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sjparishcentrechristchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

For more information, see our website: [www.stjosephscentrechristchurch.org.uk](http://www.stjosephscentrechristchurch.org.uk)