



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

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CHURCH	PARISH PRIEST/CLERGY	TEL	SUNDAY MASS TIMES
CORPUS CHRISTI	See above		6.00pm vigil, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm
ANNUNCIATION, Charminster ST EDMUND CAMPION, Castlepoint	Fr Bernardine Nsom Deacon Barry Jennings	513369	11.00am, 6.30pm, 9.00am
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, Westbourne	Fr Bill Wilson	764027	9.00am, 11.00am
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth	Fr John Lavers Deacon Roger Carr-Jones	551013 428451	5.00pm vigil, 8.00am, 10.30am, 4.00pm

Youth Council: bournemouthcatholicyouth@hotmail.com

Churches Together in Boscombe: <http://www.ctib.community/>

Royal Bournemouth Hospital/Christchurch Hospital chaplain: Non-urgent matters, ring Chaplaincy Office directly on 01202 704221. Urgent/out-of-hours, Catholic duty Chaplain contacted via Switchboard on 01202 303626. *Mass 6pm Wed*

Poole Hospital chaplain: Deacon McConville 01202 442167 (leave message) or 01202 665511 (Page RC chaplain) *Mass 6.30pm Thurs*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - All weekday masses are feria except: Mon 8: St Dominic Tues 9: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Wed 10: St Laurence Thurs 18: St Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga SJ Sat 20: St Bernard

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS

A HAPPY & SAFE JOURNEY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TRAVELLING ON HOLIDAY.

DOUBLE ISSUE NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday & Assumption Sunday of Year C - 7th & 14th August 2016.

We need commitment more than ever: The first generations of Christians soon needed to ask themselves a decisive question. The return of the Risen Christ was delayed more than they had expected at the beginning. The wait got long. How to keep their hope alive? How to not fall into frustration, weariness or discouragement?

In the Gospels we find various exhortations, parables and calls that have just one objective: keeping alive the sense of commitment among the Christian communities. One of the best known calls says it thus: "See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit". What meaning can these words have for us, after 20 centuries of Christianity? The two images are very expressive. They indicate the attitude that the servants should have as they await the return of their master during the night, in order to open the door of the house at his call. They need to be there "with their belts done up", that is, with their sleeves rolled up to be able to move around and act with agility. They need to be there with "their lamps lit" in order to have the house lit up and to keep themselves awake. *To be prepared.*

Jesus' words today are a call to live lucidly and responsibly, not falling into passivity or lethargy. In the Church's history there are times when it gets dark. However that isn't when we should turn off the lights and go to sleep. It's the time to act once again, awaken our faith and keep walking toward the future, even in an old and tired Church. One of the most important obstacles in the way of pushing the transformation our Church needs today is the generalized passivity of Christians. Unfortunately, for many centuries now we have been taught, above all, to submit and be passive. Even today, sometimes it seems that we don't see the need to think, project and promote new paths of faithfulness to Jesus. That's why we need to value and promote the awakening of a new conscience in many laity who today live out their adhesion to Christ and their belonging to the Church lucidly and responsibly. This is, without doubt, one of the strongest fruits of Vatican II, the first council that was concerned directly and explicitly about them. These believers today can be the leaven of our parishes and communities that are being renewed around the following of Jesus. They are the greatest potential for Christianity. We need them more than ever to build a Church that is both open to the problems of today's world and that is close to actual men and women.

(José Antonio Pagola) www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Mon 8th August - Fri 12th Aug (inc). Re-opens on Mon 15th August.



POPE'S INTENTIONS for AUGUST: Universal: Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: Living the Gospel That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.



**EXTRACT FROM THE HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS MASS
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW, CAMPUS MISERICORDIAE, 31 JULY 2016**



Dear young people,

you have come to Krakow to meet Jesus. Today's Gospel speaks to us of just such a meeting between Jesus and a man named Zacchaeus, in Jericho (cf. Lk 19:1-10). There Jesus does not simply preach or greet people; as the Evangelist tells us, he passed through the city (v. 1). In other words, Jesus wants to draw near to us personally, to accompany our journey to its end, so that his life and our life can truly meet. An amazing encounter then takes place, with Zacchaeus, the chief "publican" or tax collector. Zacchaeus was thus a wealthy collaborator of the hated Roman occupiers, someone who exploited his own people, someone who, because of his ill repute, could not even approach the Master. His encounter with Jesus changed his life, just as it has changed, and can daily still change, each of our lives. But Zacchaeus had to face a number of obstacles in order to meet Jesus.

The first obstacle is smallness of stature. Zacchaeus couldn't see the Master because he was little. Even today we can risk not getting close to Jesus because we don't feel big enough, because we don't think ourselves worthy. This is a great temptation; it has to do not only with self-esteem, but with faith itself. For faith tells us that we are "children of God... that is what we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We have been created in God's own image; Jesus has taken upon himself our humanity and his heart will never be separated from us; the Holy Spirit wants to dwell within us. We have been called to be happy for ever with God!

That is our real "stature", our spiritual identity: we are God's beloved children, always. So you can see that not to accept ourselves, to live glumly, to be negative, means not to recognize our deepest identity. It is like walking away when God wants to look at me, trying to spoil his dream for me. God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind. As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love; for him all of us are important: you are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. In his eyes the clothes you wear or the kind of cell phone you use are of absolutely no concern. He doesn't care whether you are stylish or not; he cares about you! In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable.

At times in our lives, we aim lower rather than higher. At those times, it is good to realize that God remains faithful, even obstinate, in his love for us. The fact is, he loves us even more than we love ourselves. He believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves. He is always "cheering us on"; he is our biggest fan. He is there for us, waiting with patience and hope, even when we turn in on ourselves and brood over our troubles and past injuries. But such brooding is unworthy of our spiritual stature! It is a kind of virus infecting and blocking everything; it closes doors and prevents us from getting up and starting over. God, on the other hand, is hopelessly hopeful! He believes that we can always get up, and he hates to see us glum and gloomy. Because we are always his beloved sons and daughters. Let us be mindful of this at the dawn of each new day. It will do us good to pray every morning: "Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!" Not with my faults, that need to be corrected, but with life itself, which is a great gift, for it is a time to love & to be loved. Zacchaeus faced a second obstacle in meeting Jesus: the paralysis of shame. We can imagine what was going on in his heart before he climbed that sycamore. It must have been quite a struggle – on one hand, a healthy curiosity and desire to know Jesus; on the other, the risk of appearing completely ridiculous. Zacchaeus was public figure, a man of power. He knew that, in trying to climb that tree, he would have become a laughingstock to all. Yet he mastered his shame, because the attraction of Jesus was more powerful. You know what happens when someone is so attractive that we fall in love with them: we end up ready to do things we would never have even thought of doing. Something similar took place in the heart of Zacchaeus, when he realized that Jesus was so important that he would do anything for him, since Jesus alone could pull him out of the mire of sin and discontent. The paralysis of shame did not have the upper hand. The Gospel tells us that Zacchaeus "ran ahead", "climbed" the tree, and then, when Jesus called him, he "hurried down" (vv. 4, 6). He took a risk, he put his life on the line. For us too, this is the secret of joy: not to stifle a healthy curiosity, but to take a risk, because life is not meant to be tucked away. When it comes to Jesus, we cannot sit around waiting with arms folded; he offers us life – we can't respond by thinking about it or "texting" a few words!

Dear young friends, don't be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness and his peace. Don't be afraid to say "yes" to him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him! Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice. Say a firm "no" to the narcotic of success at any cost and the sedative of worrying only about yourself and your own comfort.

Finally let us listen to the words that Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus, which to be seem meant for us today: "Come down, for I must stay at your house today" (v. 5). Jesus extends the same invitation to you: "I must stay at your house today". We can say that World Youth Day begins today and continues tomorrow, in your homes, since that is where Jesus wants to meet you from now on. The Lord doesn't want to remain in this beautiful city, or in cherished memories alone. He wants to enter your homes, to dwell in your daily lives: in your studies, your first years of work, your friendships and affections, your hopes and dreams. How greatly he desires that you bring all this to him in prayer! How much he hopes that, in all the "contacts" and "chats" of each day, pride of place be given to the golden thread of prayer! How much he wants his word to be able to speak to you day after day, so that you can make his Gospel your own, so that it can serve as a compass for you on the highways of life!

In asking to come to your house, Jesus calls you, as he did Zacchaeus, by name. Your name is precious to him. The name "Zacchaeus" would have made people back the think of the remembrance of God. Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a "hard disk" that "saves" and "archives" all our data, but a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in "erasing" in us every trace of evil. May we too now try to imitate the faithful memory of God and treasure the good things we have received in these days. In silence, let us remember this encounter, let us preserve the memory of the presence of God and his word, and let us listen once more to the voice of Jesus as he calls us by name. So let us now pray silently, remembering and thanking the Lord wanted us to be here and has come here to meet us.

Francis

(watch @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPHVRZGT31I&app=desktop>)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Sunday 14th August



At the end of its Constitution on the Church, the Second Vatican Council left us a very beautiful meditation on Mary Most Holy. Let me just recall the words referring to the mystery we celebrate today: "the immaculate Virgin preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things". Then towards the end, there is: "the Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and the beginning of the church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come". In the light of this most beautiful image of our Mother, we are able to see the message of the biblical readings that we have just heard. We can focus on three key words: struggle, resurrection, hope. *From Pope Francis' Assumption Homily*

THANK YOU FROM MISSIO The Bishop has received a letter from the National Director of Missio thanking our diocese for the generosity in supporting the Overseas Missions of the Church. The total raised in Portsmouth Diocese in 2015 for the APF-Mill Hill was £148,737. They wish to send their thanks and appreciation to all those involved in contributing to this important mission.

JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS If you, or someone you know, would like to be considered to take part in this, please contact Fr Adrian asap. Weekly Monday evening sessions will begin in September, and go on until Easter 2017.

LINKS OF LOVE - ACI FAMILY The ACI Family undertake to pray especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament for any intentions that anyone may have. A box for any written intentions can be found on the St Raphaela altar within the Sacred Heart Chapel. The intentions will be burnt after our prayer.

NEW READERS ROTA COMPILER NEEDED We are still looking for a volunteer to take on this role. If you can help please contact the Parish Office. Next rota is out in Jan 2017 (needs compiling in November)



SPECIAL NEEDS DISCO FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. Saturday 27th August 7pm to 10pm Parish Centre. Young people £5 to include food Parents / Carers. Free entry If you know any young special need please let them know. For information or tickets contact: Aidan 07775868253.

A DAY FOR YOU AFTER BEREAVEMENT: Tuesday 16th August, 11:00am to 3pm (coffee/registration 10:30am) at Wisdom centre, Romsey, SO51 8EL. (www.wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) Come and spend time remembering the one you love. Allow yourself time to rest and reflect in peaceful surroundings in a supportive and gentle environment. There will be a flexible programme with plenty of time for yourself. Call 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

LATIN MASS AT SACRED HEART Bournemouth. Fr Serafino and the Marian Franciscans of Gosport will celebrate the Latin Mass on Monday 29th of August at 7:15 pm.

BOSCOMBE ANGELS - A CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE PROJECT We have 6 new volunteers who have joined the team with 3 more interested. Many thanks to each of them and thank you to all who keep us in prayer. We are grateful for your response to our appeal for clothing earlier in the year and we ask again for your help as we prepare for the winter months. Mens socks and underwear, hats, gloves and sleeping bags will be much appreciated. Email boscombeangels@googlemail.com or phone Kate on 07852 335127. *Thank you*

PARISH CENTRE HALL HIRE Special rates for parishioners and regular bookings. Contact Aidan Foy, Property Manager 07775868253 or 01202 425286 (EXT 5) - email: cparishcentre@gmail.com

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017 If you would like to help the children prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion, whether as a catechist or in administration tasks, please get in touch with Cathy Barnes (07551457195). We are hoping to start planning in September.

MUSICIANS REQUIRED Children's Holy Communion lessons include 8 Masses at 6pm on Saturdays - Jan to May. **Musicians are required to form a rota**, so that between us we can cover these Masses. If you are interested or need advice and support, please leave your details with the parish office. I will contact you. *Aki Cook*



Hearts on Fire MISSION WEEKEND. Thursday 29th Sept to Sunday 2nd Oct. Visiting Jesuits will be with us to run workshops, 1:2:1 conversations, and be involved in other events which include, a Pilgrimage Walk, art workshop(s) and more. Our highlight will be the celebration of an **International Mass & Supper on Saturday 1st October at 6pm** when we will give thanks & celebrate our diversity. **If you can represent your cultural community, please email: kateharris48@googlemail.com or call 01202 396026. Or speak to any member of the team.**

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting Join us at our next meeting on Saturday 10 September 2016 from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our Harvest resources and hear more about CAFOD's work in Bolivia. To book a place, please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 5 September.

MISSIO MISSION ANIMATION DAY for APF-Mill Hill local Secretaries, Promoters and all those who are interested. Saturday 10th September at St Joseph's RC Parish Centre, Maidenhead. RSVP: Catherine Scott, 020 7821 9755 or email: generaloffice@missio.org.uk **See poster for more details.**

A NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS will be held in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th September at 2.30pm. Organised by The Archconfraternity of St Stephen on behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Full details can be found on the poster for the event.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND This year this will be held on the 24th & 25th September. At a new venue of St. George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Southampton, SO16 3DQ. Full details/booking forms can be found on www.celebrateconference.org. **Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.**

CALLLED & GIFTED CALLED AND GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1st– 2nd October 2016 There will be a special weekend at the Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted. The time will be a mixture of the teaching, discussion, praying, reflections, opportunity for Confession, Adoration. Starts at 11am on the 1st and finishes at 3.30pm on the 2nd. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation & meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A FOYER DE CHARITÉ RETREAT will be held at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, in the New Forest near Southampton, from Sunday 2 Oct. (6pm) – Saturday 8 Oct. (2pm). The theme is God's Plan for the Fullness of Time, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Bartrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Bartrop: keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk; 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ"

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2017 16th Aug – 20th Aug 2017 £530.00 per person: Return flights to Knock - 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at Park Hotel Kiltimagh - day trip to the Island of Lough Derg. Fr John Chandler and the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St John. For further information and for a booking form, please contact Liz Chidlow on: (023) 92 554 970 See poster

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2017 Fr. Marcin Drabik is organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima from 15th - 22nd May 2017 for 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions. Cost: £725 per person. This includes flights, coach, guide, accommodation, food, fees etc. A non-refundable deposit of £250 is required for booking. Please contact Fr. Marcin Drabik for the Registration Form either by email : mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone: 07479 503813. **(Registration deadline: 22nd October 2016.)**



GOING TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE? TRY PRAY AS YOU GO www.pray-as-you-go.org/ It is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable MP3 players, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Between 10/13minutes, combining music, scripture & for reflection.



GOOD LUCK TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL RECEIVE EXAM RESULTS IN AUGUST.



A PRAYER FOR RESULTS DAY

Father God, may your presence be felt as young people receive exam results soon.

May they know their worth and value is not based on academic achievement
but on your great love for us.

Help them to trust in your goodness, fix their eyes firmly on you
and guide their steps along the path before them.

Amen.

STANDING ORDERS (Can be Gift Aided) **Setting up a standing order.** You will need the parish bank details, which are: **Sort code 30-93-04. Parish Account number: 01786041.** **("It's so easy to do!!")**

GIFT AID CLAIMED DURING THE MONTH: £1466.07

MONEY BACK FROM THE GOVERNMENT!! If you are a UK taxpayer please consider **Gift Aiding** your donation, so parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated eg: your gift of £10 becomes £12.50! To join the Gift Aid scheme, please give contact details to Georgie in the office. Or use the **yellow** GA envelopes (back of church).

MONTHLY SUMMARY: July	STANDING ORDERS/ DD	GIFT AID ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL	Target
<i>Thank you!</i> Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	£ 2351.00	£ 2930.62	£ 313.86	£ 2106.77	£ 7702.25	£9,535.00 -- £ 1832.75