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CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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MASS TIMES: Daily Mass: Mon - Sat at 10am **SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat 6.00pm vigil, Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 10.30 - 11.30am, 3.30 - 4.00pm and 5.30 - 5.50pm

We are part of Pastoral Area 21 (Bournemouth) in the Diocese of Portsmouth - www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/

OTHER PARISHES	PARISH PRIEST/CLERGY	TEL (01202)	SUNDAY MASS TIMES
ANNUNCIATION, Charminster ST EDMUND CAMPION, Castlepoint	Fr Bernardine Nsom Deacon Barry Jennings	513369	11.00am, 6.30pm, 9.00am
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, Westbourne	Fr. Andrew Moore Fr Bernardine Nsom	764027	9.00am, 11.00am
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri	Fr Peter Edwards 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 Feria except: Thurs 7th: St Ambrose Fri 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B - 3rd December 2017



INVITING IN THE VISITOR Imagine you are sitting in a small room in a house that is surrounded by farmland and woods. You have come here to seek the quiet and calm. The busy life of work, family, and the city have made you feel anxious and unfocused. You know you need something; you need some time to let your mind be quiet and your heart open. Quiet and open—those words sound so peaceful and desirable but unreachable. The room is simple: a bed, a desk, and a wooden chair. The walls are bare. You've brought books to read and a journal to write in, but you can't seem to do anything but sit on the chair and absorb the silence, even as you feel restless. As you sit in the silence, you hear a faint sound like a knock on the door. Your heart races, Who knows I'm here? I need to be alone, you think. The knocking becomes louder. As much as you want to stay in the room, something moves you to go to the door. The knock comes again, but it's a soft knock. As you approach the door, you see a light streaming under it. "Hello. Can I help you?" you say without opening the door. A soft voice says, "It's me. I've been looking for you." Something deep inside you stirs, but you are confused. "Who are you? Do I know you?" you say. "Yes. But we have not talked in a long time. I've missed you," he says. You open the door.

Standing there is Jesus. His eyes look at you with such tenderness. He carries a small lantern that gives off a bright, warm light. You stand there, unable to speak at first, allowing yourself to take in his presence and his light. You speak to Jesus. What do you say to him? How does Jesus respond to you? You invite Jesus into the house. You sit and tell him of the restlessness you feel. As you talk to Jesus, a wave of peace and calm washes over you like the warm light streaming from his lantern. "Rest. Be still. You opened the door. Now let me take care of you," Jesus says. You close your eyes and let his words embrace you. Your heart is at peace, and your mind is still. When you open your eyes, Jesus is gone. Sitting beside the chair where he sat is the lantern, still emitting that bright, warm light. You smile and rest in the glow of the light www.ignatianspirituality.com/

TODAY at the 9.30am Mass we welcome those on the RCIA course (Journey in Faith) and ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their period of learning and reflection.

Also at this Mass, **Greg Cook** who is training to be a Deacon in the diocese, will receive the minor order of the Acolyte (he has already been conferred as a Lector). We pray for Greg & his family as he progresses in his calling. **Fr Adrian.**

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT on Tuesday 5th Dec will NOT be in Church. It will be in the chapel at the CONVENT, (6, Parkwood Road) from 10.45am to 12.30pm.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SATURDAY 26th MAY 2018 in Portsmouth If your son/daughter would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in school year 8 or above, **please take an application form from the back of church, complete and return it to the Parish Office by NEXT Sunday 10th December.**

BOURNEMOUTH PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL EVENING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
on **Wednesday 6th December 6:30pm – 8:30pm** with 6pm - 9pm Adoration and 8:45pm Benediction.

All Welcome.





POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families & Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations

ADVENT BOOKLETS "WALK WITH ME" NOW for sale only £1.00. From the back of church. A helpful pocket sized guide through Advent.

WELCOMERS: Please advise Regina Farah about your availability as Welcomer for the period 6th January until June 2018 by 10th December 2017. Please email: regina.farah@hotmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS please advise dates that you are not available for period January 2018 to end of June 2018 for new rota Email: ccp parishcentre@gmail.com or leave note in Parish office. Dates required by Sunday 10th Dec please. Aidan

JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Next session is Monday 4th December 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Memorial Room.

WELCOME to **St Thomas Garnet's School** who will be celebrating their Advent Service in church on Monday 4th December at 2pm and to **St Peter's School** who will be celebrating their Advent Service in church at 7pm on Tuesday 5th December.

DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION Saturday 16th December, led by Fr Tony Horan SJ in the Memorial Room, will focus on "Welcoming Our Redeemer!" Teas and coffees at 10.30 for 11am and aim to finish by 4.15pm. See poster for details.

CAFOD There will be a Coffee and Waffle morning in aid of CAFOD on Sunday 10th. December in the Parish Centre after the 9.30 and 11am Masses. There will also be cakes for sale. (Waffles courtesy of Mrs. Gabby Huggins.)



BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO A film on this martyred Archbishop will be shown on Thursday 14th December at 11.15am in Corpus Christi Parish Centre. See poster.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE 'Carols on the Precinct' Saturday 16th December at 11am. Near to Sainsbury's. Carol sheets provided. Thanks once again to members of Vintage Brass Band who help make this such a popular event.

CHRIS LANE is RUNNING LONDON MARATHON 2018 for JESUIT MISSIONS Would you be able to support him? If so please go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ChrisLane> or email him on: clane456697@hotmail.com. See poster

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT St Joseph's RC Church, Christchurch. **Tuesday 5th December at 7.00pm** Come a carolling with us!! Tickets £4.00 Concert followed by mince pie and mulled wine (included in ticket price.) For tickets call: 07948511313 or 01202 463488

CANCELLED - Cadenza Choir Concert Wednesday 6th Dec at All Saints has regrettably been cancelled due to the heating system breaking down.


MESSIAH by Handel Sat 9th Dec 7.30pm at St Ambrose Church, Westbourne, By the University Music Choir & Orchestra Tickets £14 (students and U16's free) from 01202 965018. See poster.

A CANDLE LIT ADVENT TAIZÉ MEDITATION MONDAY DECEMBER 18th at 7.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Rd, SOUTHBOURNE BH6 3ER An hour of peace in candlelight with music, silence and prayer

UPCYCLE COURSE with The Yard House. Learn to be a pro Upcycler on a 5 week course. Starting Wed Eve's on 17th Jan or Fri mornings on 19th Jan. Learn paint and finishing techniques, work with wood copper and fabric, and take home at least 3 finished upcylces. Limited space. For more info contact Kate on 07710982532


DO YOU SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THE RIGHT OF CATHOLICS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO THEM? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS Completion of 'CONFIRMATION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE' or SIF Forms Please put your completed form (complete attendance box & contact details) into an envelope with a **separate covering letter** that states your regularity to Mass, how long you have worshipped here and if you do any activity in the parish. Please make sure your contact details on on the letter and/or form. All St Peters forms will be sent directly to the school - forms for other Primary schools will need to be picked up from the Parish Office. Please check the return date for your school application.

 St Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales If you, or anyone you know, would like a visit from the SVP, please call: David (01202 248343) or Peter (01202 428899). More information about SVP at: www.svp.org.uk/

MONTHLY SUMMARY: November	S/O & D/D	GA ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL
<i>Thank you!</i> Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	£1,964.00	£3039.79	£303.95	£2,462.69	£7,770.43

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!!")

 **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 Finance Administrator in Parish Office. Or use the **yellow** GA envelopes (back of church). If you want a box of annual envelopes please contact Finance Administrator .