



# 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](mailto: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 - Weekday masses are feria except: Mon 30: St Andrew Tue 1: St Edmund  
Campion & Comps SJ Thurs 3: St Francis Xavier**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C - 29th November 2015

TODAY at the 9.30 family mass we warmly welcome Emma Coldhan for acceptance as a catechumen on her journey of faith.

"Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." Jesus' words in today's Gospel are apt for us all at this time when we've been witnessing so much evil and suffering of the innocents in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, for starters. Yet at the very same time in the midst of all the terror incidents we've been privileged to witness the awesome courage and selflessness shown by many, who literally gave their own lives to shelter and protect others. What's encouraged me has been to see so many people praying publicly, wearing their hearts on their sleeves, lighting candles and going to places of worship in solidarity. Many have found God precisely in this awful mess, not in spite of it. This truly is finding God in all, not in spite of all. It gives me plenty to ponder, wondering how I'd react if faced with such circumstances. And it's a very powerful reminder that all we have is today, so it's important that we make the most of each God-given moment.

Here we all are, back at the beginning of our Church's Liturgical Year: ADVENT! The First Reading talks of practising "honesty and integrity in the land" - even the city's name is "the Lord-our-integrity". Our Church and our one world have far to go to claim that title! The Psalm makes a prayerful plea: "Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me; for you are God, my Saviour." Meanwhile Paul in the Second Reading prays: "May the Lord be generous in increasing your love...And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints." Paul goes on to urge and appeal to the early Christians "to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants." Finally, in the Gospel Jesus warns us: "Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened." Where do you and I stand, here and how, in the sight of our Loving Lord and his people? What is our heart full of?

I recommend that you pick up and buy - for only £1.50 a copy! - **ADVENT EXTRA**. It has prayer for each day of Advent, plus an Advent Calendar and much more.

You might also pick up a 50 pence booklet on the **YEAR OF MERCY**, which begins on 8<sup>th</sup> December.



**HEARTS ON FIRE THANKSGIVING MASS** Gaudete Sunday 13th December at 5pm. We will come together to celebrate and give thanks for our Hearts on Fire Week in July. You may not have attended the week but do come to this Mass, all are welcome. We welcome all those who worked in any way for Hearts on Fire, for example, providing the wonderful food and hospitality for the many social events, acting as welcomers, providing teas and taking groups on prayer walks. Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. For more information contact Siobhan 01202 467246

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** 10.45am on Wednesday 2nd Dec in church.

**MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 10.30am- 1.30pm - COME & VISIT 'FR CHRISTMAS' IN HIS GROTTO& GET A GIFT!!!!** Tombolas, Guess the Name of the Teddy, Games, Stalls, Mince minces & refreshments!! Donations for tombolas PLEASE: **Gift items, Chocolates/Food/Tins, Cakes, Bottles/Alcohol, Toiletries (NO Clothes/Bric-a-brac)**. Take donations to Parish Centre or Parish Office. **See Aidan if you can help!**



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** please advise of dates you will not be available for period January to June 2016. Email cparishcentre@gmail.com or leave dates in Parish Office Thank you *Aidan Foy*

**WELCOMERS** please advise of dates you will not be available for period January to March 2016. Email Regina Farah at regina.farah@hotmail.com or pop a note into Parish Office. Thank you *Regina Farah*

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** Next session is Friday 4th December 7-8.30pm in Parish Centre

**HOLY HOUR** 6th December - 3.30-4.30pm, will be led by Greg Cook. All welcome.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA** Continues on Monday evening 7th Dec at 7.30pm in the Memorial Meeting Room.

**ACI Family (Links of Love) Monthly Meeting Monday 30th November** at the Convent 6 Parkwood Rd. Coffee from 10.45am. Meeting starts at 11am. Everyone welcome.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Friday 4th Dec 2 - 5 pm. A time to sit and rest in quiet contemplation of the Eucharist...a time to allow our hearts to be opened... a time to give thanks. Sign up sheets at back of the church.

**ANNUAL ROUGH SLEEPERS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, Thursday 3rd December at 4pm.** At **Boscombe Baptist Church, Palmerston Rd (opposite the God shop)**. A service for rough sleepers & the homeless, for Support Workers & friends to remember those who have died and to encourage all who are seeking help. Our parish gives tremendous support to the homeless. This is an opportunity for us to pray and reflect together.

**THE BOURNEMOUTH ORDINARIATE MISSION** at St Thomas More Church, Iford will be observing the beginning of Advent with a Lessons and Carols service TODAY (29) at 4.00pm. All welcome. *See poster*

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** and the opening day of **THE YEAR OF MERCY St Thomas More's, 8th December** 5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Priests available for Confessions. 6.00pm Rosary. 6.30pm Mass Fr Darryl Jordan, OLW. Concelebrants: Fr Francis Preston, SDB and Monsignor Ron Hishon. *See poster*

**CAROLS FOR ALL** Thursday 10th Dec 7:00pm at ST. GEORGE'S METHODIST CHURCH Portman Road Boscombe with King's Park School Choir, St. James School Choir, St. George's Church Choir & St. George's Singers **ADMISSION FREE** Collection for Charity

**LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH** - Mass at 12.15 pm on Friday 12th Feb 2016. Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese, followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA and refreshments afterwards. All welcome. For more details, contact 01328 560333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. Information on CGA, at: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>.

**POETS, PIKELETS AND PETTICOATS** An afternoon of words & music with a Scottish themed afternoon tea at 2pm **Sat 23rd Jan** at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Purewell in aid Of Kabanana Care (Zambia), charity which provides food, shelter & education for over 80 orphaned children/vulnerable adults. James Manlow, Bournemouth's 2014-15 Poet Laureate will be reading his poems & answering questions. Music by The Happy Heart Singers, plus young local performer. Tickets £5 (inc afternoon tea) Email [annie.winiecki@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie.winiecki@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07986625087

**LIFE CHARITY:** Have joined with 'Right to Life' to launch a new campaign called 'Amnesty Travesty' which highlights the damage done by abortion since 1967 in England, Wales and Scotland, during which time 8 million lives have been lost, and to petition Amnesty International to stop trying to bully the Irish people into legalising the termination of abortion. Please show your support and help by visiting <http://shamnesty.org/> and signing their petition

**THANKS** "Dear David and the SVP, This week we have been able to offer 15 bags of food to the Women's Refuge. We have told them that we will be very happy to offer any surplus as we come up to Christmas. They are always extremely grateful. Thank you again to all the parishioners at Corpus Christi for enabling another meaningful partnership bringing kindness and hope to vulnerable local people." Liz Simonis, Outreach Worker, Pokesdown Children's Centre.

**STOP PRESS:** Pamela Flavell is still hoping to go to Paris for the climate change gathering but will await instructions from Cafod HQ as marching is banned. Please pray for Pam as she follows Pope Francis's plea for climate justice.

**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 at Corpus Christi and if you do any activity in the parish. 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.

*Love and God bless.  
Father Denis*

**Please check the return date for your school application.**

**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: £ 1609.65**

**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).

<b>MONTHLY SUMMARY: October.</b> <i>Thank you!</i> Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	STANDING ORDERS/ DD	GIFT AID ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL	Target £9,535.00
	£ 2655.00	£ 4038.61	£ 350.90	£ 2457.07	<b>£ 9501.58</b>	<b>-- £ 33.42</b>