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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B 17th December 2017



There is a distinctive note of joy in our readings for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday). We live at a time when faith is a struggle and it is possible that we access the joy of the Gospel with difficulty. The opposite was the case for the earliest generations of Christmas: joy is richly present in Paul, the Fourth Gospel, Luke-Acts and even in the New Testament Apocalypse. Joy does not mean relentless effervescence or (much worse) denial of reality. On the contrary, happiness in believing is the fruit of a deep, loving reassurance in Christ which liberates us to engage with the world in new and creative ways. We shouldn't be afraid to be happy believers!

Kieran O'Mahony www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. *Gaudete* means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas card that gives dates and times of services over Christmas. Available from Church porch. Masses over Christmas time: **Sunday 24th December** – Fourth Sunday of Advent & CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 6.00pm (vigil); 9.30am; 11.00am (NO 5pm MASS) Opening of Crib and First Mass of Christmas 6.00pm Carols & Readings in Church 8.30pm 9.00pm Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord **Monday 25th December** – CHRISTMAS DAY Morning Mass at 9.30am (No other Masses today)

WELCOME to **Corpus Christi School** who will be celebrating their Advent Service in church on Monday 18th December at 6.30pm. Their final weekday mass of the year will be on **Tuesday 19th December at 9.00am.**

ROTAS OVER CHRISTMAS~~~EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS, ALTAR SERVERS and WELCOMERS for Christmas. Sign up sheets on table in church porch. *Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you.*



CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE BOX To try and keep the porch a "tidy zone" please, if you want to leave Christmas cards for fellow parishioners, use the Christmas Card Exchange Box. *The box will not be managed by the Parish Office and any cards not collected by 1st week in January will be recycled. Merry Christmas.*

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY TO KEEP YOUR PARISH CHURCH CLEAN. Please come & help with light cleaning of your church for 20 - 30 minutes per week. The times of cleaning are flexible - to suit your availability. See Aidan Foy or call him on 07775868253.



REQUIEM for Szczepan Grzywna is tomorrow (18th) at 10.00am. *May he Rest in Peace.*

ADVANCE NOTICE - the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December until Friday 5th January 2018 (inc) It will re-open on Monday 8th January 2018.

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**WELCOMERS:** Would you please put in the next newsletter that the new Welcomers Rota will be available for pick up from the back sacristy from weekend 16th/17th December.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** Next session is Monday 18th December 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Memorial Room. Christmas break will be on 25th Dec & 1st January. Sessions will resume on Monday 8th January 2018.

**ADORATION in the sister's chapel (Convent, 6, Parkwood Road).** You are invited to join the Handmaids worldwide in a guided adoration on Tuesday 19th December. from 7:30 pm until 8:30. The theme will focus on Advent. Join us with light refreshments afterwards.

**CAFOD** Thank you to all CAFOD supporters as we raised £316 with the cake sale and the waffle/coffee morning. Big thank you to Gaby Huggins for still contributing to the Parish life at 90, by buying the waffle maker! **The CAFOD team.**

**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

**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](mailto:clane456697@hotmail.com). See poster

**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 upcycles. Limited space. For more info contact Kate on 07710982532

**NEW PRAYER GROUP!** - Meeting in Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall, Seamoore road, Westbourne. Starting Thursday 11th January 2018 Meeting Time: arrival from 7.15pm for 7.30pm start - Finish 8.30pm. Meeting every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. For more information, Contact: Frances McGuigan: 01202 761116 Anne-Marie Fletcher: 01202 759207

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** CAFOD World Gifts are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. You can order gifts online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts), or call 0808 1400014. Catalogues are available in the church porch.

**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 & urge them to drop the policy which bans new Catholic schools. **Portsmouth Diocese.**


**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. 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 Peter's is 15th January.**

**ROOM FOR ONE MORE - AT THE DINNER TABLE OR IN YOUR HOME?** Can you help provide Supported Lodgings for a young person leaving care? Training, support and financial assistance is available. For more info call 01202 452768 or go to [www.bournemouth.gov.uk/supportedlodgings](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/supportedlodgings) See poster.

**CHRISTMAS POSTERS** A few posters, courtesy of the Knights of St Columba to put up in your home are available from the porch.


**WORLD YOUTH DAY JANUARY 2019** Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

**Look out for your Gift from Bishop Philip on Christmas Day!!**

 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/](http://www.svp.org.uk/)

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

**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 .