



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

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

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 - Weekday masses are feria except: Mon 14: St John of the Cross

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C - 13th December 2015



Today's mass starts with the word GAUDETE! = REJOICE! Even the vestments have decided to blush! And the readings set us off to a very good start to the Jubilee Year of Mercy. From the Opening Prayer on, there's a thread of joy from one Reading to the next. Our wondrous merciful God "will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you", as the prophet Zephaniah states. Imagine God dancing over you, just because he loves you to bits and pieces! The Psalmist goes on: "Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." Paul in his letter to young Christians in Philippi wants true "happiness" for them, tells them "the Lord is very near", and "There is no need to worry". Then John the Baptizer brings us down to earth, to practical answers to the question everyone who comes to him asks: "What must we do?" As the Gospel goes on to say "A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people". Meanwhile John continued to "exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them".



HEARTS ON FIRE THANKSGIVING MASS TODAY at 5pm Mass. 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 join us! We welcome all those who worked in any way for Hearts on Fire, for example, providing the wonderful food & hospitality for the many social events, acting as welcomers, providing teas & taking groups on prayer walks. Refreshments including mulled wine & mince pies in Parish Centre afterwards.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD Please pick up our parish Christmas card. Note daily times of masses and services over Christmas and New Year. **THREE MAIN CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR**

1. Christmas Eve Children's "Midnight" Mass is at 6.00pm, by parental request! That's an hour earlier than in previous years.
2. "Midnight" adult mass will be at 9.00pm. Please note, as that's an hour earlier than before too.
3. There will be a quiet Holy Hour at 11.00pm to midnight to welcome in New Year. That will replace the first Sunday Holy Hour.

LIVING PRAYER 2016 BOOKLETS These full-colour booklets, only £1.50 each, are produced by the Apostleship of Prayer, and give a full year of pull-out sheets, and much more, with our Holy Father's intentions for each month, and daily prayer suggestions.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY There are booklets about this on the shelves at back of church, only 50p each, They give you plenty of ways into prayer for the year.

THANKS to all who organised, helped at, and supported the recent mini Christmas Faye. Special thanks to Father Christmas who made an appearance!! We raised approx. £315 for church funds. **Thanks once again.**





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.

PARISH FINANCES Michael Kelleher, Chair of our Parish Finance Committee, will speak at all masses weekend 19th-20th Dec, first to thank you all for your generosity, and to give you a simple breakdown of our finances this past year.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Please pick up your new rota from the back Sacristy. *Aidan*

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA Next session Monday 14th Dec at 7.30pm in the Memorial Meeting Room.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Thursday 17th Dec at 7.00pm in Church.



ACI FAMILY (Handmaids of the Sacred Heart) A basket for prayer petitions has been placed on altar of St Rafaela Mary and will be collected on the last Monday of each month, placed on the altar in the Convent, and all intentions will be prayed for during Adoration. They will then be destroyed, unread, at the end of the month.

CAFOD CAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND after all masses. Thank you for your support. *Cafod Team.*

AVON STOUR PA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE at St Joseph's, Christchurch on Thursday 17th Dec at 7.30pm.

DAYS FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION Next one Saturday 19th Dec, Really celebrating Christ coming into this world! In St Joseph's Hall, Purewell. Every Third Saturday 10.30 – 4.15pm. Run by Fr Tony Horan SJ. Please bring a packed lunch.



MARRIAGE CARE is a national Catholic charity which seeks to promote healthy happy marriages. One aspect of our work is the provision of a professionally trained counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties. **Bournemouth and Poole Centre** is urgently seeking a **volunteer counsellor**. You need to be fully qualified, & willing to train further with Marriage Care in Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy. For further info contact: Deacon Roger or Jackie Carr-Jones on 01202 428451, or email: marriagecare@hotmail.co.uk. **Closing date for applications - Wed 16th December.**

CAROLS ON THE PRECINCT. Saturday 19th December at 11.00am. Outside the old Evans shop (No 595) on Boscombe Precinct. Please join this popular event organised by Churches Together in Boscombe with Vintage Brass Band. Carol sheets provided and we hand out booklets of all the church Christmas, Services, sweets, plus free Christmas Story books for children. We usually manage 50 carollers from across the churches lets show our commitment to Boscombe by increasing the number.

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting Join us at our next meeting on Sat 23 January 2016 from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our Lenten resources and hear more about CAFOD's water programmes in Uganda. To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 15 January 2016.

ST LUKE'S CHAPEL, ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL Mass is celebrated at 6.00pm every Wednesday. We pray for all sick people, especially those in this and every hospital, as well as for those who have died. It is a moving time for all who participate: we feel close to all who are suffering (including those inpatients who attend) as we pray for them. Do come along and join us in this powerhouse of prayer for the sick. (Please note that Mass is also celebrated in Poole Hospital chapel at 6.30pm on Thursdays.)

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

PLEASE NOTE: NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE A TRIPLE NEWSLETTER.
The Parish Office will be closed from 12.30pm on Monday 21st December 2015 until it re-opens at 9.30am on Monday 4th January 2016.

*Love and God bless.
Father Denis*

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: £1734.55

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: November.	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	£ 2543.00	£ 3796.94	£ 383.76	£ 2463.90	£ 9187.60	£9,535.00 -- £ 347.40