



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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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 Lent feria except: Thurs 17: St Patrick Sat 19: St Joseph.
PALMS WILL BE BLESSED AT ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 13th March 2016.



Today we warmly welcome Fr David Stewart SJ, who will speak at all masses on the APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER, and how it is being renewed.

L E N T All the readings today are terrific, so encouraging, compassionate and consoling. I urge you to spend time during the week with them, so as to prepare yourself for the Great Week, as the early Church used to call Holy Week, with its culmination at the Easter Vigil. Let's take a peep at these delicious readings.

The First Reading from Isaiah 43 says this: "No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds...I am putting water in the wilderness to give my chosen people drink." Gently look into the wilds and wilderness of your own heart, mind and daily life, and let the Loving Lord sprinkle fresh living water over you, into you, through you. Then maybe move on to the Psalm, and just rest in the phrase: "What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad."

That Second Reading from Philippians is one of my favourites in the whole of Scripture, but it scares me when I begin to ponder that following Jesus as his disciple and friend is going to cost me "not less than everything" - as T S Eliot once said in his wondrous poem "Four Quartets". Just listen to the key words from Paul. "I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith...All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death...I have not yet won, but I am still running...All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come." So, be still, ponder, yet combine this with keeping on running!

Now for the Gospel, John chapter 8. I would love to know what Jesus wrote on the ground - not once, but twice! You can have a play with your imagination, or bounce off a few friends to see what each comes up with. Jesus is faced with a woman, caught in the very act of adultery, and the legal penalty is death by stoning. Even though it takes two to tango, the woman is the one who pays! Maybe Jesus wrote something about the non-innocence of the man in question! The episode begins with the chaps putting Jesus to the test, but ends with Jesus turning the tables on them, and putting them to the test, with the result that they all slink off, beginning with the eldest. Try to step into the feelings of that woman, and see how she feels when Jesus looks up at her and asks her: "Has no-one condemned you?" Then see how our Loving Lord looks at you when you bring your sinful self to him. How responsible and reverent are you and I in our wondrously beautiful gift of our God-given geniality and sexuality?

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THE PARISH EASTER CARD, WHICH GIVES TIMES OF ALL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.



LEAVING/BIRTHDAY 'DO' FOR FR DENIS on Friday 8th April starting with Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00pm followed by a party in the Parish Centre afterwards. **WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BRING FOOD TO SHARE PLEASE - there is a sign up sheet to indicate what food you are bringing.** Food can be dropped off at the Parish Centre 6.00 - 6.30pm on the Friday.

LEAVING COLLECTION: If you would like to give a farewell donation to Fr Denis, we will be collecting this weekend or you can give your contribution in to the Parish Office in an envelope marked "LEAVING DONATION".



LENT EXTRA booklets now only £1.00!! At back of church. Readings to help your journey through Lent!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS OF LENT at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

WELCOMERS Please advise your availability from April until end of June 2016 by TODAY to Regina Farah on: regina.farah@hotmail.com

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ANNUAL MEETING Each year all Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend an Prayer session followed by a meeting to discuss our role in the administration of Communion at Masses and to our sick brothers and sisters. This year we ask you to attend Stations of Cross and Mass on Friday 18th March 7pm. We will then have a short meeting to review our Ministry. **It is important that all Ministers attend this. Aidan**
~~~~MINISTERS PLEASE SIGN UP FOR DUTIES OVER EASTER - SIGN UP SHEETS IN CHURCH PORCH~~~~

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD. The Bournemouth Pastoral Area Clergy would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the '24 Hours for the Lord' that took place in Sacred Heart Church last Friday & Saturday. This special event held in this Jubilee Year of Mercy gave many people the chance to experience the great love that we all can share in the Blessed Sacrament & through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with many returning to the Sacrament after long gaps. Grateful thanks to everyone who made this 24 Hours 'special' for so many people across our Pastoral Area.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA Next Session Monday 14th March at 7.30pm in Memorial Meeting room.

MINI RETREAT FOR RCIA Sat 19th March at 11.30am in Memorial Room

CORPUS CHRISTI ALL-SCHOOL MASS Tues 15th March at 2pm in church

ST THOMAS GARNET SCHOOL MASS Fri 18th March at 2pm in church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSION Sat 19th March at 4.30pm in Parish Centre, followed by
mass at 6.00pm in church, first mass of PALM SUNDAY.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Next session on Friday 15th April 7-8.30pm in new Memorial Room, will be the practice for the ceremony on Sunday 17th April in Portsmouth Cathedral.



DAYS FOR PRAYER and REFLECTION 19th March: Praying the Passion at St Joseph's Hall, Purewell, Christchurch. Led by Fr Tony Horan SJ. Every 3rd Sat (not Aug & Sept) 10.30 - 4.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

A DAY ON DISCIPLESHIP with Fr Denis McBride & David Wells on JONAH, the Awkward Disciple, on **Sat 19th March** 10-2pm at St Mary's RC Church, 211 Wimborne Rd, Poole. Free but booking essential. Call: 01420 88222. See poster

BINGO NIGHT with CHICKEN & CHIPS SUPPER Sat 19th March 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £5.50 (child £4.50) from Win Merricks after all Sunday masses from this weekend. See poster for details.

CAFOD CAKE SALE on Palm Sunday weekend 19/20th March after all masses. Thank you all for supporting CAFOD in their Lent Water Campaign. £190.20 was made in donations for bottled water. Many thanks. *CAFOD Team.*

ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB is running from Tues 29 March - Fri 1 April and Mon 4 April - Fri 8 April. Cost is £28 per day. AM & PM sessions available as well as full days. For more information and booking form please either email enquiries@stthomasgarnets.co.uk or telephone school office on 01202 420172. We welcome children aged from 3-11 years.

DAY FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FORMATION at OLI, Westbourne on Sat 7th May 10.30- 3pm. Contact Fr Bill Wilson on 01202 764027 to book a place.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING. Saturday 21st May at Annunciation. To secure a place call Karen at Annunciation on 01202 513369. For more info please email Pat Kilkenny-Browne, our Safeguarding Representative, on patkb@hotmail.co.uk Timetable: **Child Protection 10am—12.30pm & Vulnerable Adults 1.30pm—4pm** If attending all day, please bring packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES for the new tax year are now available for collection at the back of the church. If your circumstances have changed please contact the Finance Administrator. If you would like a box or can not find your named box, please contact the Finance Administrator, Georgie Lockyer, on: ccfinance@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*Love and God bless.
 Father Denis*



PICK UP YOUR JESUITS & FRIENDS THIS WEEKEND.

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: £1554.25

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: February <i>Thank you!</i>	STANDING ORDERS/ DD	GIFT AID ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL	Target £9,535.00
Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	£ 2476.00	£ 3867.20	£ 426.98	£ 2183.88	£ 8954.06	-- £ 580.94

