



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 feria.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year C 10th January 2016.

WARM AND HEARTFELT THANKS to all who helped in any way over Christmastide and Epiphany to prepare the church so beautifully, to all who read, served, did quiet sacristy work, put out more than 100 extra chairs, cleaned, put up the lovely crib, and so much else: they know who they are, and all of us in the parish owe them our deepfelt thanks.

LIKEWISE, all our Jesuit Community here wish to thank you for such thoughtfulness and generosity with all the cards, prayers and gifts you showered upon us, not least on Fr David, Fr Peter, Fr Kevin, Fr Tony and myself.

TODAY SPUC are holding their annual White Flower Appeal. There'll be a voluntary retiring collection for them at the end of all masses. Warm thanks on their behalf.

Today's Feast of the Baptism of Jesus links in very well with the Year of Mercy theme. Mercy, loving-kindness, consolation, compassion, are all words which occur in today's Readings. The Second Reading is the same as the middle reading at the dawn mass on Christmas Day, and is worth quoting in full. "When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. He did this that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life."

The First Reading today begins with: "Console my people, console them...speak to the heart". The Gospel echoes this "speaking to the heart". As Jesus was at prayer after his own baptism "heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rest on you.'" I am more and more convinced that individuals who are graced with adult baptism have that same special privilege that Jesus had, for they know their belovedness through the conviction that our Loving Lord has graced them with this wondrous free gift of baptism, being plunged into the dying and rising of Jesus.

What matters for you and me, though, at whatever age and stage we were baptized, is that we grow in our living sense of our belovedness and favour with our Loving Lord. And in this Jubilee Year of Mercy especially let's pray for one another regularly that each of may grow into that living awareness that we're on the receiving end of God's mercy, loving-kindness, consolation and compassion, and hand on those gifts to those whose lives we touch each day. That way our baptism comes ever more alive!

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN – THE FIRST PREPARATION SESSION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION Will take place at 4.30pm this coming Saturday 16th Jan in Parish Centre, followed by vigil mass at 6pm. Please be prompt.

NEXT SUNDAY 17th JANUARY IS PEACE SUNDAY The theme of Pope Francis this year is "Overcome indifference and win peace" We'll have free prayer cards available for every individual or home. (Donation envelopes are available in porch for **PAX CHRISTI**, a charity whose work for peace is based on the gospel & inspired by faith. Return donations next week))

ADVANCED NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING TO PONDER FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR HEARTS ON FIRE PROJECT You are most welcome to attend a meeting in our parish centre on **WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY at 7.30pm**. Fr Simon Bishop SJ, British Jesuit Province Director of Spirituality, and Fr Gerard Gallen SJ, who was with us for our HOF Mission Week last July, will be coming to join us.



THE POPE'S GLOBAL PRAYER NETWORK Go to our website www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk to find out more about the launch of the Pope's intentions via social media.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA Continues on **Monday 11th Jan at 7.30pm** in Memorial Meeting room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL is on Wednesday 13th Jan at 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Please hand in Agenda to Sandra in Parish Office by 12 noon Monday 11th.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. 18th - 22nd January
Theme: Salt and Light. Prepared by the Christians of Latvia and adapted by the Britain and Ireland writers group.
Half-hour service here at 12 noon Monday 18th January, followed by soup & roll in our parish centre. All welcome.
Similar services and refreshments at:

Tues 19. St Andrews. Wed 20. St Georges. Thurs 21. Boscombe Baptist. Fri 22. Rosebery Park.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME. Next session is on Friday 22nd January 7-8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH BOOKINGS FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES - If you want to book a parish room for a parish event, please check availability of the room with Aidan, before you agree the date with your Ministry/Team or as soon after. **Thank you.**

BOSCOMBE ANGELS IN SERVICE TRAINING at Rosebery Park Baptist Church Tuesday 19th January at 7.30pm
This project, set up by Churches Together in Boscombe over 5 years ago, continues to be a practical, caring, Christian presence on Friday nights on the precinct. You are welcome to join the existing team and the new volunteers at this meeting. If you wish to find out more about what we do contact Email: boscombeangels@googlemail.com Mobile: 07852 335127 or check us out on Facebook.

LAUDATO SI; SIMPLE STEPS WE CAN TAKE: At Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne on Thursday 21st January at 2.00pm & 7.30pm (for approx. 1½ hours) there will be a presentation and discussion of how we can and should respond to the Pope's encyclical "Laudato Si". The event will address what we can do to reduce our environmental impact and avoid, or at least reduce, our financial involvements associated with social injustices. Presentations by Tony Bickley, an architectural designer, & David Weight, a recently retired chartered surveyor & award-winning sustainability consultant.

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 or phone 07986625087

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS – are you interested in meeting up with other grandparents to pray for, and share about, our families? We are planning to set up a local branch of the 'Catholic Grandparent's Association' (CGPA). The inaugural meeting will be held in St Joseph's parish Centre, Purewell on **Thursday 28th Jan**, starting with the parish Mass, at 9.20am, followed by refreshments, and a talk by the founder of the CGPA, Catherine Wiley. The meeting will be finish 11.30 am. The Pope has given his blessing to the association and Bishop Philip has invited us all to Portsmouth Cathedral on 12th February at 12.15 pm to formally inaugurate the association into this diocese. For further info, contact Jane Montague-Smith 01202 020375 or Anne-Marie Bridle 01202 463488 or info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD ALIVE AND ACTIVE On going **Formation for Readers** led by Fr Bill Wilson **Sat 6th Feb 11am - 3pm** at Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall, Westbourne. Please sign up **on sheet in porch**, by Thursday 28th Jan.

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.

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: £1449.10

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: December. <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	£ 2516.00	£ 3766.41	£ 351.82	£ 2203.67	£ 8837.90	-- £ 697.10