



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

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	Under Fr Bernardine Nsom	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 except: Wed 30: St Andrew Thurs 1: St Edmund
Campion & Comps SJ Sat 3: St Francis Xavier SJ**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 27th November 2016

TODAY at the 9.30am family mass we warmly welcome Barbara, Victoria, Dean and Craig who will be received in to full communion with the church at Easter. We ask for your continued support and prayers on their Journey of Faith.

A TIME OF HEIGHTENED AWARENESS Advent is a time of heightened awareness that invites us to see ourselves as God sees us, insofar as that is possible. Both liturgy and life are pointing us towards the future. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. Saint Paul's message in Corinthians is confident and upbeat. Mark warns us against complacency, since the end is coming sooner than we expect. Amid such disparity, we might go with the first and third readings, about being prepared for the day of the Lord.

God's Word invites us reassess where our ways may be leading us. This annual reminder that the world as we know it will one day end, is more appropriate during the northern Wintery season, when daylight is shorter and darkness seems to be winning over the light. But the positive side of this is that a new day is dawning, when Christ will come again into our lives with power to save us.

In his letter, The Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis encouraged us all to remember what we have to be joyful about, as followers of Christ. Advent would be an excellent time to take his message to heart and maybe even make a new beginning in our Catholic lives. Now is the time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to come more fully into our lives and lead us on. We begin Advent feeling the need for his coming. Our first reading puts this need into words, "We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind." The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene, these past few weeks. Isaiah proposes whirling leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives. But he also calls us to look for a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray with fervour this Advent, "Come, Lord Jesus," and make our own the words of the psalm, "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people.

Have you watched the behaviour of people at airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They look excited, eager for the first appearance of familiar faces, ready with the broad smile of greeting. Do we await the Lord's coming with equal eagerness, because we long for his presence? Advent is meant to be an alert, active waiting, with a spirit of excitement, or as Jesus puts it, "Be on guard, stay awake". He wants us to have a clear purpose in life, to mature in our relationship with him and with others, to give time to prayer, and to live with his message in our hearts. That's what our Advent should be like. And while we wait, we can enjoy his promised gifts. St. Paul assures us: "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ." We can experience these coming weeks with hope and awareness, in the spirit of an Advent people. www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/11/27-november-first-sunday-of-advent/

REQUIEM MASS for Fr Alfred Buttigieg SJ RIP will be on Tuesday 29th November at 12.15pm. **Please note that there will be no Exposition that day.**

PASTORAL AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be in our Church on **FRIDAY 16th DEC at 7.00pm.**

A chance to join together with those in our Pastoral community in a service of Advent reconciliation to prepare for Christmas. Individual confessions with local priests including availability for confessions in Polish. **All welcome.**



JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Next session Monday 28th November 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Memorial Room.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS please advise dates that you are not available for period January 2017 to end of June 2017 for new rota Email: ccp parishcentre@gmail.com or leave note in Parish office. Dates required by Sunday 27th Nov please. Aidan

WELCOMERS ROTA Please let Regina Farah know about the availability for the Welcomers for the period 1st January until 30th June 2017 by 1st December 2016. Email: regina.farah@hotmail.com

READER ROTA COMPILER Thank you to Luke Herford for taking responsibility for the 5pm Readers Rota.

CAFOD CAKE SALE this weekend after all the Masses, please come and enjoy the choice!

ACI Family (Links of Love) Monthly Meeting Monday 28th November in the Parish Memorial Room from 10.45am. Meeting starts at 11am. Both Sr Janet and Sr Frances will be with us.

ADVENT MASS FOR ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL on Monday 28th November at 2.00pm in church.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Wednesday 29th November at 11am in church. *There will be no 9.00am school Mass that day.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Corpus Christi Friday 2nd December 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. We pray especially for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish.

B+CARS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Thursday 1st December 2016, followed by light refreshments Boscombe Baptist Church. 4.00pm.


PROCLAIMING THE MERCY OF GOD – CAFOD RETREAT SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 10am to 4pm. As this Year of Mercy draws to a close, join CAFOD for a special retreat at St Mary's parish hall, 59 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire to explore how each of us can continue to live out Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses of mercy" in our families, communities and in our world. Booking is essential via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

CAROLS FOR ALL Wednesday 7th 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.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH at St. Ambrose Church, Bournemouth, on **Saturday 10 December** performed by University Choir and Chamber Choir Tickets: £12, may be reserved by emailing musicadmin@bournemouth.ac.uk or available at the door. Free for under 16's and BU/AUB students (ID required). Visit the St. Ambrose Church website for further information.

REPOSITORY: Cribs / Nativity sets, Christmas cards, 2017 Calendars, Diaries, Baptism gifts and other items available. I will be selling Christmas items at all the masses 10th/11th & 17th/18th December. Fiona Foy
Also the Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus will be selling their goods at 6pm Mass only on 10th December.

BOSCOMBE ANGELS. Thank you for your generosity with offers of clothing. We now have sufficient for the next few months bar winter gloves. From 8th Jan to 22nd Oct 2016 the volunteers engaged with 206 people. 22 sleeping bags were handed out. 28 vulnerable people actively supported over the year in conjunction with the Rough Sleepers Team & Council Agencies. On their behalf, thank you for helping to provide warmth and care.

 **VACANCY FOR A HR & GENERAL OPERATIONS MANAGER** - £28,000 – 30,000 pa. Prama, the Dorset care charity are seeking a qualified HR Manager with experience in general operations including, facilities management, IT and telecoms, to oversee our HR and Operations support services. Based in Poole. Covering two important functions, this role requires someone who is flexible, resourceful and wishes to use their breadth of experience in a varied role. Prama is a non-denominational Christian Charity & our organisational ethos of a Christian Charity reflects this. Please contact us for a full Job Description/Application Form: hr@pramacare.co.uk or 01202 207302.

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.*

MONTHLY SUMMARY: OCT (5 wk month)	S/O & D/D	GA ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL
Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 <i>Thank you!</i>	£ 2548.00	£ 4309.03	£ 413.40	£ 3138.31	£ 10,408.74
Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871					

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.