

CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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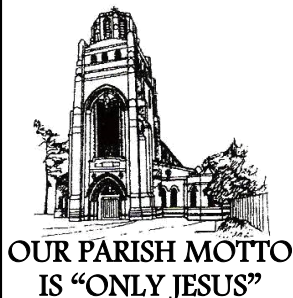
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MASS TIMES: Daily Mass: Mon - Sat at 10am **SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat 6.00pm vigil, Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 10.30 - 11.30am, 3.30 - 4.00pm and 5.30 - 5.50pm
We are part of Pastoral Area 21 (Bournemouth) in the Diocese of 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	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 7: St Ambrose
Thurs 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4th December 2016

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on 8th Dec. What is the Immaculate Conception? Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate every year on December 8. Many people, including many Catholics, think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas). However, the Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her birth—on September 8; nine months before that is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Development of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception Fr. John Hardon, S.J., in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, notes that "Neither the Greek nor Latin Fathers explicitly taught the Immaculate Conception, but they professed it implicitly." It would take many centuries, though, for the Catholic Church to recognize the Immaculate Conception as a doctrine—as something which all Christians must believe—and many more before Pope Pius IX, on December 8, 1854, would declare it a dogma—that is, a doctrine that the Church teaches was revealed by God Himself.

The Declaration of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception In the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pope Pius IX wrote that "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly & constantly by all the faithful." Fr Hardon further writes, the Blessed Virgin's "freedom from sin was an unmerited gift of God or special grace, & an exception to the law, or privilege, which no other created person has received."

The Immaculate Conception Anticipates Christ's Redemption of All Mankind Another misconception people have is that Mary's Immaculate Conception was necessary to ensure that Original Sin would not be passed on to Christ. This has never been a part of the teaching on the Immaculate Conception; rather, the Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her. In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of that act. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, completely, and without hesitation to His service. http://catholicism.about.com/od/beliefsteachings/f/Imm_Concept_FAQ.htm

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.

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.**



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.**



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**POPE'S INTENTIONS for DECEMBER *Universal*:** End to Child-Soldiers That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. ***Evangelization*:** Europe That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**CALLING ALL SUNDAY 9.30am READERS!!** If you are currently reading or would like to read, at the 9.30am Sunday Mass, could you please get in contact with Clarissa Andrews on 07791741739 or goagirl69@googlemail.com She is updating and compiling the next rota, which will run from Jan - June 2017.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** Next session Monday 5th December 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Memorial Room.

**PPC** Wednesday 7th December 7.30pm - Meeting and Christmas social in no:17.

**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

**SVP MEETING.** Thursday 8th. December at 7pm in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi. Look forward to seeing you all again. **David.**

**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 ~~~~~ The Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus will be selling their handcrafted goods at 6pm Mass only on Sat 10th December.**

**CAFOD THANK YOU** to all who bought cakes in aid of CAFOD last weekend. A grand total of **£440.55** was collected. Many thanks. **CAFOD Team.**

**“SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who contacted me with messages of support, had masses said after my recent accident. It meant a lot and was much appreciated. Mass on 11/12/16 at 9.30am will be said in Thanksgiving for all the people of the Parish. Such a wonderful community. **Madeleine Jackson.”**

**ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** Thursday 8th December at 6.30pm in church.



**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm in Church

**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.

**THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL** with Duggie Dug Dug and a great cast which promises to be a hilarious event for all the family. The performance will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at Trinity Methodist Church, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 5AQ. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of £5 each and can be purchased by contacting the Poole Bay Methodist Circuit Office on 01202 980895 ... **be warned - they are selling fast!**

**NEW CATHOLIC RADIO STATION** - in our Diocese! Radio Immaculata – “Bringing forth Christ through Mary”. The Marian Franciscans in Gosport will launch an all New Internet Radio Station, Radio Immaculata offering a mixture of live broadcasting and audio on-demand, on 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - an important day for both the Friars and the Diocese. With all kinds of programmes, there should be something for everyone: from music to talk shows, from interesting interviews and stories to meditations and prayers. To find out how to get involved, or to contribute to funding this exciting new apostolate, email the Friars: gosport@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call them on 02392 580 119. Please keep this exciting new initiative in your prayers, that Mary will use this as a beautiful new way to bring Christ into our hearts, for our Diocese and for listeners all over the world.

**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 return date for your school application, as Parish Office will be closed over Christmas period.**

**RED SUNDAY MISSAL Did you pick up a Red Sunday Missal from 'Freetable' in church porch?** It was put there by mistake. If you have it, the owner would like it back as it has sentimental meaning. Please contact Parish Office. **Thank you.**

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