



# 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

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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	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](mailto: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: See Parish Christmas Card**

## TRIPLE EDITION NEWSLETTER

**18th, 25th December 2016 and 1st January 2017.**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**He shares our lot.** At Christmas we will concentrate on the simplicity and poverty of Our Lord's birth: how human he was, born of a young woman, not in luxurious comfort, but in the discomfort of a stable. That shows him as one of us, the human side of "Emmanuel." Today's gospel however mentions the divine origin of Jesus. Although he has a human mother, he has not a human father, but was conceived in Mary by the power of God. This unique way of coming into life, with God as father, and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is: both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God.

**St. Joseph's faith.** If this mystery seems deep to us, it must have been baffling for St Joseph. Close to Mary as he was, and yet seeing her pregnant without any action on his part, Joseph could only accept in faith what God's messenger told him, that the child was in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. With great patience and humility, Joseph accepted the part for which God had chosen him, as human foster-father to the Saviour. This faithful acceptance is just what is required of each of us, when Christ comes into our lives, for he truly is "God-with-us." [www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/12/18-december-4th-sunday-of-advent/](http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/12/18-december-4th-sunday-of-advent/)

**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.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ **Confessions on Christmas Eve (Saturday) will be from 10.30am - 12noon only.**
- ◆ **Family Mass and Opening of the Crib is at 6.00 pm on Christmas Eve.**
- ◆ **NO 11am or 5pm Masses on Christmas Day (Sunday) - ONLY 9.30am Mass.**

**ROTAS OVER CHRISTMAS~~~EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS, ALTAR SERVERS & WELCOMERS** for Christmas. Sign up sheets on table in church porch. *Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you.*

**THANK YOU TO ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL** for the retiring collection at their recent Carol Concert of £180, which will go to **Jesuit Missions.**

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from 12.30pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016 until it re-opens at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Sandra, Georgie and Aidan wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all the help and support we receive from the Parish.



**THE 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.**

**PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP** to mark end of the Holy Year can be found online at: [portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bishop/docs/20161208-BoP-Message-Misericordia-et-Misera.pdf](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bishop/docs/20161208-BoP-Message-Misericordia-et-Misera.pdf) A few printed copies available on Free Table in porch.

Apostolic Message from Pope Francis on the end of the Year of Mercy, can be found online at: [vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20161120\\_misericordia-et-misera.pdf](http://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20161120_misericordia-et-misera.pdf)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTAS** - Please pick up your new rota from the back Sacristy. **New faculties are being prepared. Aidan.**

**WELCOMERS** - Please pick up your new rota from the back Sacristy. **Regina**

**WELCOMERS NEEDED FOR 5PM MASS** - If you would like to be come a Welcomer - a friendly welcome and greeting to those who come to mass, please contact Regina Farah on Email: [regina.farah@hotmail.com](mailto:regina.farah@hotmail.com)

**READERS ROTAS 6pm Vigil and 5pm Sunday Mass** - Please pick up your new rotas from the Sacristy.

**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](mailto:goagirl69@googlemail.com) She is updating and compiling the next rota, which will run from Jan - June 2017.



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD A NEW BEGINNING

Seeing human suffering God did something daring, and physically entered our world. As St. John says: “In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God and the Word was God.” (1:1) John then describes the descent of the Word – “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” (1:14) The next part may sound mind-blowing. Even though many reject Jesus, yet “to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.”

That’s the Christmas invitation. Come to Jesus. He will enable you – no matter what you’ve done, no matter how bad you messed up – Jesus will empower you to become a beloved son, a beloved daughter of God. Come to him.... in the Bible this phrase is heard often: “Do not be afraid.” God became like a helpless child so we would not fear him. The truth is, God wants to take away our fear and replace it with power. To those accept Jesus into their hearts, he gives power to become children of God.....Come to Jesus this Christmas Day. His mercy – his heart for those who suffer – has no limit. To those who accept him he gives power to become a child of God. Come to Jesus, and make this Christmas really happy. **Amen.** (extracts by José Antonio Pagola)  
[www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/12/19494/](http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/12/19494/)

**~~MERRY CHRISTMAS ~~ MERRY CHRISTMAS ~~MERRY CHRISTMAS ~~ MERRY CHRISTMAS ~~**

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN** – Monday 26th December 10am mass is a special one for all our altar servers, on the Feast of their Patron Saint. Please remember to wear your medals! Followed by a simple celebration for them in our Parish Centre.

**ROAD CLOSED WARNING** For legal reasons we are obliged to close the private road to the Church (From the main Christchurch Road) for 24 hours once a year. This year it will be close **Tuesday 27th December** after 10am Mass. Please ensure you do not park/leave your car where you may not be able to move it. *Thank you.*



**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION** - Please put your CRIB donation into the slot marked CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION in the main collection area at the back of church. This year all our parish donations, along with those across the Diocese, will be sent to Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Their principal mission is to reinforce the practice of Christian life by its members in absolute fidelity to the Pope; to sustain and assist the religious, spiritual, charitable and social works and rights of the Catholic Church and the Christians in the Holy Land, particularly of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.



### HOLY FAMILY – Friday 30th December 2016

Father in heaven, creator of all,  
you ordered the earth to bring forth life,  
and crowned its goodness by creating the family of man.  
In history's moment when all was ready  
You sent your Son to dwell in time,

obedient to the laws of life in our world.

Teach us the sanctity of human love,  
show us the value of family life,  
and help us to live in peace with all men that we may share in your life forever.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;  
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love  
Kept by God, Together

*forever*

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – 1st January 2017**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY – FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Father, source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived  
 and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.  
 May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through all ages.  
 May her response, born of a humble heart draw your Spirit to rest on your people.  
 Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



***Wishing you all Blessed and Wonderful New Year. May your lives be enriched by your faith in 2017.***

**THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS** – Solemnity - Titular Feast of the Society of Jesus will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd January at 10am Mass

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Sunday 8th January 2017**



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany - the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. *Fr Pius Parsch*

**CLEANERS NEEDED URGENTLY TO KEEP YOUR PARISH CHURCH AT A GOOD STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS.** Please come and help clean your church for 20 - 30 minutes per week. The times of cleaning are flexible - to suit your availability. See Aidan Foy or call him on 07775868253.

**CAN YOU HELP??** We are looking for new people to join the Sacristy Team to help set up the Altar for the 5:00pm Sunday Mass, once every 4 - 5 weeks. Full training provided. Please leave your details with the Parish office - email: ccoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** reopens in Parish Centre on Wed 4th Jan 2017 10am - 11.30am.

**"CAN WE HANDLE THE OLD TESTAMENT?"** With Fr. Nicholas King S.J. (www.nicholas-king.co.uk) Internationally renowned scripture scholar and writer St. Mary's RC Church, 211 Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EG. Fri 13th Jan: 7-8 pm - "Can We Handle the OT?" Saturday 14th Jan: Mass 10 am Fr. Nick to preach; 11 – 12 noon "The Psalter - Heart of the OT"; 1 – 3.30pm "The Merciful God of the OT". Cost £5. Tea / Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch to share on Sat. For more info call Deacon Declan tel. 01202 661869 or email: mcconville@ntlworld.com

**SAFEGUARDING** . A combined Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Protection Awareness refresher training will be on Sat 14th Jan 2017 10.30am - 1.00 pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, 67 Purewell, Christchurch. If you think you are due/ may be due to undertake this training, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Representative (Pat Kilkeny-Browne) who will check and then, if relevant, book you on to the course.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.** 18th - 25th January.  
**Theme:** Crossing Barriers. Based around verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. For the coming year the theme finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium ("The Joy of the Gospel") when it used the quote: "The Love of Christ Compels Us" (Paragraph 9). **Services are as follows all starting at midday lasting 30 minutes and followed by a soup and roll lunch:** **Mon 16th Roseberry Park** **Tues 17th St Andrews** **Wed 18th St Georges** **Thurs 19th Corpus Christi** **Fri 20th Boscombe Baptists.**

**FLAME 2017** If you are interested in going, please get in touch with Will Hince on whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk as we will be booking tickets as a Diocese, organising coaches, and ordering new Portsmouth Diocese Catholic Youth hoodies for the event. **Flame 2017** will take place on **Saturday 11th March 2017.**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS** and put them in box in the church porch. Thank you.

**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.**

<b>MONTHLY SUMMARY: NOVEMBER</b>	S/O & D/D	GA ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL
Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 <i>Thank you!</i> Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	£ 2431.00	£ 3111.49	£ 345.00	£ 2231.77	<b>£ 8119.26</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.



## **CHURCH MAINTENANCE NEWSLETTER**

**December 2016**

I would like to keep you all updated on the maintenance programme to ensure the Church and facilities are kept in good condition.

As a Historical building our Church has to have Five Year Quinquennial Surveys. The recent survey advised on work required to ensure church is in a good state of repair and the estimate of work is £58,000

We have just had required work carried out to Choir Loft and Bell Tower. The cost for this work was just over £1300.

Now that this work is completed we can now instruct engineers to commence work to Church Organ. The work will be to re leather the organ bellows which is located in the heights of our Bell Tower and carry out remedial repair work, maintenance, cleaning and tuning of Organ. The cost for this will be £3600.

The Celebration Hymnal Books are in very poor condition and as old issues cannot be reordered we need to purchase new replacements which will cost £1100.

If any parishioners would like to make a donation for the work to Bell Tower, Church Organ or New Hymnal Books then this would be greatly appreciated.

Do contact me if you wish to discuss or put any donation in an envelope marked either for my attention or Building Upkeep and put in weekly collection or in Parish Office.

I intend to keep you regularly updated on the above projects and any further works that we embark upon in the next year.

Finally on behalf of Fr Adrian, I extend thanks and appreciation to the parishioners who using their skills and talents have carried out maintenance work during the year which has saved the parish a large amount of expenditure.

If any parishioner can give of their skills or time to carry out work to our church or buildings your help and support would be most welcome

*Kind regards and thanks,*

**Aidan Foy**  
**Property Manager**

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