



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

Jesuits in Britain:
www.jesuit.org.uk

MASS TIMES: Daily Mass: Mon - Sat at 10.00am **SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat 6.00pm vigil; Sunday 9.30am & 5.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 10.30 -11.30am & 5.30 - 5.50pm **HOLY DAYS:** 10.00am & 7.00pm

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	Fr. Andrew Moore	760640	9.00am, 11.00am
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri	Fr Peter Edwards Deacon Roger Carr-Jones	551013 428451	5.00pm vigil, 8.00am, 10.30am, 4.00pm

Churches Together in Boscombe: <http://www.ctib.community/> Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus **CONVENT: 01202 430927**

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 next weekday masses are feria except: Tues 3: St Francis Xavier SJ Sat 7: St Ambrose

1st Sunday of ADVENT Year A - 1st December 2019



WELCOME Today at the 9.30am Mass we welcome Adrian, Britta, Amy, Simon, Sasha, Rebecca, Sophie & Paul, who are on the RCIA course (Journey in Faith) and ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their period of learning and reflection.

ANOTHER ADVENT What's another year? was the name of a song that won the Eurovision Song Contest long ago! Today we start another liturgical new year, with the songs of Isaiah singing the praise of Advent. Our year of prayer will carry through to Christmas, then on to Jesus' Public life, then Lent and Holy Week and the drama of Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Then our time moves towards next Advent, when another year of liturgical prayer begins. This rhythm and pattern can be a blessing for us, providing a spiritual framework of meaning for all the bits and pieces of daily living, during the different seasons. The liturgical year can help us keep our lives grateful and centred on God.

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of expectation. During this time we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for his second coming at the end of time! Here's an instance of a woman with something to teach us this Advent. Before we had cell phones or WhatsApp or Voicemail, we depended on the humble landline. There was a mother in Mayo whose son in New York used to phone her up at eight o'clock every Sunday evening. As it neared the time her eyes were fixed on the telephone. No call in or out was allowed as she waited! She would not miss the joy of hearing her son's voice and all his news. That woman was a model for our spirit of waiting in Advent! The key attitude is one of being alert, being ready, so as not to miss the time of his coming, 'you must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect'. These words sound like a warning as though God were ready to pounce and catch us off guard with our affairs not in order! But they are also a promise, filled with hope. The coming of the Christ was and is the best of good news, a gift beyond imagining! It calls for joy and gratitude. Our response should be not fear, but awe and wonder.

John Betjeman has expressed it beautifully in this Christmas poem (*extracted*):

'Is it true? and is it true, this most tremendous tale of all, a baby in an ox's stall?

The Maker of the stars and sea become a child on earth for me.

That God was man in Palestine and lives today in bread and wine.'

Let's imagine ourselves in that stable on the first Christmas night. See there a girl from Nazareth with her quiet husband and a new baby. Then go up to Jerusalem and tell the priests what you saw. Say that helpless, newborn baby is the Anointed One, the long awaited Messiah, the Son of God. They would think you were out of your mind; they would accuse you of blasphemy; they would tell you that God is not like that. They have studied the scriptures and they know God cannot be small and vulnerable like that. But the Son of God has chosen to come among us just like that. That is the great, joyful surprise of our faith. The presence of God among us is not what we expect, not where we expect. That's how we miss it. As we begin Advent, we are invited not to miss the amazing gift of God. Be awake and look for God in the most unlikely places. Find God's call to our goodwill in the doorway where the homeless sleep. Look for God's presence where refugees are corralled. Grace is present not only in comfortable places and spaces! God is looking out from the wrinkled faces of senior citizens. It's great to be alive and wide-eyed like a child, at the beginning of our new year of grace. We can welcome this time of Advent with a heartfelt céad míle fáilte (*One hundred thousand welcomes*)

PLEASE SAY THIS PRAYER *As we prepare for the Year of God's Word beginning this Advent, which is to be followed in 2021 by a Year of the Eucharist, I wish to ask you to pray earnestly for the renewal of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Please say this prayer over these next days for our clergy and laity:*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew all the clergy, religious and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love and respect for one another and unify us as your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for the Catholic Faith, for mission, outreach and service. Help us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and needy that many more souls may be saved by finding their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen.

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

From Bishop Philip on the diocesan news site - www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/current.php



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER **Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



JOURNEY IN FAITH – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Next meeting will be **Monday 2nd December 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Memorial Room.**



CONFIRMATION - Next session Fri 6th Dec at 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Memorial Room.

WELCOMERS: Can you please advise dates you will not be available for the new Welcomers' rota for the period 1st January until 30th June 2020 by 8th December 2019. **Please contact Regina by email:** regina.farah@hotmail.com

WELCOME to St Thomas Garnet's School who will be joining us at the 10am Mass on Tuesday 3rd December for their Advent service.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CORPUS CHRISTI Friday 6th 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 world.

WHY NOT JOIN US FOR THE LAST DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR 2019 ON SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER?

We will "Celebrate the coming of Jesus, by praying with ART". In , and as usual, the day will take place in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. The day starts with teas and coffees at 10.30 for 11am and will finish by 4.15pm. Come for the whole day (bring packed lunch) or just the morning session or the afternoon session from 1.45pm. See poster.

SVP MONTHLY GATHERING Thursday 19th December in the Parish Centre coffee room 2.00pm to 3.30pm. **Come for a chat and refreshments. All welcome.**

VENEZUELAN MASS & LUNCH SUNDAY at the Annunciation Church on 8th DECEMBER - Please join the Venezuelan Community for Mass at 11am & afterwards in the large hall for lunch. All donations for the Shine Appeal.

TAIZE Christ the King Church warmly invite you and your congregation to a Taize Prayer Evening, in preparation for Advent. It will take place on Thursday 5th of December at 7.30pm at Christ the King Durdells Avenue, Kinson BH11 9EH

THE ACADEMY OF THE ANNUNCIATION opens in December with 4 study days on The Blessed Virgin Mary in Sacred Scripture from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday 4th and (repeated) on Saturday 7th, and the second day on Wednesday 11th and (repeated) on Saturday 14th. Visit the Academy website for our launch in the Year of the Word: Website: <https://www.aoa-edu.com/new-advent-study-days-announced/> Email: enquiries@aoa-edu.com Tel: 07742 150006

VOCATIONS "They shall beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks..." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother and want to explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

REPOSITORY Christmas items now in & 2020 Calendars, Diaries, etc. all available. Come in & have a browse. **Fiona Foy**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL Statutory Notice in regard to the Admission Arrangements for 2021-2022. Please see church noticeboard or read the Notice on the school website at: <http://st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/about/admissions/>

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL Consultation school's Admissions Policy for academic year 2021-22, can be found on the Admissions page at www.cccpschool.co.uk/admissions, along with the proposed new Admissions Policy. Any comments on the proposals can be sent to the Governors via: clerk@cccpschool.com.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS Completion of 'CONFIRMATION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE' or SIF Forms

See noticeboard for our procedure at Corpus Christi.

MONTHLY SUMMARY: October	S/O & D/D	GA ENVS	ENVS	LOOSE PLATE	TOTAL
<i>Thank you! for your continued generosity!</i> Society of Jesus Reg. Charity No. 230165 Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871	£2,063.00	£2,138.42	£136.00	£2,540.12	£6,877.54

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!!")



If you are a UK taxpayer please consider **GIFT AIDING** your donation. The parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated. To join the Gift Aid scheme, or if you want an annual box of offertory envelopes, please give contact details to Finance Administrator in Parish Office. **Yellow GIFT AID envelopes** available at the back of church.