



## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE : OUTREACH

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

### Calling all our Parishioners 1.

Even though in these unprecedent times we are not allowed to celebrate Mass in our Parish, we want you to know that we have not forgotten you. We are keeping you in our hearts, minds and prayers during this very difficult time.

We are being challenged to find new ways of being Church and what it means to be Church today. So, the parish church is open every day for private prayer but we are also organizing several, creative initiatives to keep in touch and continue our ministry on line.

The Sisters, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart, are offering various opportunities for us to pray together and keep in touch during the next two weeks, March 22- April 4th:

1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament On Line from the Sisters' Chapel: Mondays 4:30 – 5:30 pm [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSh03CJERYpTF7NSHcwKw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXSh03CJERYpTF7NSHcwKw?view_as=subscriber)
2. Family prayer with the kids online: 15 mins. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00pm
3. Pray the Rosary with us on line:  
Tuesdays in Portuguese 6:00 pm Youtube Channel: Handmaids Boscombe  
Thursdays in English 6:00pm
4. Want to Chat? Lonely or need to talk about something? Call 01202 430927  
We speak English, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian German.
5. Prayer requests? Please let us know who and what you would like us to pray for .  
Send your intentions to [handmaidsbournemouth@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidsbournemouth@gmail.com) or call.



**PALMS WILL BE BLESSED AND LEFT IN THE CHURCH  
FOR YOU TO COLLECT**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If we want to know who Jesus really is, who should we ask? Well, Jesus of course! We can know a lot about Jesus without really knowing Jesus. When it comes to having a relationship with him the best way to start is by talking with him. Through those conversations, we'll come to know Jesus more fully. Talk to Jesus – he's a good friend to have around

## PRAVERS AND REFLECTIONS TO HELP US DURING OUR SOCIAL DISTANCING.

**Lockdown** Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.

But, they say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise, you can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet the sky is no longer thick with fumes. But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi, people are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I knowis busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood so that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality.

To how big we really are. To how little control we really have.

To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic the birds are singing again.

The sky is clearing, Spring is coming, and we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,

Sing.

## **TIPS : BEING A CATHOLIC DURING COVID 19**

It's important to stay rooted in our faith today more than ever. With more time at home than we're used to, prioritizing prayer in our routine will make a tremendous difference. How about some of the following?

- Praying with the Sunday Mass readings
- Making a daily act of spiritual communion

“Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen”.
- Praying a daily rosary for an end to coronavirus.
- Watching a live streaming of the Mass
- Find resources on line, videos etc. and share them with other