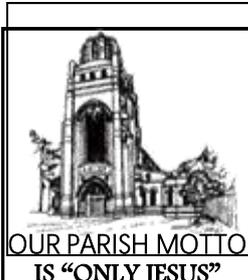


# CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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**MASS TIMES:** Daily Mass: Mon - Fri 10.00am **SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9.30am - livestreamed on YouTube or via our website **CONFESSIONS:** TEMPORARILY Wednesdays after 10am mass **HOLY DAYS:** 10.00am & 7.00pm (call to confirm)

We are part of Pastoral Area 21 (Bournemouth) in the Diocese of Portsmouth - [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/](http://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	Please contact parish directly
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, Westbourne	Fr. Andrew Moore	760640	Please contact parish directly
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri	Fr Peter Edwards Deacon Roger Carr-Jones	551013 428451	Please contact parish directly

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*



## **NEWSLETTER for Christmas, The Holy Family and Baptism of the Lord Year A** **25th, 27th December 2020 & 3rd & 10th January 2021**

"At Christmas we feel that God is very close to us and very loving towards us and this year, in particular, when we have been challenged and isolated and unable to socialise as we would like, it is important to remind ourselves that God does not abandon us. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The coming of Jesus is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah "The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus himself describes his mission in similar words terms when he said "I am the light of the world". This Christmas is very different in many ways but the centre of it is the same. The light of Christ is in our world. The light of God's love knows no setting. It continues to shine. The light of Christ comes as a friend. It brings healing not hurt, freedom not oppression, life not death. This year we have been battered and bruised and are not as free as we would like to be but the light of Christ is shining.

I am very grateful as parish priest for the prayerful and practical support you afford me. I would lie to thank especially those who made it possible for our church to be open, their generous service is much appreciated. Thank you to you all for your acceptance of the restrictions we have to put in place and your cooperation. I think especially at this time of those who are not able to come out and I want to assure them they are in my prayers and thoughts. Let us pray for an easing of life in the New year and let us all remember the light of Christ is shining. **I and Fr Hugh Duffy and the Jesuit community and Sister Eileen and the sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus wish you all a happy Christmas and all blessings for the New Year.** *Fr Adrian Howell SJ.*

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** This year will be available for limited number of people to attend. You must book a space for your household by calling 07591541089. Mass for Christmas Eve (8pm) is full but there are a few spaces for 9.30am on Christmas morning. Both masses will also be live streamed on line via our Parish website or on YouTube. *Christmas donations to Fr Adrian can be made online at our website or on our Facebook page or at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-clergy-christmas-collection>*

**Weekend masses (6.00pm Saturdays & 9.30am Sundays) will be available to book by calling the above number, unless of course our Tier restrictions are changed. Please look to the Government guidelines for more information.**



**CRIB OFFERINGS** This year the crib offerings will go to the Friends of the Holy Land. More info at [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**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 **on Monday 28th December** from 11am. Please ensure you do not park/leave your car where you may not be able to move it. *Thank you.*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION** - There will be news on these programmes around mid January.

**There will be NO Christmas Exchange box for Christmas cards this year.**



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Christ is born for us! Come, let us adore him!*

"In spite of COVID, in spite of lockdowns, in spite of the isolation, all of us have known someone this year who did their best to make us feel wanted. And we are so grateful to them as we prepared for Christmas. At our best, each of us has done what we can this past year to make others feel wanted, appreciated and included. Our prayer this Christmas will be that everyone's Christmas be blessed, happy AND social, coming in the wake of so many months of isolation and lockdown."

*Fr Frank Brennan SJ, December 2020*

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN** – Saturday **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!* **NB: NO 6pm Mass on Boxing Day.**

## HOLY FAMILY – Sunday 27th December 2020



St. Ignatius suggests that we imagine ourselves with the Holy Family, really present at the Nativity scene as described in Luke's Gospel. Place yourself there, in the imagination; see the people, the surroundings, sense the cold, even the smell of the farmyard animals.

Let Our Lady beckon you to come close to the newborn child. Then, let her say what all proud Mums might say to their friends; she asks you if you would like to hold this little one in your own arms for a moment. Accept her offer. As you imagine yourself holding, with great tenderness, the infant saviour in your arms, what do you notice? What words might you want to say to him, and to her?

Give thanks for what you receive in these moments.

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – Friday 1st January 2021 NEW YEAR'S DAY – FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Regina Coeli (Caeli)

O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,

Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia. For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Wednesday 6th January 2021

Epiphany calls us to a new vision of the world that sees beyond the walls and borders we have created and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and sisters under the loving providence of God, the Father of all. The magi's following of the star is a journey of faith, a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God that each one of us experiences in the course of our own lives. What we read and watch and listen to in search of wealth, fame and power are the "stars" we follow. The journey of the magi in Matthew's Gospel puts our own "stargazing" in perspective, calling us to fix our search on the "star" of God's justice, peace and compassion



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday 10th January 2021

In baptism, we claim the name of Christian and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ. Our baptism made each one of us the "servant" of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favour" of God.

In baptism, we embrace that same Spirit that "hovers" over us, guiding us in our journey to God.

Liturgically, the Christmas season officially comes to an end with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Now the same Spirit that "anoints" the Messiah for his mission calls us to be about the work of Christmas in this new year: to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild families and nations, to bring the peace of God to all peoples everywhere.

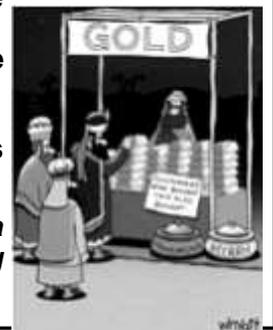
**We pray in thanksgiving for the corona 19 vaccination,  
may it be available for all peoples in all countries. Amen.**

**THANK YOU** to all at Corpus Christi and SVP Society, we would like to thank you for your continued support, especially during the last challenging year. Your kind and generous donations have benefitted many local children and their families. We hope that our partnership will continue in the new year. With love from the staff, children and families of YMCA Bournemouth Children's Centres."

**FOOD BANK collections will recommence on Friday 8th January, 10.30 - 11.30 at the side entrance to the Parish Hall.**

**PARISH OFFICE** will at the moment, only be open on Wednesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please note it will be closed on 30th Dec.

***Sandra, Georgie and Aidan wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year, with thanks for all your support during this difficult year.***



**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. Or donate online at our website: <http://www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/> or on our Facebook page. ("It's so easy to do!!")**

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