



## 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 (**9.30am Mass must be pre booked** via designated mobile 07591 541089 on the Wednesday (9am to 7pm) before. Leave your name, contact details and the number of attendees from your household. Please do not call any other number.) **CONFessions:** TEMPORARILY Wednesdays after 10am mass **HOLY DAYS:** 10.00am & 7.00pm **ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** in church Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm  
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, Charlminster 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**



### **DOUBLE NEWSLETTER 3rd & 4th Sundays of EASTER Year B** **18th & 25th April 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter.** Todays readings show that the outpouring of God's Mercy that flows from the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

First reading (Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19) This reading is an early explanation of the Passion and an example of the early witness to the Resurrection.

Second reading (1 John 2: 1-5) We show that we know God by keeping his commandments. But when we fail, Christ intercedes for us with the Father.

Gospel (Luke 24: 35-48) Jesus appears to the Apostles and commissions them to preach the Gospel to the nation. The Apostles on the first Easter Sunday were gathered in the upper room with the doors locked. They were wounded by fear, doubt, guilt, grief and despair. But when Jesus came to them, he did not blame them or scold them. He knew they were feeling upset and wounded. He said to them "Peace be with you", in receiving his peace they also received his forgiveness. The Easter story does not take away our pain or remove our fear. But it gives a new element in our lives. It gives meaning to our pain, it lights it up with hope. There is a joy for us, a deep sense of peace and encouragement. Life and love and light is stronger than death, hatred and darkness. Peace be with you!" **Thank you all. Keep safe. Fr Adrian**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter. VOCATIONS SUNDAY** is when the Church celebrates the call to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We remember other callings at other times but it is right that on one Sunday we pray especially for those God is calling to be consecrated or to be ordained as priests and deacons. The people God calls to these ways of life are people who put the extra into ordinary. Priests and religious are not extraordinary, they/we are ordinary people called to make visible the extra dimensions of ordinary life. **There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund on 24/25 April.**

**LISTEN** If God is calling, then the first task is to listen.

**LOVE** "Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being" said Pope St John Paul.

**LIVE** A disciple follows Christ through living as a consecrated person or as an ordained minister (priest or deacon) or as a lay person, single or married...but with a "vivid sense of the call of God in their lives", some "will hear the call of God to the priesthood or consecrated life."

 **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021** Applications for the First Holy Communion Programme are now available to download form the Parish website. Please return a completed hard copy to the Parish Office or email a completed copy to the Parish Office on [ccoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) - with the subject reference **FHC 2021 Application. The deadline to return applications is 12 noon on THURSDAY 20th MAY 2021.**

**You will be informed by 28th May if your child has been accepted on to this years programme.**

The celebrations will be at the end of September / start of October.

The lessons will take place in the church on Saturdays during June, July and September.

All current Covid guidelines will be followed and these dates are liable to alteration if there is a change to the Covid rules.

**SVP THANKS** to an anonymous donor for a recent donation to SVP funds which has been very gratefully received.

**#STAND WITH STAN** Fr Stan Swamy SJ is an 83-year-old priest and human rights activist who has spent his life working for the poorest and most marginalised people in India. The Indian government has pursued a campaign of harassment against Fr Stan and other human rights activists in recent years. Jesuit colleagues of Fr Stan are concerned about their own freedom and welfare.



India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested Fr Stan on the 8 October 2020. He is detained along with 15 other human rights activists all charged with terrorism. Fr Stan vehemently denies these charges.

In March, Fr Stan's lawyers applied for the elderly priest to be released on bail on medical grounds. Fr Stan is currently suffering from Parkinson's disease and is not able to receive the care he needs in prison.

On the 22nd March the bail plea was rejected by a judge in Mumbai. Yet, we still have hope.

#### How you can help

Fr Stan has now spent over 180 days including Christmas and Easter behind the bars of Taloja prison. The 26 April marks Fr Stan's 84th birthday and we are inviting you to send a birthday or Easter greeting expressing your solidarity with him.

**We intend to present the cards to the Indian High Commissioner on Fr Swamy's birthday. We hope to pass on as many of your messages to Fr Stan as possible. It would be great to get as many individually signed cards from members of your parish community as possible. We want the volume of cards presented to the High Commissioner to be as large as possible.**

Fr Stan embodies the Christian ideal of service and sacrifice. Please join us in sending him a message of hope and solidarity this Easter. The card can be very simple or even a piece of folded paper.

**Send your birthday card to the address below: Please note the deadline to send cards is Wednesday 21 April.**

Fr Stan Swamy SJ (Taloja Prison), c/o Jesuit Missions

11 Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LR



**HRH The Prince Philip, R.I.P.** "On behalf of the clergy and people of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, I wish to express to Her Majesty the Queen our heartfelt sympathy and the promise of our prayers upon the loss of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, her dear husband and father of her children. Personally, I have always admired the Prince's loyal and kindly support of the Queen in her public duties and his good-natured engagement with those whom he meets and serves in his role as her Consort. I also express gratitude to him and to Her Majesty for their witness of over seventy years of marriage and family life, which in these turbulent times gives us all an outstanding example of fidelity and stability. Now that his earthly labours are over, may the Lord show him mercy and take him to Himself in the happiness of heaven." **Bishop Philip**

**VACANCY (APRIL 2021) CARETAKER/HANDYMAN** The Governors are seeking to appoint a Caretaker/Handyman to join our team which provide high quality support to the maintenance of our school, Corpus Christi Primary. The post is 20 hours per week. Hours will be 2.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. The hourly rate is £10.21. The post is to commence asap.

If you are interested please download the information and application form from the school website [www.cccpschool.co.uk](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk) under key information >vacancies, or telephone the school office on 01202 427544 to request an application pack.

**Applications should be received by midday Monday 19th April. Interviews will be held Thursday 22nd April 2021.**

**STILL A FEW PLACES ON READERS WORKSHOPS** - Saturdays 17th and 24th April from 10 am to 1 pm – on Zoom. Join us for two workshops to equip or refresh you as a church reader. Workshop 1 is an introduction to the Liturgy and the practical skills of reading, and workshop 2 is an introduction to the Bible. Attend both workshops and sign up for reading practice with a diocesan listener to receive a diocesan Recognitio. Register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

**ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS** – Every Monday evening at 7pm for 5 weeks, starting on the 19th April – on Zoom Sr Hyacinthe will run the Essential Training for Catechists course. Find out more here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists> and register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EfXZR>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** "With the lifting of lock down on the horizon and the successful roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme Bishop Philip is inviting you to reserve a place on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage is from 19th – 23rd July 2021 More info at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes>

This year we are due to fly from Bournemouth direct to Tarbes, France a much shorter travelling distance and stay as in previous years at the Hotel La Solitude, where we can enjoy en-suite rooms and full board for the duration of our stay. We have exciting plans for our pilgrimage and if you too would like to join us then please complete a booking form and return it to us. Further details can be obtained by emailing [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phoning 07780 221686"

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. **Thank you for your steadfast support.**

**FOOD BANK collections Friday mornings 10.30-11.30am, at side entrance to the Parish Hall, in St James's Square.** The Children's Centre, Pokesdown is very grateful for donations but please NO FRESH FOOD OR NUTS Many thanks.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** "Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." **Pope Benedict XVI**

**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!!")



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 on [ccfinance@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccfinance@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)