



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

Jesuits in Britain:
www.jesuit.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITE: <http://www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/>

MASS TIMES: Daily Mass: Mon - Sat 10am **SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9.30am - livestreamed on YouTube or via our website **CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays and Wednesdays after 10am Mass **Holy days:** 10am & 7pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Mon - Fri in church till 10.30 - 11am & Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm
We are part of Pastoral Area 21 (Bournemouth) in the Diocese of Portsmouth - www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/
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*

OTHER PARISHES in our PA	PARISH PRIEST/CLERGY	TEL (01202)	WEBSITES for Mass times
ANNUNCIATION, Charminster ST EDMUND CAMPION, Castlepoint	Fr Bernardine Nsom Deacon Barry Jennings	513369	www.annunciation-stedmundcampion.co.uk/
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, Westbourne	Fr. Leslie Adams (from 8th Sept 2021)	760640	www.catholicwestbourne.org/
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri	Fr Peter Edwards Deacon Roger Carr-Jones	551013 428451	www.bournemouthoratory.org.uk/



**WELCOME TO ALL
VISITORS TO
CORPUS CHRISTI.**

NEWSLETTER

21st SUNDAY of Year B 22nd August 2021



"Life offers us a fundamental choice. If we choose to follow the words of Jesus, we are guaranteed a share in a unique, loving and utterly faithful relationship with God.

First reading (Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18) Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision - to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Second reading (Ephesians 5: 21-32) St Paul used the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.

Gospel (John 6: 60-69) The disciples of Jesus are faced with a decision - to stay with Jesus or to leave him.

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is a freedom of choice. God's respect for our freedom is a sign of his great love for us. Possessive love tries to control the loved one. God does not control us. He has given us the freedom to choose between good and evil. If we choose wrongly God does not stop loving us. God wants to heal and forgive us. If we follow Jesus Christ we will always be free. We are free, not when we do whatever we please, but when we do what is right." **Fr Adrian.**

PRAYERS FOR PLYMOUTH The Right Reverend Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth, has issued a statement on the fatal shootings which took place in the Keyham area of Plymouth in which six people were killed on the evening of Thursday 12 August. "It is with a deep sense of shock and sadness that we heard of the terrible shootings in our beloved city. Personally, I offer my support and my prayers for all those who have died and for their loved ones. I know that I will be joined in that prayer and support by all the Catholic community. Our churches are open in the city as places of oasis – safe spaces in which people can come to pray and reflect – to remember those who have died and their families at this time." Our parish of Corpus Christi offers our prayers and condolences to the community of our neighbouring Diocese of Plymouth.

Loving and merciful Lord, we commit to your loving care those who have died,
beseeching you to receive their souls into the mercy of your love.
Comfort their loved ones who mourn and all those who are hurting.
Enable them to meet the lonely and painful days ahead in the strength of your love.
Let us not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Amen**

PRAYERS FOR HAITI - Pope Francis said "I want to express my closeness to the dear people hard hit by the earthquake. While I lift up my prayer to the Lord for the victims, I extend my word of encouragement to the survivors, hoping that the interest of the international community to help might move toward them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy!"

Many organizations are accepting donations to assist with the emergency response to the Haiti earthquake including:

----- CAFOD <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Haiti-earthquake-appeal>

----- Caritas Internationalis: www.caritas.org/donate-now/haiti-earthquake-2021





POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK INTENTION FOR AUGUST "The people of God, and all people of good will, have many concerns that they want to bring to their prayer, as does Pope Francis; yet some of our prayer may be devoted to his particular intention selected for this month, which is: **"Let us pray for the Church, that it may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform itself in the light of the Gospel"**. Let us remember his Intention, then, in our own prayers and at Holy Mass, especially on the First Friday of the month which is always the worldwide Day of Prayer, in the Church, each month, for the Pope's Intention." More information can be found at the Pathways to God website <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/praying-pope> **FIRST FRIDAY** is observed on the first Friday of every month in Corpus Christi Church 2.00pm - 5.00pm. **All are welcome.**

AFGHANISTAN - PRAY FOR PEACE Hours before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, Pope Francis expressed his hope for the peace and safety of the country's citizens. **"I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue,"** the Pope said during his Angelus address. "Only through dialogue," he added, "can the battered population of that country—men, women, elderly and children — return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect." *VATICAN CITY (CNS)*



Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East
God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. **Amen**



Reverend Said Ailabouni

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. **Thank you**

VOCATIONS Intercession: That trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord. "Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

STOP IT NOW Freephone helpline for confidential advice - if you suspect someone is sexually abusing a child, or you are worried about your own thoughts/behaviour - call 0808 1000 900

TRAVELLING (even on a staycation!) OR GOING TO UNI? Take **Pray As You Go** with you! Go to www.pray-as-you-go.org/ Download on your mobile. A framework for 10 mins of personal prayer, combining music, scripture & reflection.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do." **St Thomas Aquinas**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS 2021

SECONDARY SCHOOL, Southbourne Site Thursday 23rd September 5pm – 8.30pm.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, Iford site. Thursday 14th October, 6.00pm - 7.30pm.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING, Southbourne site. Thursday 7th October 5.30pm – 8.30pm

For more information call the School on 01202 421141



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

OUR PROCEDURE for members of CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH: To have a Religious Practice form signed by a priest:

1. **Complete the SIF form (Please tick the appropriate attendance box and contact details)**
2. Write a **SEPARATE COVERING LETTER** (include your telephone number) stating your regularity to **WEEKEND Mass**, how long you have worshipped at Corpus Christi, & any other involvement in the church. **Please be as honest and open as possible.**
3. Put both the form & covering letter in an envelope & post through the door of Parish Office, No:18 St James Square.

OUT OF COURTESY, PLEASE DO NOT ASK ANY PRIEST DIRECTLY TO SIGN A FORM.

RETURN OF ALL FORMS: If the form is correct and has a covering letter it will be offered to the Parish Priest for signing. Once processed, parents will be contacted to come and pick it up from the Parish Office to take directly to the school.

(SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS closing date is 31st October 2021 Please do not leave it to the last minute, as forms will not be signed on the day & may take up to a week to get it signed, stamped and back to you. Parish Administrator)

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