



# CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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## CORPUS CHRISTI MASS TIMES:

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

& Sunday 10.00am and 5.00pm

(6.00pm & 10.00am masses livestreamed  
on YouTube or via our website)



**DAILY MASS:** Mon - Sat 10.00am

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 10.00am & 7.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 10.30 -11.30am & 5.30 - 5.50pm

## ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon - Fri 10.30am - 11.00am; Wednesdays 7.00 to 8.00pm

We are part of Pastoral Area 21 (Bournemouth) in the Diocese of Portsmouth, under Bishop Philip Egan  
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/)  
Member of Churches Together in Boscombe:  
<http://www.ctib.community/>

**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*

Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus **CONVENT: 01202 430927**

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	<a href="http://www.annunciation-stedmundcampion.co.uk/">www.annunciation-stedmundcampion.co.uk/</a>
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, Westbourne	Fr. Leslie Adams	760640	<a href="http://www.catholicwestbourne.org/">www.catholicwestbourne.org/</a>
SACRED HEART, Bournemouth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri	Fr Peter Edwards Deacon Roger Carr-Jones	551013 428451	<a href="http://www.bournemouthoratory.org.uk/">www.bournemouthoratory.org.uk/</a>

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR - See Parish Christmas Card



## DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**and Second Sunday of Christmas Year C**  
**26th December 2021 & 2nd January 2022**



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** "Even though we honour them as the Holy Family, it does not mean they never had problems to face, as every family must. Just as every Christian has a share in the cross of Christ, the Holy Family also experienced the cross in their shared life. To mention just a few examples, we can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. Joseph was even planning to divorce Mary privately before being assured that it was the work of God. Nine months later, the birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found.

St Luke has another story to illustrate what trials were faced by Mary and Joseph, in trying to understand the development of Jesus as a young person. When he was twelve, they were shocked to lose him for three days and then had to deal with the unsatisfactory explanation that he "had to be about his Father's business." Still, he returned with them to Nazareth and was subject to them, in the quiet rhythm of family life in their village. We do not hear of Joseph any more after that so we presume that he had died before Jesus began his public ministry. Then too, the public life of Jesus must have taken its toll on Mary. In the Temple when he was an infant, old Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. How she must have been pained to hear his enemies say that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners, and at the end, when Mary watched her son die in public disgrace, on the cross.

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses? What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and trust. Whenever families are happy, it is where love and respect are highly prized among them. We pray for an outpouring of those qualities in our families today. A major threat to family life nowadays is that we don't spend enough time together, in friendly conversation. We are so busy working, socialising, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other .... **Let us make a change this year!**

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/>

**CRIB OFFERINGS** This year the crib offerings will go to the **Friends of the Holy Land**. They fund a mixture of sustainable and immediate relief work in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. They support the Christian population of the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, working in partnership with organisations such as the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Pontifical Mission of Palestine and Jerusalem, and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MASS** The intention for 10am Mass on 26th December (usually St Stephen's Day, Patron Saint of Altar Servers) will be for all our Altar Servers, **who we thank for their dedication and faithfulness to their Ministry.**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR FR ADRIAN, OUR PARISH PRIEST.** If you would like to make an online donation please go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-christmas-collection-2022> This can also be found on our Parish website



## **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – SATURDAY 1st JANUARY 2022** “Marvelling and Treasuring.”

Today on the feast of the Holy Mother of God, which is the octave day of Christmas, we see Mary, in the Gospel, marvelling at what has happened, treasuring the events of Christmas in her memory, and pondering them in her heart. The image is that of the contemplative woman who ponders the marvels the Almighty has done for her and for all people. She ponders in response to what the shepherds said to her. Those simple, humble shepherds had preached the Gospel to her, repeating what had been told to them by the angels, “Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” It is this good news, this gospel, that she treasured and pondered over. The same Gospel has been preached to us, and we are invited to treasure it, to ponder on it and to respond to it, as Mary did. Today, New Year’s day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better new year’s resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary’s stance before the grace of God? Today’s feast invites us to share in Mary’s sense of awe and wonder before God’s merciful love, made known to us in Christ, her son. As we look towards the new year, which begins today, we ask Mary to help us to treasure the gospel as she did, so that Christ might come to others through us as he came to us through Mary. <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/>



## **EPIPHANY THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022 - MASSES WILL BE AT 10.00AM AND 7.00PM.**

“Many of you have probably heard the song “The 12 Days of Christmas.” It’s a true classic. But not everybody is familiar with the real 12 days of Christmas. In the Church, the Christmas season actually begins the day after Christmas and ends 12 days later. Today, on the twelfth day of Christmas, we conclude this wonderful time of year by celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God.

Today’s gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who travelled to visit Jesus following his birth. They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolized their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship, and symbolized the holiness of Jesus. And myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it’s a time of rejuvenation for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today’s gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God’s call. <https://www.mercyhome.org/>



**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2022** For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**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 from 10am on Wednesday 29th to 10am on Thursday 30th December.** Please do not park/leave your car where you may not be able to move it. Thank you.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS’ EVENING Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm in Church.** This is for those parents/carers/guardians of those children who have been accepted on this years programme only. Please do not bring any children with you to the meeting. The children’s sessions will begin on Sat 22nd January 2022.

**DIOCESAN FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM ONLINE COURSES:** Essential Training for Catechists starting 10th Jan Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=1234567890> and for the Further Training: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=1234567890>

**Workshops for Those who care of children with Additional/special needs**, starting 13th Jan. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=1234567890>

All the initiatives are listed on website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>



**IT’S BACK - OH NO IT ISN’T!! OH YES IT IS!! CINDERELLA PANTOMIME** All Saints’ Dramatic Society, presents the much-loved panto classic, ‘Cinderella’, at Corpus Christi Parish Centre in January 2022. The show opens on Friday 7th January, with nine performances over two weekends, closing on Sunday 16th January; four matinee performances are planned. Tickets can be bought online, [www.ticketsource.co.uk/](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/) asds or by calling 07548 100770. Don’t delay, book today!

**PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** Completion of ‘CONFIRMATION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE’ or SIF Forms Please put your completed form (complete attendance box & contact details) into an envelope with a **separate covering letter** that states your regularity to Mass, how long you have worshipped at Corpus Christi and if you do any activity in the parish. Please make sure your contact details on the letter and/or form. All processed forms will need to be picked up from the Parish Office. **Please check the return date for your school application - St Peter’s is 15th January 2022.** (Please note Parish office is closed until 5th January 2022.)

**FOOD BANK** There will be NO food bank collections on Fri, Sat, Sun 24-26 Dec. Inclusive and again the following Fri, Sat, Sun 31 Dec- 2nd. Jan. inc. due to the closure of the children’s centre during that period. *Thank you for all your generous contributions to those in need.*

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed until Wednesday 5th January 2022.  
*A very Happy New Year and safe 2022 to everyone from Sandra, Georgie and Aidan.*

**TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER** (Can be Gift Aided) Go to your bank: 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.

**GIFT AID** If you are a UK taxpayer please consider Gift Aiding your donation. The parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated, at no extra cost to you. To join the Gift Aid scheme, or if you want an annual box of offertory envelopes, please send contact details to: [ccfinance@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ccfinance@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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