



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



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IS "ONLY JESUS"

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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/
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 |
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| 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 | 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/ |

LITURGICAL CALENDAR All next weekday masses are of the third week of Lent, except: Fri 25: The Annunciation of the Lord



NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of LENT Year C - 20th March 2022

LEARN FROM THE GARDENER "Death stares out at us from our newspapers and TV screens. Apart from natural deaths, somewhere in the world there's always some natural calamity, a terrorist attack, ethnic brutalities, murder for gain, epidemics, tsunamis, earthquake or famine. Death does not predict its calendar, but is a certain fate for us all. People who were expected to live to old age die suddenly while others whose childhood was marked by illness often survive to a remarkable age.

Our reactions to other people's death can be either a philosophical acceptance like, "Maybe it was his/her time to go" or a more shocked sense of loss: "It should not have happened so soon!" When people told Jesus how some Galileans died, victims of Pilate's anger, they wondered how God could have let this happen; but instead of explaining it, Jesus asks "do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?" He goes on to warn about the need of repentance.. "unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!" and illustrates this with the parable of the fruitless tree.

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words "Repent or you will perish" remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: "The un-examined life is not worth living." The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked "Weren't we supposed to preach today?" Francis replied, "Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!" He summed up his idea in these words "Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words." To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

The gardener in the Gospel asked the owner of the vineyard to give the barren fig tree another chance to produce fruit. He promised to dig around it and manure it, to give it one last chance to prove itself. It suggests that we too need to nurture our faith and commit ourselves to being helpful to the lives of others. Are we nurturing our faith and trying to love, so as to bear the kind of fruit God wants from us?" <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2022/03/20-march-2022-3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

CONGRATULATIONS to all our First Holy Communion children who experienced their first Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) last Saturday. We pray for them & their families and thank all who prepared them for this Sacrament and continue to support them on their journey to Christ.



KATHLEEN WOOD RIP The 10am Mass on Monday 28th March will be a funeral Mass for Kathleen Wood. *May she rest in peace.*

DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be on Fridays at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm. The intention for the 6.00pm Friday Masses here will be for 'Peace in Eastern Europe.'

CONFIRMATION The next session date is Friday 25th March. 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Drop off at the Memorial Room - Pick up from church



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Next sessions in the Parish Centre are on Saturday 26th March & 2nd April. Group Y is 14:00 to 15:30 and Group O is 16:00 to 17:30. Please be prompt to drop off & pick up.



CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER CHALLENGE IS BEING TAKEN UP BY ANNIE BENFIELD You can help families whose lives are in danger because of hunger and malnutrition. Sponsor Annie today to help communities around the world overcome poverty and hunger. Contact her on 01202 422518

BISHOPS' SUPPORT UKRAINE At a meeting in London on Friday, 4th March 2022, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland said:

"In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals. We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons. We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace. We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare."

JESUIT MISSIONS UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL Paul Chitnis, Director of JM, writes "Dear Friends, In the last fortnight we have seen a tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. Russia's invasion has led to mass displacement and violence against men, women and children. I am aware of the tremendous amount of goodwill that exists and a desire to address the suffering of the people of Ukraine. Here in the United Kingdom, the proximity of the conflict brings home to many the reality of those around the world who are faced with war, conflict and injustice

I urge you all to support Jesuit Mission's Ukraine Emergency Appeal. **Please see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/work/emergencies/crisis-in-ukraine-2/> for more information and a link to our donations page.**

Thanks to the international partnership between Jesuit Missions, a member of the Xavier Network, and Jesuit Refugee Service in Europe, your financial donations will help provide emergency shelter, food and essential items, facilitate transportation for the refugee population, provide legal assistance and psychosocial support, as well as other protection mechanisms to support the Ukrainian people. I extend my sincere thanks for your continued support of our international relief and development efforts. Your contributions help to transform the lives of the most vulnerable people. Together we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. In Christ" **More info at: <https://www.jesuits.global/2022/03/03/the-society-of-jesus-coordinates-support-for-crisis-in-ukraine/> which will give further information**



STELLA MARIS On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

PACE PART-TIME SENIOR SUPERVISOR ROLE PACE is recruiting a Senior Supervisor to work in schools with Pastoral Care Workers, Designated Safeguarding Leads and Senior Leadership Team members. Part-time at 6 hours a week for 45 weeks a year and is very flexible. Salary £29,000 - £31,000 full-time equivalent (dependent on experience), to start ASAP Go to <https://thepacetrust.blogspot.com/2021/05/part-time-deputy-pastoral-care-work.html> Applicants should contact us for a detailed Job Description/application form: office@pacetrust.org.uk More info on PACE at <http://thepacetrust.blogspot.com/> **Closing date for applications: Thursday 31st March 2022**

NEW COURSES ON OFFER FROM DIOCESAN FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM

Getting ready for re-starting Children's Liturgy. We know that this specially adapted liturgy of the Word enables us to bring the Lord to our children (and their parents) in a big way. We will be seeing how we can undertake this safely, how we can re-inspire our liturgy leaders, how we can welcome new leaders to the team and how we can train them in the best approaches. Training course over three Tuesday evenings on Zoom from **29th March**, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. If you have any questions contact CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please register using the link <https://tinyurl.com/FFM-CLOW-22>

Introduction to Prayer for beginners Prepare for Holy Week with 2 sessions to introduce Prayer in a very simple way, using the Catechism of the Catholic Church's section on prayer. This course is open to everyone and will be led by the Dominican Sisters, and will take place on **Thursdays 31st March and 7th April** 7.30 to 9.00 pm. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqduCtrz0vG9D1wsJLK49Tv6YzF10NKi46>

FOOD BANK Collections are at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. Also **Friday mornings collections - 10.30-11.30am**, at side entrance to the Parish Hall, in St James's Square. **Thank you for all your generous contributions to those in need.**

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

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