

During the pandemic, there were many things that we missed doing. Some were quite personal, often related to the absence of opportunities to gather with family and friends. Having our churches locked was a cause of distress to many I know. One event which I missed acutely was the formal Remembrance Service held on the British Military Base in Episkopi. More than two thousand would attend before Covid, serving personnel together with retired Veterans who live on the island. The British Legion hosted another Service at Paphos harbour which attracted even bigger crowds. As they say: 'you don't always appreciate what you have until it's gone.' Everyone was relieved last November when we could once again hold a Service of Remembrance. As two Veterans said to me: "at our age you can never be quite sure if this is your last one!"

All over our country, and abroad, people gathered on Friday 11 November and many will stop again this Sunday to remember. Taking a few minutes to reflect is a way of honouring the sacrifice of those, those many, who gave their lives to defend the freedoms we now enjoy. The war in Ukraine reminds us how fragile that can be – and shouldn't be taken for granted. Back in two World Wars the vast majority of those who died were young. In more recent times UK Service Personnel lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. We owe it to them never to forget. And so: 'at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.' *Fr John*

<u>CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE TODAY</u> (13th) Remembrance Sunday, there will be a CTIB joint service at the Quaker meeting house, 16 Wharncliffe Rd, BH5 1AH at 6.00 pm. It is also the occasion when we will formally welcome Julian Tawn as CTIB chairperson. It would be great if there is attendance in plenty. A warm welcome to all to share in this special Meeting for Remembrance......refreshments afterwards. *All welcome*.

<u>ADVENT IS COMING... 'MY DAY BY DAY' ADVENT</u> booklet 2022 is now available at the back of Church for only £1.00 *Please put money in the pamphlet slot.*

There are also a few booklets for Infants and Juniors - please take one per family as a gift from the parish.

<u>RED MISSION BOXES</u> Please can you bring your red mission boxes to either the 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday <u>27th November</u> so that we can empty them? I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. Thank you in advance, *Sharon McAndrew*.

We will be having a MISSIO Appeal in our Parish of Corpus Christi on 10/11 December at all Masses.

<u>OUR PARISH SVP</u> is hoping to provide the facilities of a 'WARM ROOM', as winter approaches, for those who may well find themselves feeling the cold. Initially on Wednesday's and commencing as soon as manageable, it would operate in the small hall (coffee room) from 1.00pm to 3.30pm with a welcoming cuppa for all. Plans are in place to increase the extent of that provision if the need arises.

We do need additional support and SVP would welcome offers of help from other members of the parish with this new project to making it a warm and welcoming activity.

If you feel that you would like to be involved, please give Peter (McGargle) a ring on 07731 776668 for further info.

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<u>REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN NOVEMBER</u> There will be a remembrance book to the side of the Altar for you to enter names of loved ones. They will be remembered daily at Mass during the month.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023 applications are NOW AVAILABLE. Please complete an application form - available from the back of church or online - return date 27th November 2022. If you are going to email the application, **please make sure the photo/scan is of good quality.**

CONFIRMATION 2023 It has been decided that we will take applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation now to be held next year. Please complete an application form - available from the back of church or online - return date 27th November 2022.

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR Christmas Joy - A Festive concert Sunday 27th November at 3pm in the De La Salle Theatre, St Catherine's Road Southbourne. Joined by children of St Joseph's, Avonwood and St Walburga's Primary schools.



Tickets from: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-community-choir/t-mojzkae Or scan the QR code.

AN ADVENT WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER, Sunday 4th - Friday 9th December 2022. This week is one way in which we can seek to enrich our prayer life; spending around 30 minutes in prayer each day and with the help of a prayer accompanier who you will meet daily, we explore the nudges of God in our lives. The format is very simple, and no previous experience is needed. If you think you would like to take part in the week, please keep the dates free. We will also be holding a "Come and See" evening on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 in Corpus Christi Memorial Room for you to find out more. For further information/registration/booking form please email- heartsonfiresouth@gmail.com or call 07740389664. Or see information leaflet/booking form in porch. Hearts of Fire Group, Ignatian Spirituality on the South Coast.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL Caretaker/Hygiene Supervisor The Governors are seeking to appoint a Caretaker/Hygiene Supervisor to join our team which provides high quality support to our school. The post is 20 hours per week. Hours will be 4 hours per day, Monday to Friday. If you are interested please download the information and application form from the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk under key information >vacancies, or telephone the school office on 01202 427544 for an application pack. Applications should be received by midday Monday 5th December 2022. Interviews will be held Wednesday 7th December. Corpus Christi School is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR The sixth World Day of the Poor will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on today (13th November), with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). The Pope's message and other information can be found at: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor/

A Novena for the poor can be found by going to: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-world-day-of-the-poor-2022/

HANDEL'S MESSIAH Please join University Music's choirs and orchestra for a performance of Handel's much-loved oratorio on Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm in St. Ambrose Church, Westbourne BH4 8BE. To reserve tickets £15 (students & under 18's free) please email musicadmin@bournemouth.ac.uk or purchase at the door (card payments only)

CARITAS - HEAD OF CHARITY VACANCY Full time. Salary up to £45k depending on experience. "Caritas is the practical expression of Christian love in our world. " Are you an experienced leader in the Charitable sector able to provide drive, motivation and passion to make a real and lasting difference to those in need in our local communities and beyond so that the love of Christ may be visible as part of our Christian love for people in their time of need. We are looking for someone who is confident to represent and promote the work of the Diocese in this area and has highly developed interpersonal and presentation skills as well as a deep knowledge of effective governance in the Charity sector. You will have an affinity for the principles and teachings of the Catholic Church, to motivate you to take our work and our organisation forward and realise our goals as part of our ten year Mission plan. "You Will Be My Witnesses". For full job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Ghistings in Gaven, lot of hope the product of the p this Christmas online at https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/ or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super 😱 soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges. Brochures at back of Church or scan the QR code.



ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 Celebrations. or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 🔳 business bank details, which are: PRCDTR BOURNEMOUTH CORPUS CHRISTI 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: accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No. 246871 To donate via Give As You Live - click on the QR CODE

