

CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
& Sunday 10.00am and 5.00pm

(Please note: Our 6.00pm & 10.00am masses
livedreamed 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 THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays after 10am Mass until 11am.



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** For Chaplaincy call 03000194221
(Catholic Mass Wed 6pm)

Poole Hospital For Chaplaincy call: 0300 019
2167 (Catholic Mass Thurs 6.30pm)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR This week all masses are feria mass of Advent.
See Christmas card or Website for services over Christmas and New Year.

DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SUNDAYS Year A

25th December 2022 & 1st January 2023

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CHRISTMAS

This is my first Christmas with you in Corpus Christi Parish. I pray that each of you, and members of your families, enjoy a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. These good wishes come from me and on behalf of Deacon Greg, Father Hugh and the Jesuit Community. As clergy who seek to serve you, our prayer is that the joy of this feast will take hold of you – even in these difficult and challenging times – so that you may 'have life, and have it to the full.' Jesus came to identify with us in all the circumstances of our lives, the tough as well as the good, and proclaimed the Good News so that we could be drawn closer into the life of God. Whatever gifts we exchange with others, the gift of God's only Son is the greatest we could ever receive because his birth brought with it the opportunity for us to understand our lives in a whole new way.

I'm also conscious that, at this time of year, a number of us will be feeling the gap left by a loved one who died during the past twelve months. Christmas is a moment when we remember them, give thanks for them and pray for them.

Father John



CRIB OFFERINGS This year any Offerings you leave at the Crib are going to support the work of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This sounds a very grand title! In fact, it is an organisation dedicated to helping the people of Palestine, especially in the Christian Arab areas, who face a daily struggle to find work and look after their families. This support makes a huge difference, especially for young people in accessing education. So, whatever you put in the basket by the Crib will be carefully and wisely used in the Holy Land.

Father John

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Amidst our celebrations this Christmas, let us pause a while to look around and recognize that Jesus, who was born into the world over two thousand years ago, is among us in every person and in every trial and tribulation we encounter in our lives. Let us take a moment to recognize Him in those who do not have joy and peace in their lives, and ask for the grace of gratefulness in our own lives.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS By tradition, your Offering at the Christmas Masses is for the personal use of the Parish Priest. This (together with the Offering at Easter) forms a substantial part of his annual taxable income. Like all monies given through the parish, this Offering can be Gift-Aided by those who pay income tax - yellow envelopes at the back of the church are available for this purpose. **Thank you.** We also have a dedicated page on the fundraising platform, *Give As You Live*, which enables online donations to be made. Here is the link to your dedicated Christmas Collection page:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-christmas-collection--2022>

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 **Wednesday 28th December after 10am Mass**. Please ensure you do not park/leave your car where you may not be able to move it. Thank you.

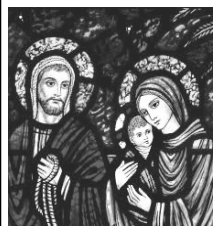
PARISH OFFICE will be closed now until the 3rd January. It will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Aidan, Georgie and Sandra wish you all a happy, blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year!

Thank you for all the help and support we receive from the Parish.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP - As mentioned in the Bishop's Pastoral letter last week, Bishop Philip has given us all a Christmas gift of a book "Lord I am not Worthy" - ***please take one.***

CHRISTMASTIME SERVICES: TODAY Christmas Day Morning Mass 10.00am (No other Masses today); **Monday 26th December: St Stephen Mass 11.00am** (a special one for all our altar servers, on the Feast of their Patron Saint. Please remember to wear your medals! Followed by refreshments in the Memorial Room.) **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE;** Tues 27th - Sat 31st Dec 10am Mass **2023** Sunday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God Masses: 6.00pm (vigil); 10.00am; 5.00pm Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th Jan Mass 10.00am; **Friday 6th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord Masses: 10.00am & 7.00pm** Sat 7th Jan: Mass 10.00 am Confessions from 10.30am & 5.30pm-5.50pm Sunday 8th January: The Baptism of the Lord Masses: 6.00pm (vigil); 10.00am; 5.00pm.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 30th December The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighbourhoods, and communities. It is also our annual diocesan day of prayer for those in the ministry of Safeguarding and when we pray for children and vulnerable adults, for the victims of abuse and give thanks for our diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, members of the Safeguarding Commission and our parish safeguarding representatives



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – 1st January 2023
NEW YEAR'S DAY – FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Father, source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart draw your Spirit to rest on your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Wishing you all Blessed & wonderful New Year. May your lives be enriched by your faith in 2023.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Friday 6th January 2023 Masses at 10am and 7.00pm today.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany - the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. **Fr Pius Parsch**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place on January 8th and 22nd at 10.00am Sunday mass. **A peaceful and happy Christmas to you all.**

MISSIO THANKS - We generously raised £523.12 for the recent Mill Hill (Mission) appeal and also a total of 20 new red box holders signed up. **Thank you for your support!**

LIVE CONCERT on **Friday 30th December 2022 at 7pm** in the **Annunciation Church** Mexican guitarist and soprano will perform Classical and Contemporary Music pieces. Minimal donation of £5 would be appreciated in support of parish.

OUR PARISH SVP will be providing a 'WARM ROOM' on Wednesdays, for those who may well find themselves feeling the cold during the winter. It will re-open on **Wed 4th Jan 2023** in the small hall (coffee room) **with revised times - from after morning Mass to 2.00pm** with a welcoming cuppa for all. **Contact Peter (McGargle) on 07731 776668 for further info.**

ALL SAINTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY FAMILY PANTO - DICK WHITTINGTON 6th- 15th JANUARY 2023 You can buy tickets online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds Tickets £13, £11, £7 Family tickets £35. There are songs for every age-group and every mood, lots of comedy, physical and verbal, and even a visit to the mysterious island of ... but that would be telling! **We look forward to welcoming you to 'Corpus Christi Parish Centre' for a fun start to the new year.**

BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: Lewis-Manning Hospice Care will be collecting and recycling trees, for a small donation, from the BH1- BH23 postcodes in the New Year 6th & 7th Jan (register before 3rd Jan). Go to <https://lewis-manning.org.uk/christmas-tree-collection/>

REPOSITORY The Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass. **Fiona Foy**

FOOD BANK COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS We will restart collections from Friday 6th January 2023.

Normal 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.**

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE BOX Any cards not collected by 1st week in January will be recycled.



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**

