

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
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 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 for services over Christmas and New Year.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 18th December 2022



READY FOR CHRISTMAS With Christmas Day falling on a Sunday this year we've had the benefit of a long Advent with four full weeks. Schools have now broken for the holiday and families will be getting together in the coming days (despite travel disruption). Last minute plans are being put in place and we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus here at Corpus Christi Church. As you see elsewhere on this Newsletter, we have three Masses at Christmas: 6pm and also 9pm on Christmas Eve (Saturday) with one Mass at 10am on Christmas Day itself. I look forward to welcoming you and celebrating this important event in our life as Christians. God chose to be born as one like us so that we could draw closer to him in our daily lives. And God did this for one reason only: because he loves us individually more than we can imagine. This amazing love God has for us is the miracle of Christmas.

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. I've seen at first hand the huge difference this makes, especially for young people in accessing education, with the help of this organisation. So, whatever you put in the basket by the Crib will be carefully and wisely used in the Holy Land. **Father John**

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>

REPOSITORY still has a few 2023 Calendars, Wood Scroll Calendars & Diaries, including the Corpus Christi Diaries. Please come in & have a browse. Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass. In addition to these opening times, prior to Christmas, the shop will be open on a Saturday morning at 10.30am. **Fiona Foy**

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 and on Wed 11th Jan**, in the small hall (coffee room) with revised times - from after morning Mass to 2.00pm with a welcoming cuppa for all. If you feel that you would like to be helped, please give Peter (McGargle) a ring on 07731 776668 for further info.

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 CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas card that gives dates and times of services over Christmas and New Year. Available from Church porch. Services can also be found on our website.
Christmas time: Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve Mass 10.00am; 6.00pm Blessing of the Crib and First Mass of Christmas; 8.30pm Carols & Readings; 9.00pm Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed 23rd December to the 3rd January. Will re-open on Wednesday 4th January.

A REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - from CAFOD

"When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home." **Matthew 1:24**

Joseph had made up his mind to divorce Mary, when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, telling him not to be afraid. Joseph listens to the angel and welcomes Mary and her unborn child into his home.

Home is so important. It is more than just a place to live. It is, or should be, a place of safety, of welcome. A place where we can relax and rest, where we can be comfortable. It is a place where we belong.

A sad reality is that many women around the world struggle to keep their homes if they are widowed, since their countries deny them legal rights to the marital property when their spouses die. Garmeh, a widow and mother of four in Liberia, faced eviction along with her four children when she lost her husband.

We worked with local experts to help Garmeh prove her right to the property she shared with her husband and children. They can now live without the threat of homelessness hanging over them.

Recently we caught up with Garmeh again. Tragically, her oldest daughter has died and so Garmeh is now looking after three grandchildren as well as her own children. Things have been really tough, but they would have been even harder without the security of her own home as she says:

"I want to thank God and the people of CAFOD for helping me to possess my house. As a widow I continue to face daily economic challenges since I lost my husband. Imagine if I was going to be thrown out by my late husband's family. How would I have coped with all these challenges?"

Advent prayer: Come, Lord, prince of peace. Let us listen to your word as it whispers in our hearts: "Do not be afraid." Grant us the courage to build peace in our homes, our local community and our world. Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar/18-December>



Garmeh outside her home in her Liberia. She has faced many challenges since the death of her husband but having her own home has been really helpful.
Credit: CAFOD

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA have provided Christmas posters, that will be available at the back of church this weekend. These posters are being distributed to most parishes as part of the Knights' **'Keep Christ in Christmas'** campaign. **Please take yours home today.**

ALL SAINTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY PANTO - DICK WHITTINGTON 6TH - 15TH JANUARY 2023

Rehearsals are now well underway for All Saints Dramatic Society's January, 2023 family pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. If you are not already a member of ASDS's Friends' Scheme, which gives you tickets for every show, priority choice of seats, it's never too late to join; or you can buy tickets online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds **Tickets £13, £11, £7. Family Ticket is £35.** Come along to see whether Fairy Bow Bells and Tom the Cat, always a favourite with children, can help Dick Whittington to overcome the evil Queen Rat and her colony of mischievous Ratlings – and convince Alderman Fitzwarren that he is both honest and a worthy suitor for Fitzwarren's feisty daughter Alice. 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/>

FOOD BANK COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS We will be collecting food donations up to, and including, **TODAY (18th)** and 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 To try and keep the church a "tidy zone" please, if you want to leave Christmas cards for fellow parishioners, use the Christmas Card Exchange Box. *The box will not be managed by the Parish Office* and any cards not collected by 1st week in January will be recycled. **Merry Christmas.**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY 2024-25 proposed changes to the Admissions Policy for 2024-25 (i.e for pupils seeking entry in September 2024), can be read in the Consultation Information Document (with a table of changes for ease of understanding - **the key change involves the removal of levels of practice from the three faith categories and thus the requirement to provide a SIF**), on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

The school is taking part in the Coordinated Consultation Scheme operated by BCP which runs between 12 December 2022 and 28 January 2023. Governors will consider all responses to the consultation process at a meeting after the closing date, before ratifying the final policy. **If you wish to comment on the policy please email: swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk**



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

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