

# 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/](http://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** All masses are feria mass of Advent except; Wed 7: St Ambrose Thurs 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 4th December 2022



**APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONS** Before the pandemic changed our lives, each year a Missionary Order would be invited to visit parishes to speak about their work and seek financial assistance. This was all disrupted by Covid and the closure of churches. We are gradually getting back to normal and next weekend we welcome Father Philip Amek from the Mill Hill Missionaries who will preach at the three Masses and ask your support to continue the work being done in very challenging circumstances in other parts of the world. Because this Appeal was booked in (I know Advent may not be ideal but the availability of a Preacher made this necessary) we did not have the usual Mission Sunday collection in October as I am hoping we can combine our efforts in the Second Collection next weekend. Please listen to what Father Philip has to share with us, and give whatever support you are able to. Thank you in advance. **Fr John**

There is a table in the entrance area of the church with various bits and pieces. There's no charge (I'm just keen that they are put to good use) but if you do want to make a donation then the money will be used to buy food for the local Foodbank in the run-up to Christmas. Please only take items you will actually use! **Fr John**

**TEN YEAR PLAN FOR OUR DIOCESE** A meeting will be held at 6pm TODAY (4th) here in the Church. Please come along and help shape our response to the Plan (available on the diocesan website: [portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).) We have been asked to consider four questions for Reflection and 'comment':

1. Reflecting on the information we have shared, are there any priorities you feel we have missed from our Ten-Year Mission Plan?
2. What else, beyond what is set out in the plan, do we need to do to realise this plan as a Diocese, as parishes, as individuals?
3. Is there anything further we should take into account when considering the shape of parish groupings?
4. Is there any more feedback your parish would like to add?

For those who would like to contribute their views but are unable to attend the meeting, please write or email me at [jnelson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jnelson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with comments using the four questions listed above. That will make it easier for me to put together a comprehensive response for the Bishop and his team. **Time is tight but we need to make sure voices from Corpus Christi are heard in this process.**

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)** will restart on 11th Dec at the Sunday 10am Mass, for children between the ages of 4 and 8, where the gospel of the day is proclaimed and explored at a more age appropriate level. To help us draw up a register of attending children, members of the CLOW team will be in the Parish centre hall to say hello, explain a little more & to record names, after 10.00am Mass today (4th). We look forward to meeting you all.

**OUR PARISH SVP** will be providing a 'WARM ROOM', for those who may well find themselves feeling the cold during the coming winter. It will start on Wednesday 7th Dec and Wednesday 14th Dec (then re-open on Wed 4th Jan 2023) in the small hall (coffee room) from 1.00pm to 3.30pm with a welcoming cuppa for all. If you feel that you would like to be help, please give Peter (McGargle) a ring on 07731 776668 for further info.

**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.



Credit: Fr PJ Smith

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** For Volunteer not-for-profit organisations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a Parent's Information Evening on Tuesday 13th December at 7.00pm in the church. At least one parent/guardian/carer of each child must attend (*please do not bring any children to this meeting*).

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



## STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL:

We are going to collect Christmas gifts for Seafarers. Did you know there will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends? Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we are asking you to donate any of the suggested items, each wrapped in Christmas paper and tagged with a Christmas message for the seafarer. (Or you can donate a wrapped Christmas package with 6 gifts in it, with a tag and a message). When contributing, please remember that most seafarers are men. **Suggested items to include in Packages:** Woolly hat • Woollen gloves • Warm socks • Toiletries: deodorant, toothbrush, soap • Choco-lates and sweets • A good book • Prayer card • Rosary • Tin of sweets • Shareable gifts • Savoury snacks • Nuts • Puzzle games • Magazines • Thank you in advance. Please bring your package to the **Parish Office by the latest Sunday 11th DEC 2022.** *Your gift may be the only present a seafarer receives this Christmas.*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE** have planned 'Carols on the Precinct' **Saturday 10th December 11am.** Near to Sainsbury's (front of the old T J Hughes store). Carol sheets provided. Come at 11am and help form a big singing group! Let us be witnesses to **Christmas!** Thanks once again to members of Vintage Brass Band who help make this such a popular event.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL** Caretaker/Hygiene Supervisor to join our team which provides high quality support to our school. The post is 20 hrs p/w. (4 hrs per day, Monday to Friday). If you are interested please download the information and application form from [www.cccpschool.co.uk](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk) under key information >vacancies, or phone on 01202 427544 **Applications should be received by midday Mon 5th Dec 2022. Interviews will be held Wednesday 7th December.**

**VACANCY P/T PARISH ADMINISTRATOR HIGHCLIFFE** <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

**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](mailto:musicadmin@bournemouth.ac.uk) or purchase at the door (card payments only)

**ADVENT RESOURCES FROM CAFOD** can be found by going to [cafod.org.uk/advent](http://cafod.org.uk/advent)

**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.*

**ADVENT WREATH** The Advent wreath adorns many of our churches and homes every year. We see it there, and the lighted candles increasing week by week, but we might not realise its symbolism. , so here is a bit about its history and beautiful symbolism for each week of Advent as we wait for Christmas to arrive.. The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839, when a Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles, and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lighted on weekdays and the four white candles were lighted on Sundays. Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreen foliage, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death, as the evergreen lives on as other vegetation dies off. The circle reminds us of God's unending love, and the eternal life He makes possible. It is a symbol of the season, with a candle lighted each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us of who our Saviour is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (Jn 1:4-5) Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Sometimes all the candles are red, a sign of the Lord's Precious Blood; in other traditions, all four candles are blue or white. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured, and some have a fifth white candle which is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lighted on Christmas Day to celebrate our Saviour's birth. **The first candle** symbolises hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple colour symbolises royalty, repentance, and fasting. **The second candle** represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolise preparation for the coming king. **The third candle** symbolises joy and is called the "Shepherds' Candle." To the shepherds' great joy, the angels announced that Christ came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In the liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy. This candle is the same colour to represent joyfulness and rejoicing. **The fourth candle** represents peace and is called the "Angels' Candle." The angels announced that the Messiah came to bring peace. He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This colour is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah. **The (optional) fifth candle** represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lighted on Christmas Day. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.

**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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)

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