

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 All masses are feria mass of Advent except: Tues 13: St Lucy Wed 14: St John of the Cross

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 11th December 2022



APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONS This weekend we welcome Father Philip Amek MHM, a member of the Mill Hill Missionaries, to speak about the work their Religious Order is doing. The reason we invite someone to come and speak is that it's always better to hear first-hand about the work being done rather than to simply read about it. We are asked to support this work with our prayer and also in a practical way through a Second Collection at the end of Mass. **Please do contribute if you are in a position to do so.**

Thank to those who attended the meeting last Sunday evening (and so missed the first half of the England v Senegal game!) to consider aspects of the Ten-Year Strategic Plan Bishop Philip has proposed for our diocese. I have summarised the comments, along with other contributions I received outside of the meeting, and forwarded them to Bishop's House.

CHURCH CLEANING We are very fortunate in that one person, Itai, gives his time every Saturday to mopping the floor of the church and hoovering the carpets on the Sanctuary. In preparation for Christmas, I'm hoping that others might be willing to give a little time to make sure our church is looking its best. We don't all have to do this at the same time. I suggest that if you can give an hour, or less, anytime next Friday or Saturday (16/17 December), come along at whatever time works for you. There will be a list of tasks (polishing benches, dusting window ledges, etc.) and you can tick off any you do so that no one else comes along and does the same job again! We have a beautiful church building but it does look a little tired and dusty just now so any time you can give would be welcome. We have cleaning materials, you just need to provide the hands and elbow grease! **Father John**

MISSION WITNESS: "RED BOX" THANK YOU APPEAL Thank you to all our Parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. If you do not currently have a Red Box, please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. **You can find more information or setup a Direct Debit on-line at missio.org.uk/about-apf**

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>

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) will restart TODAY (11th) 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. 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 is on this **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.**



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.

Credit: Fr PJ Smith



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION There will be a **Parent's Information Evening NEXT 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).



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 TODAY (11th).** **Your gift may be the only present a seafarer receives this Christmas.**

VITA NOVA 'REFUGEE NATIVITY.' Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December at 6.30 p.m. at Rosebery Baptist Church. One review of the last performance was "...an extremely powerful and challenging Refugee Nativity so well put together and acted with so many messages we need to hear" – *Martin Hancock, CEO of BCHA*. Tickets can be obtained for a donation at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-nativity-tickets-472559106007> Or you can go to Eventbrite and search for Vita Nova, Refugee Nativity.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS We will be collecting food donations up to, and including, Sunday 18th December 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.**

ADVENT RESOURCES FROM CAFOD can be found by going to cafod.org.uk/advent

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.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE "I'd like to draw special attention to this year's Advent Appeal: **Living in Limbo**. The JRS Hardship Fund makes a huge difference in the lives of our refugee friends, but we cannot provide this essential support without the generosity of our supporters. This work is getting all the more important amidst growing hostility in the UK. Your sharing this with your networks would be greatly appreciated, and make a huge difference in our fight for the rights of all refugees." **Please go to:** <https://www.jrsuk.net/advent-appeal-2022/> Victoria Firth, Community Engagement Officer, Jesuit Refugee Service UK

AUDIO GOSPEL The Gospel According to St Matthew In Liturgical Cycle A, the focus falls on St Matthew. Our Gospel readings at Sunday Mass are predominantly taken from Matthew. You can listen to the whole of St Matthew's Gospel in audio. The birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. Taken from the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible, this four-part audio series features the voices of over 20 Catholics living and working in England and Wales. Our contributors hail from more than 10 countries – including Poland, Malta, Burma, Spain, USA and the home countries – showing the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-gospel-according-to-st-matthew/>

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.



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.**



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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