

# 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, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.00am & Wed 9.00am

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 10.00am & 7.00pm (if Wed 9am & 7pm)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30am & 5.30pm - 5.50pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Mondays after 10am Mass until 11am.

We are part of the  
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,  
Led by 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** This week, all masses are feria except: **Wed 22: Ash Wednesday**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY of Year A 19th February 2023

It sometimes feels as though we squeeze a bit too much into the year as Seasons and Celebrations come and go. But as Christians we have much to reflect upon as the story of our salvation unfolds. Just a few weeks ago we marked the birth of the Messiah. Now, on Wednesday, we begin again the great Season of Lent which leads us to Holy Week and Easter - the pinnacle of our year. It was for this that Jesus was born.

In the early years of Christianity it took a long time for a person to prepare for baptism into the community of the church - often years. Imagine the excitement and sense of anticipation as Lent began and the final countdown to baptism at Easter was underway. Lent was a tough time of self-denial and so people enjoyed themselves beforehand. It's no accident that in some countries these pre-Lent festivities involved a lot of eating and drinking! 'Martedì Grasso' (= 'Fat Tuesday'), and 'Mardi Gras' are remnants of this. In typically understated fashion, we have Shrove Tuesday and pancakes!

The whole point of the Lenten Season is for us to go on a (short) journey. We should make the most of the coming weeks so that we reach Holy Week as people who are different in some way from those who set out on Ash Wednesday. The Triple Pillars of Prayer, Fasting (self-denial) and Almsgiving (charity) are the guide rails for our journey. We can make the journey joyfully - no one said we have to be miserable! And so, as we prepare to set out together, I wish you a happy and holy Lent. **Fr John.**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent, is this week on 22nd February,  
there will be mass at **9.00am** (CORRECTION: NOT 10AM) and an evening service at 7.00pm.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU HELP?** During Lent, on Fridays, we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do (24th Feb to April 7th - Good Friday (inc)) to the Parish Office.

**We still need more volunteers please. Thank you to those who have already offered.**

**On Fridays in Lent there will be mass at 7.30pm after Stations.**

**REMINDER of the CONFIRMATION MEETING**, for those who have already expressed an interest, will be **TODAY** (19th) at 3.00pm in the Memorial Room (which is joined on to the church on the righthand side)



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' EVENING** on **Thursday 23rd February at 7.00pm - 8.00pm.** It is essential that a representative from your family attends. We will be covering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please do not bring any children to these meetings as we do not have facilities for child-minding. There will be a Reconciliation Practise at the sessions on Saturday 25th February in Parish Centre

The **FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on **Saturday 4th March at 11.00am** in Church.



**SYBIL KIRKANE RIP** There will be a funeral Mass for Sybil at 11.30am on Thursday 23rd February. **May she Rest in Peace.**

**JAMES BOYLE RIP** There will be a Funeral service for James on Friday 24th February at 10.00am Mass. **May he Rest in Peace.**

**LENT 'My Day by Day' booklets for sale.** Only £1 and a handy size to carry around. Readings for every day starting from Ash Wednesday. Available from the back of church. We have also bought 100 Junior booklets for children, that are free for them to take.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will take place on 26th February at 10.00am Sunday mass. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 years and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in.

**DOMINICAN SISTERS AT SWAY** If you're looking for a focus for Lent, the Dominican Sisters are running 6 online sessions explaining the sacrament of Reconciliation to adults through scripture and art, which will also serve as a Lenten retreat, every Tuesday evening during Lent.

Details at: <https://www.lighttotruth.uk/event-details/reconciliation-anchoring-you-in-happiness-2023-02-28-19-30>

All our courses are free. Donations are welcome!

To see all the courses the Sisters offer, including a Communications course and one on the 60th anniversary of Vatican II Council, please go to: <https://www.lighttotruth.uk/join>

**'LOVING EARTH PROJECT.'** The project has produced a large number of panels with messages about loving the earth. The panels are now being exhibited at Bournemouth Library. The exhibition runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. now until the 25th February. There's some more info at: <https://lovingearth-project.uk/event/lep-exhibition-at-bournemouth-library/>



**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH – LENT APPEAL** This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14-year-old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Give on Fast Day to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Envelopes will be available or give online at: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY OF REFLECTION** Saturday 11th March 10am - 2pm at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, organised by Catholic Mothers Southampton. This day is aimed at families with children up to the age of 7. For more information or to book a space for your family, email: [catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com) Suggested donation £20



**ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO UNTIL SA'23!** STAY AWAKE 2023: Saturday 11th March @ All Saints Church of England Academy, Wyke, Weymouth. A Family Catholic Christian conference for all ages. **Tickets available at [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)**



**A GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more info: [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023** Calling all young people across the diocese! If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day from 1st - 6th August 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! Spaces are limited! Register your interest ASAP. Scan the QR code, which will take you to the form. For further information, please email Sarah Farrell at [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PILGRIMAGE** to Lisieux, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Nevers. Coach Led by: Monsignor Francis Jamieson, Blandford Parish, on Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th September 2023 Organised by Tangleby Tours. Pick up from Bournemouth. For more information contact **Blandford Parish Office: 01258 452051**

**VOCATIONS:** "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to discern God's will. Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord



**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** is now available to download from the Portsmouth Diocese website. Go to: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/portsmouth-directory/>

**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: **CDP 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 or to donate via Give As You Live, scan the QR CODE

**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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