

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, 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/
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: Tues 14: Ss Cyril & Methodius



SIXTH SUNDAY of Year A 12th February 2023

SEEKING WHAT UNITES The Jews were proud of the Law of Moses. According to tradition, God had given it to their ancestors, as something precious and unique. In that Law was contained the will of the one true God. There they could find all that they needed to be faithful. For Jesus too the Law is important, but now it's not in the centre. He communicates another priority: God's Reign is coming, the Father is looking for a path to open among us for the building of a more human world. It's not enough for us to just keep Moses' Law. It's necessary to open ourselves to the Father and to collaborate with God in building a more just and fraternal life.

That's why it's not enough to fulfil the law that orders: "Don't kill". It's also necessary to root out of our lives aggression, looking down on others, insults or revenge. Whoever doesn't kill fulfils the law, but if we don't free ourselves from violence, then that God who seeks to build a more human world with us still doesn't reign in our hearts.

There's a growing tendency in our society to speak in ways that express aggression. More and more we see offensive insults cast about just to humiliate, look down on others, wounding their dignity; words born of rejection, resentment, hate or revenge. How often are our own conversations woven from unjust words that spread criticism and suspicion? Words spoken without love or respect, that poison our living together and cause damage – words born of irritation, meanness or baseness.

This malice isn't just found in our day-to-day living together. It can also be a serious problem among church leaders. Pope Francis warned against conflicts and confrontations between different groups. He shared this sobering thought: "It pains me greatly when some Christians can foster enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy, and the desire to impose certain ideas at all costs. Whom are we going to evangelize if this is how we act?" Ideally outsiders should be able to admire in our church how we care for one another, encourage and support each other.

THE CHOICES WE MAKE As Sirach says, each person must choose between life and death ... and whichever one chooses will be given. The choices we make every day have a life or death quality. Every day we are choosing in one direction or the other.

We all have reasons for the choices we make. Sometimes we are seeking approval and acceptance, wanting to fit in and be liked. We choose based upon the costs, benefits and risks involved. Sometimes we may just give up and refuse to choose. Sometimes we choose power, control, or security. Often our choices are about self-protection or making ourselves feel happier. Or we might choose to make another feel bad, and attempt to get back at him or her; or more positively, we may choose to make amends and make up.

Our experience of making choices brings us back to our reading from Sirach. There is one fundamental choice to be made — the choice between life and death. Where will I spend eternity? The choice that really matters in the end is between life and death. This ultimate criterion should affect all other choices. What good does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and lose one's soul? (cf Mark 8:36)

Bringing this to an everyday level: could our daily lifestyle be described as life-giving? Do we choose to help sustain and nurture life for ourselves and others? Or do we choose to diminish or ignore the good of others? Do we try to make our world a better place? While Jesus sets us a very high standard, Sirach claims that we can keep the commandments if we really want to. Both readings call us to evaluate our habitual ways of choosing.

The Sermon on the Mount offers high moral ideals, not a set of firm commandments. Jesus forbids not merely murder but also lesser forms of injuring others. The importance of forgiveness is so great that it comes before strictly religious duties. He tells us "leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your neighbour." We must respect not simply people's right to life but also their right to dignity and self-respect.

The prohibition of oaths is not taken literally in Christian countries, where oaths are taken in a courts of law. But in a perfect society characterised by trust and truth-telling, oaths should not be needed to reinforce our words. Jesus promoted an atmosphere of openness and trust. What he offers as a supplement to the Law of Moses is a morality of values held from the heart. [credit: José Antonio Pagola] <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/12-feb-2023-6th-sunday-a/>



Credit: Fr PJ

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

LENT WILL SOON BE HERE! For sale 'My Day by Day' booklets for lent. 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.



On Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, there will be mass at 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 5 volunteers please. Thank you to those who have already offered.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place on 12th & 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.

GOOD NEWS It's a little while now since we had a specific collection for our **twin SVP Society in SOUTH SUDAN** when the Parish donated more than £1200 at three weekend Masses with the funding of baby feeding stations and a new home for homeless boys top of the priorities.

Fast forward to last weekend and the Holy Father travels to South Sudan and the people of that country meeting our own Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop Welby of Canterbury and Iain Greenshields the Moderator of the General Assembly of Scotland. A powerful statement if ever there was. Earlier last year, the Holy Father had washed the feet of the two opposing generals in the continuing civil war. BBC filmed parts of the visit last weekend, helped and guided by our South Sudan brothers and sisters. **Those baby feeding stations and the boys home, that the collected money went towards, are there to be seen.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNqZr0zmQ-0>

SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEALS

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. **For more details go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.**

JESUIT MISSIONS will provide immediate and long-term assistance to these victims, through our partners on the ground. Within minutes, these people had lost everything, and their needs are immense. They urgently need your support! Please donate now, go to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-2023-how-to-help-the-victims/>

'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/>

UNIVERSITY MUSIC CONCERT. On Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm, University Music's Orchestra and Choirs will present a concert of reflective music in Christchurch Priory including Durufle's Requiem and Allegri's Miserere. Tickets from £12 available from the Priory website or at the door. **Please join us.**

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: **Head of Fundraising** Full time role, based in Portsmouth Salary: £50,000-£55,000 p/a
Education Administrator 30 hours a week 9.00 – 4.00pm term time only (39 weeks) Salary: £12,296 p/a depending on skills and experience. MORE INFORMATION IS ON THE NOTICEBOARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOCATIONS: They are happy who follow God's law" If you feel called to help others follow and keep God's law as a Priest, Deacon or religious? Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: For all married couples: that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day. We pray to the Lord

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Their winter newsletter is free at the back of church. *Please take one home today.*



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, **click on 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

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