

# 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** all masses are feria of Lent except: Fri 17: St Patrick  
Collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund will be 18/19 March.

## DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

**SECOND & THIRD SUNDAY of LENT - Year A 5th & 12th March 2023**



### SUPPORTING CAFOD

Many years ago our Bishops established CAFOD (the Catholic Association for Overseas Development) as the main vehicle through which the Catholic community in this country could support practical work in various parts of the world. It is highly regarded internationally and manages to keep administration costs well below those of other charities. This means as much as possible of the money we contribute reaches those in need. Sometimes CAFOD makes special appeals to help when disaster strikes. Then there is the ongoing support for projects which change lives.

At the end of Masses last weekend Kevin shared with us the story of a family in Bangladesh. CAFOD has offered the following reflection for this Sunday, as our offerings and gifts from Friday's Fast Day are collected.

"In today's gospel the disciples witness Jesus in glory. They hardly knew what to do. Perhaps we should stay here, Peter suggests, and build shelters. But Jesus takes his friends down the mountain and back to his work of seeking out the people who need his presence, love and healing. We too may have experienced glimpses of goodness and beauty, moments when we feel particularly close to God. May they strengthen us to actively live God's love, reaching out to help families like Dristy's (in Bangladesh) fight the effects of climate change, as we work with others to tackle the cause of climate change."

Thank you for your support through CAFOD, in the past and this weekend.

**Father John**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our First Holy Communion children who made their First Confession this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The next session dates are Saturday 11th March and Saturday 18th March - both sessions will be in the Parish Centre. If you have a problem, or any query, please email Dcn Greg on [fhc.boscombe@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.boscombe@gmail.com)

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER NOVENA** There are copies of this Novena, that can be said from now until 12th March, at the back of church. **Please take a copy.**



**LENT** There are still some 'My Day by Day' booklets for sale. Only £1 with readings for every day. Available from the back of church. *Children are welcome to take a Junior booklet for free.*



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** During Lent, on Fridays, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm followed by Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from 8th - 15th March (inc) Open again 16th March.



**JONATHAN KEY RIP** There will be a Funeral service for Jonathan on Friday 10th March at 10.00am Mass. **May he Rest in Peace.**



**A SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE** The Digital Synod launches an online prayer initiative to mark the tenth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis on which is on March 13. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map (<https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>) featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. According to a press release, "The Petrine ministry is a great grace that Jesus granted to His Church and we must always be grateful for it. Therefore, prayer must be our best gift, so that God may support the service of the one He has chosen for this ministry because on this rock He builds His Church in time and history". Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Marys. "In the end we will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Marys that are prayed for him, thanking God for His Mercy," the press release concludes. vaticannews.va  
[www.cbcew.org.uk/special-initiative-to-mark-the-10th-anniversary-of-pope-francis-pontificate/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/special-initiative-to-mark-the-10th-anniversary-of-pope-francis-pontificate/)



**DATES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during Lent are **12th & 26th March and 2nd April**. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 - 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in.

**MARCH FOR MEN** "On **Saturday 25th March**, I am taking part in a 5km walk to raise money for the men's health services at our local hospitals. If you would like to sponsor me, I will be in the coffee room every Sunday morning. **Thank you. From Liam Foy**"

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS** from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lenten-reflections/>

**AN EVENING OF AFGHAN STORIES.** Local resettled Afghans share their stories of escape after the fall of Kabul and their concerns for those left behind. On **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 7pm refreshments **7.30pm start** in St Mary's Catholic Church Poole 211a, Wimborne Road, Poole BH152EG More info Judith Williams BH188BQ [andwilliams@ntlworld.com](mailto:andwilliams@ntlworld.com) 07840490525 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-afghan-stories-tickets-542824712327>

**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

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON** is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2023 at ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on **Saturday 18 March 2022 at 11 am to 4 pm** led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE** that is dedicated to liturgical formation, called **The Liturgy Project** is now live - go to [www.theliturgyproject.com](http://www.theliturgyproject.com)

Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi reminds all the People of God of the importance of liturgical formation. We are formed into the image and likeness of Christ by the liturgy and liturgy forms us into the image and likeness of Christ. In and through the Sacred Liturgy we encounter Christ – the fullness of life – the desire of our hearts. The website includes: a section for Sundays, including homily and liturgy notes; Guidance from the Vatican and liturgical books; a formation section on the Mass; a Q&A section of some common questions asked about the liturgy.

Your questions about the liturgy are welcome; you can send these to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The website is a developing project. So please keep checking the website for updates and all suggestions are welcome.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY Accounts Technician.** Full time role, hybrid working based in Portsmouth. £22,000 p/a Closing date for applications is **Friday 10th March** to start in April. See noticeboard or for Job Description & how to apply, please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**VOCATIONS: Second Sunday of Lent:** "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design..." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

**INTENTION:** For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Lent:** "But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

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