

# 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**

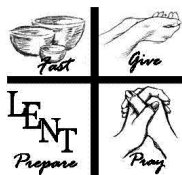
Mondays after 10am Mass until 11am.

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 - 1st Wed of month at 6pm)

**Poole Hospital** For Chaplaincy call: 0300 019  
2167 (Catholic Mass Thurs 6.30pm)

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR** all masses are feria of Lent except: Mon 20: St Joseph Sat 25: The Annunciation of the Lord



## FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT - Year A 19th March 2023

**Do I give what is right, or what is left?** As a Parish Priest, I have been very fortunate in each of the places I have served, to find in place a Parish Finance Committee made up of committed and competent parishioners. As a priest, it is a relief to know that the practical side of parish life is being carefully managed. Here at Corpus Christi we have such a Committee which continues to do a valuable job in monitoring our income and expenditure. Overall, I'm pleased to say this parish is not in debt (many are). However, as you'll hear me explain this weekend, we do have substantial bills on the near horizon and generally the costs of running the parish are only going in one direction: up! This is no different from what all families and households are facing these days but it would be remiss of me not to share with you our financial position as a parish – and ask for your help. This could come in a variety of ways.

Attached to this Newsletter you will find a summary (what we submit to the diocese each year is far more detailed) but it gives you a snapshot of what happened in a twelve month period to the end of August 2022 (which is when our financial year ended). It shows a small surplus. But it also highlights a number of other things, not least of which is the amount being given which is not Gift Aided. For taxpayers, this is the easiest way to increase the value of your offerings. So, you will also find with this Newsletter a sheet outlining points I'd ask you to consider.

What we are able to do as a parish, both in looking after the buildings handed on to us, as well as building up the community at Corpus Christi and reaching out to the wider world, all comes down to what you are prepared to fund through the Offertory. **Father John**



**CAFOD - Lent Family Fast Day Thank you** for your Offerings following the Fast Day we observed on 3 March. The Parish is able to forward to CAFOD £1280. To this will be added £178.50 in Gift Aid giving a total of £1458.50 which is a magnificent contribution. This helps support CAFOD's work in a number of countries and is a sign of our willingness to reach out to those who are facing enormous challenges and difficulties.

**THE CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND** This weekend there is a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Department for Clergy exists to provide care and support for the ordained in our Diocese. The Diocese of Portsmouth is responsible for supporting the diocesan clergy in active ministry including from religious orders, and those in retirement, who with dedication and care, serve our parishes, chaplaincies, schools, outreach and mission: bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. This appeal resources our Diocese to assist our priests towards holiness, happiness and health - to serve those who serve us, by looking after the welfare, ongoing formation & personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses/sabbaticals. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy & especially the retired clergy. It is the principal mechanism through which the Bishop looks after the wellbeing of the clergy. You can also donate at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund-second-collection-2023>. **Thank you for your support**

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS.** Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**PARISH SERVICE EASTER CARDS** Please take an Easter card that show the services over Holy Week and Easter. Please note there will be a Stations of the Cross here on Good Friday at 10am, especially intended for our children.



**POPES INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:** For victims of abuse We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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



**DATES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during Lent are **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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The next session dates are Saturday 25th March and Saturday 22nd April - both sessions will be in the **Church**. If you have a problem, or any query, please email Dcn Greg on [fhc.boscombe@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.boscombe@gmail.com)

**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**"

**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.*

**"CAN YOU HELP US GIVE AN EASTER EGG TO SEAFARERS THIS EASTER?"** Stella Maris Chaplains and Volunteer Ship Visitors will be visiting ships in our Southern ports during Holy Week and after Easter and expect to bring this great celebration to many hundreds of seafarers who remain confined to their ships at this time, without the prospect of taking shore leave or visiting a church. Together with faith materials, we would like to offer Easter Eggs and chocolates, the international symbol of celebration of this Solemnity of Solemnities. Your gift may be the only gift a seafarer receives this Easter.



**EASTER EGGS/GIFTS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 31st MARCH.**

**CARITAS & ST JOHN OF GOD** Homes for Ukraine. Would you be willing to open up your home and your heart to welcome people fleeing Ukraine? Go to [www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk) or see posters at the back of church.

**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT NEON FUN RUN** Join hundreds of Diverse Abilities supporters on the 22nd April for a fun and colourful night of fundraising at our Dorset Neon Run at Poole Park! 2km Registration 5pm; 5km registration 7.30pm. What should you expect? A buzzy atmosphere, lots of people having fun, and getting dressed up for a great cause. Sign up from £15 and choose to fundraising with JustGiving, or make a one-off donation instead - the choice is yours, and all funds make a huge difference to the people we support. <https://www.dorsetneonrun.com/>

**RECRUITING NOW "Shore Harmonix"** Come and join our intermediate mixed adult vocal group Singing a wide range of styles, With an opportunity for solo and duet performances Suited for those looking for a new musical challenge for 2023 No audition required but you must be able to hold a tune. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm £14 per month. First 2 weeks FREE. In **Corpus Christi Parish Centre**. For more information Call Debs (musical Director) 07999 338562 Email [debra.ozanne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:debra.ozanne@hotmail.co.uk) Look forward to seeing you.

**JOEL'S BAR 23** at Worth Abbey Sunday 9th - 14th April 2023. This is a Catholic Charismatic Retreat for young adults aged 16 - 28. An opportunity to encounter Christ, live in the power of the Holy Spirit and build community. Visit [joelsbar.co.uk](http://joelsbar.co.uk) for more info.

**GREGORIAN CHANT FESTIVAL** – Douai Abbey Schola Gregoriana and The Association for Latin Liturgy host a residential Chant event at Douai Abbey, 2-4 May 2023 This special event at Douai Abbey (near Reading RG7 5TQ) will prepare and use Chant for Compline, Vespers and Latin Masses in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite. All options include tuition, rehearsal, provision of music, other events and daytime catering but other options include full board from the afternoon of May 2 to lunch on May 4. A limited reduction of fees may be available contact John Curran on: [JPCsdate@aol.com](mailto:JPCsdate@aol.com) for details. <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/index.php>

**VOCATIONS:** "...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, 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.**

**Thought for the week:** "Pray, hope and don't worry. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer"  
St Pio of Pietrelcina

**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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