

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

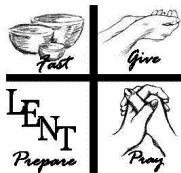
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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/
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 next week all masses are feria of Lent.



FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT - Year A 26th March 2023

The Sacrament of Reconciliation I had hoped to offer a *Service of Reconciliation* during Lent, with a number of priests available for this Sacrament. However, for a number of reasons it hasn't been possible so I shall try again later in the year. In the meantime, I do encourage you, as part of your Lenten journey and preparation for Holy Week, to celebrate this important Sacrament of healing. On Saturdays there are times when a priest (or more than one) is available.

Please note that, in order to celebrate the Easter Triduum in a way that keeps those sacred celebrations focused, there will not be Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. We should try and go to Confession before Holy Week, not at the last minute.

Parish Finances – a follow up Thank you for listening to me last weekend as I gave a flavour of where we stand financially as a parish and the pressures we face. I'm aware that on any given Sunday not all parishioners will be here at Mass (especially as some were off visiting Mums on Mother's Day). The summarised accounts are available and I welcome any questions, comments or suggestions. I did ask everyone to reflect and see whether you can help us increase Offertory income, using these specific questions:

Am I able to raise the level of my offering to the Parish?

If I pay tax, have I signed a Gift Aid Declaration so the parish can claim back the tax paid?

Could I set up a Direct Debit from my bank account to the Parish?

Would I prefer to commit to regular giving using a box of envelopes?

Please do consider seriously these points and contact the Parish Office for assistance with any aspect of your planned giving. Once again, we rely almost entirely on your Offering to God as this enables us to run Corpus Christi Parish, fund our costs and allow us to develop ways of serving the local community.

Father John

LOVE THE STRANGER 'Love the Stranger' presents a Catholic response to refugees and migrants. It is a 2023 document of the Department for International Affairs, endorsed by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales and other associations e.g. Jesuit Refugee Services. **Love the Stranger places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach**, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story.

Extract from the concluding reflection from Love the Stranger

"Reflecting on the message in St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19), Pope Francis reminds us that migrants and refugees are not a problem to be solved, but sisters and brothers to be welcomed, respected, and loved." To read the full document go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

"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.

PLEASE BRING EASTER EGGS/GIFTS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 31st MARCH.



PARISH SERVICE EASTER CARDS Please take an Easter card, from the back of Church, that show the services over Holy Week and Easter. Please note there will be Stations of the Cross here on Good Friday at 10.00am, 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 TODAY and on **Palm Sunday, 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 date is Saturday 22nd April in the **Church**. If you have a problem, or any query, please email Dcn Greg on fhc.boscombe@gmail.com

ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 27th March at 11am in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. Parish Eucharist is at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The ACI Family is a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more information email Jo Henwood on josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com

SVP COST OF LIVING BOARD You are invited to check the board at the back of church, if you require information regarding what Government or Council support there is to help you with the cost of essential services. Significant help is being given currently and we have hopefully listed virtually all that is available.

This board is a good resource and is in line with the sentiment from the Bishop's Conference, "I know that parishes will continue to do everything possible, including innovative ways of providing further material help and pastoral support. I also urge all Catholics to give whatever time and financial resources they can to charitable endeavours that support those who are affected by the current crisis. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.**

MARCH FOR MEN "I am taking part in the March for Men's Health walk this weekend to raise funds for Men's health projects at our local hospitals. Thank you to everyone who has given me a donation for this walk. I have raised over £300 + GA. Thank you from Liam Foy" **Well done Liam!**

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 or see posters at the back of church.

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 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 for more info.

SPRING CONCERT Vintage Brass and U3A with guests. Saturday 15th April at 3.00pm in Boscombe Salvation Army, Palmerston Rd, Boscombe BH1 4HT. Tickets £8 (under 25 yrs free) from Peter Guntrip 01202 476862

RE-ADVERTISED DIOCESAN VACANCIES The recent vacancies for **Head of Fundraising, Head of Communications** and **Accounts Technician** have not been filled, so are being readvertised with a new closing date. **For more information please see noticeboard at the back of church or for Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk New deadline for completed applications: Friday 31 March 2023**

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING OFFICER VACANCY For job description go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vacancy-jrs-communications-marketing-officer/> To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter outlining how you meet the job description to the Interim Deputy Director, **Megan Knowles: megan.knowles@jrs.net**

VOCATIONS: "Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

EASTER FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS will be able to be collected on Saturday and Sunday of Easter (to be delivered on the Tuesday) Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. **There will be NO collections on Good Friday. 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

