



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"



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.

Our Parish is part of the
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
[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 see Parish Card. Monday 10th - Saturday 15th - Masses as normal - all within Octave of Easter



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday and Easter - Year A 2nd & 9th April 2023

HOLY WEEK On Palm Sunday we enter the events of Holy Week. This week above all others brings us to the very heart of what we believe as followers of Jesus: that he came to save us through his suffering, death and glorious resurrection. By rising from the dead, he broke through the last barrier and offered us the promise of life eternal. This is mind-blowing – in fact I'm not sure we can ever fully grasp the enormity of what he has done for us. But we can try. Which is why taking part in the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter is so important. Together these liturgies bring us into the middle of what happened. We don't just recall those events, we celebrate them which means we are not observers but instead we are taking part as they unfold.

One way to approach Holy Week is to pick a character who is involved [perhaps an apostle, or Mary, or a soldier] and follow events through their eyes. What do they see? What do they think is happening? How do they try to understand Jesus' words and what others say? This immerses us in what is happening – we are drawn in. Whatever else we do this week, let's find time to be still and reflect on what Jesus has done for us so that we may have life and have it to the full. Not just in this world but in that which we hope for, live for and look forward to. Through his suffering, death and rising to new life, Jesus changed everything once and for all. **Father John**

YOUR OFFERING AT EASTER At Easter (as at Christmas) your Offering is for the personal use of the priest and forms a major part of his annual income. This is your way to make an offering of thanks for the work and support given by your Parish Priest. There are envelopes available at the back of the church if you'd like to use them. You can also donate online via our website or directly at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-easter-collection-2023> **Thank you!**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 2nd April Palms will be blessed at all Masses, including the Vigil Mass

HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, 3rd & 4th April Masses at 10.00am; Wednesday 5th April Mass at 9.00am
(Tuesday 4th April 11.00am Chrism Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral – all welcome to attend)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6th April – 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Blessed Sacrament Procession to the Altar of Repose with Watching until 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross (especially for children)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April – 8.30pm **EASTER VIGIL** and First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April – Masses: 10.00am, 5.00pm

SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY is for Holy Places. Donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023> (2nd - 16th April.) **Thank you for your support.**

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR EASTER are now at the back of Church. If you would like to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday please sign up and if you are in a Ministry, please sign up for duties over Holy Week and Easter. **Thank you.**



FUNERAL MASS for Edwidge Rising RIP will be on Thursday 13th April at 10.00am. **May she rest in peace.**



The Easter Triduum

Having spent most of my life working in parish ministry, one of the great sadnesses (and I know many other priests share this) is that more parishioners don't come along and take part in the great liturgical celebrations of Holy Week. The crowds squeezing on to benches at Christmas have never been matched by the numbers attending in the second half of Holy Week. It's as though people find it easier to tune in to the birth of a baby in Bethlehem than cope with the traumatic events at the end of Jesus' life: his suffering and death. But it was for this very purpose he came and was born in the first place. Which is why this week is the high-point of our Christian calendar - it's why we should try to participate if at all possible.

With our schools on their Easter break, perhaps there is an opportunity to introduce children to the mysteries and liturgies of Holy Week. Amongst all the busyness of our family and work life, this week is the most important in the year for Christians.

To be accurate, the liturgical celebrations of Thursday, Friday and Easter are really three parts of one great liturgy. I'll share with you a few thoughts about each element.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday.



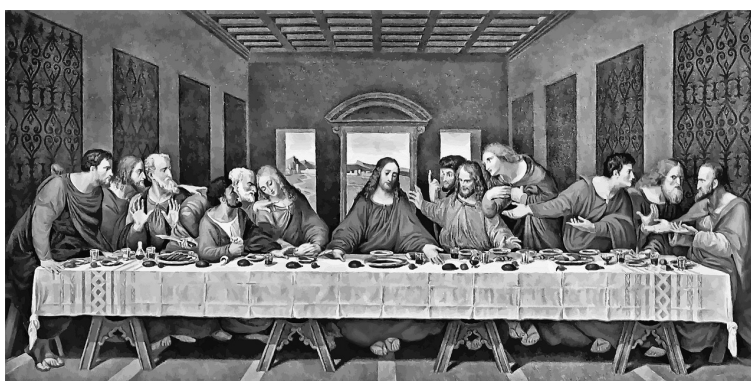
At the Mass of the Last Supper we commemorate that moment when Jesus gathered with his disciples to mark the Jewish Feast of Passover. At that supper he took bread and a cup of wine and offered them to his friends as his own body and blood. We talk about this being the moment when Jesus instituted the Eucharist – the ultimate sign of his self-giving. In this Mass we couple the sharing of bread and wine with what Jesus does as an example and inspiration. He gets up from the table, ties an apron around his waist, kneels down and washes the feet of his disciples. Peter objects. He feels this is totally inappropriate – if anything it ought to be the other way round. But Jesus insists: 'you have to allow me to do

this.' Having completed this act of service he points out to them that if he is willing to do it for them, they should do it for each other.

This is not about words. This is about actions. Remember the last part of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus speaks about a house built on sand and another built on rock? Winds and storms blow up and strike the buildings. One collapses, the other survives. The difference between them, he says, is that one is like someone who hears his words and *acts* on them; the other is a stupid person who hears the words but *fails to act*. They both hear – but the difference is whether they did something practical as a result of what they'd heard.

If the Mass on Maundy Thursday teaches us anything then it is that our Christian discipleship has to result in action. When we look around, we can see many good and well-motivated people striving to assist those in need and suffering due to the costs of living. Our response, in whatever way it is expressed, is because we believe it is our calling to serve others. This has to take account of what we are physically able to do. A frustration can be that we are limited, by mobility, or the years catching up with us. But even then, sending a message of support to just one person is a practical act of service.

The institution of the Eucharist and the example of loving service given by our Servant King are bound together.



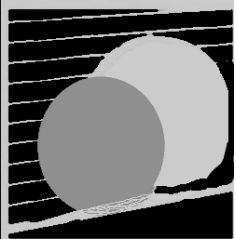
Good Friday.



If possible, at 3pm we gather quietly and the priest enters, wearing red. He prostrates himself before the altar and everyone kneels. Every year when I do this my mind goes back to when I was ordained Deacon and then Priest because the liturgy of ordination includes a time when the candidate lies face down on the floor whilst the Litany of Saints is sung. I'm conscious that this prostration is a sign of acceptance of emptiness and dependence. It is also a sign of the awe we feel before our God.

On Good Friday afternoon the Solemn Liturgy is relatively straightforward. We listen to St John's account of the passion of Jesus and then we pray for all people, throughout the world. These ten Prayers of Intercession form the model for our weekly Bidding Prayers at Sunday Mass. And then there is the focus upon the cross. To be clear, we do not home in on the figure on the cross but rather the wood of the cross upon which hung the Saviour of the world. In procession we come forward and venerate the Cross, perhaps with a kiss, a bow or genuflection.

Over the years of presiding at the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, I have never fully understood why we then receive Communion. It feels incongruous to me. The Gospel, Prayers and the Cross are enough. On just one day of the year we could deny ourselves the privilege of receiving Holy Communion. However, tradition demands that hosts are consecrated on Maundy Thursday and made available for Communion on Good Friday. As we do so, we might reflect on how privileged we are to have the Eucharist as part of our weekly (even daily) lives. In our part of the world we have so many choices of where to go to Mass, and at what time on a weekend. In other parts of the world people have no such options. They might be able to join a celebration of Mass once every few months. When that opportunity arises, how they value it.



Easter Saturday and Sunday.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday night begins with the blessing of fire, an element. From the fire is lit the Easter (Paschal) Candle then carried in procession into the church. Everyone present lights a candle from this Easter Candle which is 'the light of Christ'. Because it's dark, the light gradually fills the building before the *Exsultet* is sung. This song proclaims the power of Christ's light which over darkness; of life over death.

Then we sit to listen to Readings from the Old Testament. We hear them read 'in the light of the resurrection'. These passages from ancient times take on new meaning because Jesus has risen from the dead. The story of his resurrection is the gospel this night, and in the Masses on Easter Sunday. We renew the promises made in baptism, and new members are welcomed through baptism and confirmation.

Then we gather at the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, connecting with what happened on Thursday evening when Jesus gave himself, and enacted in the events of Good Friday. This 'new and everlasting covenant' lies at the heart of our relationship with God: he is always with his people and

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!

Fr John

Kristus on surmuist ülestõusnud!

Erid Krist!

Kristus Zmartviḡstan!

Christus ist auferstanden!

Christos Anesti!

Cristo ha resucitado!

Christus is opgestaan!

Ha Mashiyach gam!

Atgŷfododd Crist!

Cristo è risorto!

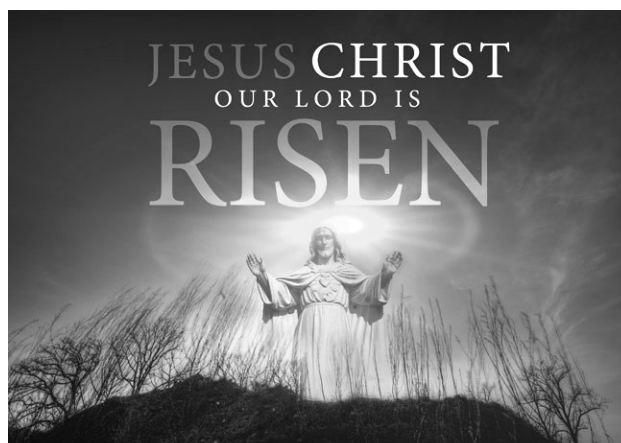
Kristos Voskres!

Hefisituosi fukuole!

Kristus ustal zmartuy'ch!

Christ est Ressuscité!

Harisutosu Fukkatsu!





THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be on TODAY (2nd) at 10am Mass. 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

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.**

A CANDLE LIT TAIZE MEDITATION at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Southbourne BH6 3EZ on Good Friday at 7.30pm An hour of peace in candlelight with music, silence and prayer

"THANK YOU to everyone who gave me a donation for the walk I did, for Mens Health projects at our local hospitals. I raised **£646.40**. Thank you from Liam Foy"

FREE FAITH COURSE FROM SISTERS AT SWAY: Course for Church Readers: 2 online sessions to help readers proclaim the Word of God with confidence, understanding, conviction and clarity. On Saturdays 3rd and 10th June in the morning, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsf-2vpz0iG9Vb2cpgDsFXQyPevrokQAHT>

They also have courses for catechists of Baptism and Confirmation.

To see all free courses go to: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

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.**

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

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023 LED by FR CLARO CONDE (Chaplain to Filipino Communities Diocese of Portsmouth): It will be on the 21st to 28th of November 2023 departing Luton, London. Fr. Claro Conde will lead the group. The price is from £1339 per person based on twin sharing. For more details, please contact Fr. Claro at 07803191502 or Nelia of All Saints Travel at 01793881166. Book on website <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/dates-and-prices/>

ESTATES MANAGER/BUILDING SURVEYOR – SOUTH CENTRAL VACANCY 35 h/w usually worked over 5 days - Hybrid working with office based in Portsmouth For full job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk To arrange an informal discussion about the role please contact: Nigel Stephens: nstephens@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **Closing date: Thursday 6 April 2023.** Full info on church noticeboard

VOCATIONS: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" "He is not here, for He has risen..." Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: Palm Sunday: For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Words of love and mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

Easter - The Resurrection of the Lord: That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

EASTER FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS will 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

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