



CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO
IS "ONLY JESUS"



SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm & Sunday 10.00am & 5.00pm

This parish livestreams Masses (6.00pm & 10.00am, on YouTube or via our website) & other events. Please see notices in the church for further details.



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 next week all masses are of the 2nd week of Easter.

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A 16th April 2023

CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS There was plenty of coverage this week of President Joe Biden's visit to the island of Ireland. Part of his trip provided an opportunity to celebrate his Irish background (apparently he is five-eighths Irish!) with visits to towns where his ancestors lived and worked. Of course, the cynic will note that in next year's US Presidential election up to 40 million people who also trace their roots to Ireland will have a vote. I'm sure that had nothing to do with his ultra positive comments whilst in the Republic of Ireland. But it does underline the importance of knowing where we come from – the factors which contribute to making us who we are.

During Holy Week and over Easter I was struck once again by the diversity of cultures, nationalities and backgrounds represented within our parish of Corpus Christi. This we should celebrate because it brings together a richness of faith, fed in various ways by our families and ancestors. The Readings in the Easter Season encourage us to go back to where it all began, with the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This event changed everything forever. His triumph over death opened for each of us the way to eternal life. This is our heritage which we make our own and which we strive to share with a wider world desperately in need of the message the Good News brings: hope, peace, joy, and a conviction that after this life God has something far better in store for us.

Father John

A sincere thank you to everyone for your greetings, Easter cards and Offerings. I am humbled and do appreciate very much the thought which lies behind them. In addition, I want to thank you for your generosity in supporting the Good Friday collection which goes to help the Franciscans who care for the sites in the Holy Land where all the Holy Week events unfolded. The situation in Israel is not easy and your contribution of £485 will provide practical assistance and also act as a sign of solidarity with those in Palestine who find it so hard to practise their faith and develop their lives. **Father John**

NEW UK GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM is now live. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger, eg severe flood warning. Next Sunday, 23 April at 3pm, there will be a national test of the Emergency Alerts service, on your mobile phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions of how best to respond.

Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only government and emergency services can send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels. You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts. You can opt out of receiving emergency alerts; for more information on how to opt out please go to gov.uk/alerts

60TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 30TH APRIL Later this month, we have the annual 'Good Shepherd Sunday' appeal when we focus on praying for Vocations. We will be having a Seminarian coming to visit us that weekend to speak a little about his journey to the Priesthood. You are invited to pray this Novena for Vocations leading up to that weekend.

God our Father,

You have created for us some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to hear you call.

May we respond with a generous "Yes."

Bless our Diocese, our parishes, and our families

and mould hearts to be fruitful and receptive ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the courage and strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious, permanent deacons and those called to a chaste single life.

Gift us with faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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 **Sunday 23 April**, 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**



CONFIRMATION SESSION with Fr John, for those already on the course, will be on **23rd April at 3.00pm** in the Memorial Room.

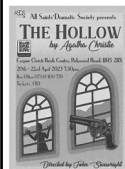
READERS - CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE NEW READERS We have a new co-ordinator for the Readers Ministry. So to help them, we would appreciate if you can fill in your details on the sheet at the back of church. If you would like to start reading in Church, please put your details down and you will be contacted. *Many thanks.*

RED MISSION BOXES IT'S TIME TO EMPTY YOUR RED BOXES. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to **6pm mass on Saturday 22nd April or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 23rd April**, so that we can empty them.

I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office.

Thank you in advance, Sharon McAndrew.

RED BOX 2022. THANK YOU! in 2022, Corpus Christi parish raised **£1610.17** through our red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Corpus Christi is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about how you support changes lives for the better.



ALL SAINTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY perform **'The Hollow' By Agatha Christie** in Corpus Christi Parish Centre **Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm.** The Hollow remains an example of classic Christie: a gathering of guests at a country house, home to Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell, is disturbed by a sudden death. The main players include a downtrodden wife, dull but devoted Gerda; her successful husband, Dr Cristow, the Harley Street lothario; his lover, the prominent sculptor Henrietta; and his old flame, the Hollywood film star Veronica. Also visiting are Edward and Midge whose romantic assertions are likewise thrown into the mix. Nearly everyone has a motive, but only one of them did the deed! But whodunit! Tickets from: **www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds**



THANK YOU FROM STELLA MARIS TEAM. "Many thanks for your outstanding support for our Easter Egg Appeal which this year surpassed all our expectations. Your generous response has enabled us to bring the spirit of the Lord's Resurrection to thousands of seafarers, far from home, by brightening up their seagoing rooms with chocolate eggs."



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 10am to 1pm. To register & to see all free courses go to: **<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>**

WANTED - PANEL MEMBERS FOR SCHOOL APPEAL HEARINGS - BCP Council looking for people to sit on appeal hearing panels. There are very few limitations: you can't work for BCP Council and if involved in a school (as a staff member, parent, governor or ex-governor) you would not be eligible to sit on appeals for the school in question but you would for other schools in the area. Applicants to be given full training. Although the role is voluntary, BCP are able to pay mileage and supply refreshments including lunch if needed.. Here is the link to the online application: **<https://jobs.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/charity-work-volunteers-non-council-vacancy-independent-panel-members-school-appeals/22202.job>**

VOCATIONS: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact Cn. John Cooke on: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, 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 the generous donations for the Food Bank this term. It is always very much appreciated by our families, and a privilege for us to administer. At the moment we are running low on jars of pasta sauce and curry sauce, and also tinned fruit, so would be especially grateful for donations of these items please. *The Children's Centre team hope all parishioners had a very happy and blessed Easter.*

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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