



# 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/](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** next week all masses are of the 3rd week of Easter, except: **Mon 24: St George** **Tues 25: St Mark** **Sat 29: St Catherine of Siena** ~ Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday with a 2nd collection for Clergy Training Fund.~~

## Third Sunday of Easter - Year A 23rd April 2023

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD** Next weekend is often referred to as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The reason is that on the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season the Gospel passage always contains images of the Shepherd, sheep, the sheepfold, etc.. Traditionally, it is on this Sunday of the year that we focus our prayer in support of vocations to the priesthood. We all know that there are fewer men coming forward to explore the possibility of a calling to serve Christ in his church as a priest – certainly in this part of the world. [It is notable that in some places, dioceses in Nigeria being one example, there are more vocations to the priesthood than can be managed. But not in England.] With the age profile of our diocesan priests being heavily weighted towards the over-fifties, we are faced with real challenges. We believe that God will never leave his church unprovided for – he is calling more to this way of life and we need to help and support them with hearing his call.

Coupled with this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are also asked to give our financial support through the annual collection for training priests. Personally, I can say that without this fund my training could not have been funded. Training a priest doesn't come cheap and so your support really is needed. The collection will be at Masses next weekend – and you can Gift Aid your contribution by using the yellow envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you in advance.

**Father John**



**THE REGINA CAELI** (Queen of Heaven) will be said in place of the Angelus, during Eastertide up to Pentecost Sunday (28th May).

**V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.**

**R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.**

**V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.**

**R. Pray for us to our God, Alleluia.**

**V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.**

**R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

**Let us pray:** God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**RED MISSION BOXES** "Bring your red mission boxes to Saturday 6pm vigil mass or 10am or 5pm Sunday mass **this weekend**, 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 this weekend, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. **Thank you, Sharon McAndrew.**"



**THE SVP** would like to thank the Parish for the recent donation of £150.00 to be used for the help of those in need at the present time.

**NEW UK GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM** is now live. Today at 3.00pm, 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. More info at [gov.uk/alerts](http://gov.uk/alerts)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be TODAY (23rd), 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 sessions are **Saturday 29th April & 13th May** 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)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' EVENING** on **Thursday 27th April at 7.00pm - 8.00pm**. It is essential that a representative from your family attends. We will be covering the topic of "The Eucharist revisited". Please do not bring any children to these meetings as we do not have facilities for child-minding. *Thank you.*

**CONFIRMATION SESSION** with Fr John, for those already on the course, will be on **7th May at 3.00pm** in the Memorial Room.



**CALLING ALL 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 to all of you who have already signed up!*

**ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 24th April at 11am** in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. Parish Eucharist at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The ACI Family - a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved through the Eucharist. For more information: **Jo Henwood**. Email : [josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com](mailto:josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com)

**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>

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR CAFOD'S LENT APPEAL.** Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." Thank you so much for your support this Lent by giving in church or donating online or giving to us by direct debit. Your generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/len-calendar/19-march> or to leave CAFOD a legacy got to: [www.cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill](http://www.cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill) **Corpus Christi sent £1390.00 to Cafod in March.**

**JUSTICE FOR FR STAN SJ.** Fr Stan Swamy SJ was an Indian Jesuit who spent five decades working for Indigenous rights in the state of Jharkhand, but was imprisoned after being accused of plotting against the Delhi Government. He died of Covid-19 in July 2021 after spending seven months behind bars (he was already suffering from Parkinson's Disease). However evidence shows that files implicating the priest in terrorism were planted on his computer via a remote access Trojan software. A petition to clear Fr Stan's name has been prompted by this revelation. **The petition in India will conclude on April 26, which would have been Fr Stan's 86th birthday.** FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: Colm Fahy, Advocacy & Campaigns Officer, Jesuit Missions UK 020 8946 0466 or 07585 221297 E: [colm@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:colm@jesuitmissions.org.uk)

**THE JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE UK** who work to accompany, serve and advocate for asylum seekers and those held in detention are launching their new report - Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality, in Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholic Church Hall in Folkestone on Thursday 27th April at 6pm. You are welcome to book a ticket to attend in person or online: Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality Tickets, **Thu 27 Apr 2023 at 18:00 on Eventbrite.** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/napier-barracks-the-inhumane-reality-tickets-616661891317](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/napier-barracks-the-inhumane-reality-tickets-616661891317)

**SUPPORT JRS UK AT THE LONDON MARATHON** Four runners will be taking on the 26.2 mile London Marathon this Sunday 23rd April. For anyone who will be in London, you are warmly invited to come cheer with us. If you're unable to come support our runners in person, please donate to their fundraising pages if you can. The money they raise will help support JRS UK to accompany destitute asylum seekers and support them as they live in a hostile environment. You can find the fundraising pages and information on cheer points on our website. [www.jrsuk.net/blog/cheering-london-marathon-2023/](http://www.jrsuk.net/blog/cheering-london-marathon-2023/)

**VOCATIONS:** Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of 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 your continued generosity.*



**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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