

CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH MOTTO

IS "ONLY JESUS"

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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

Monday and Thursday 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 all masses feria except: Fri 8th: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22nd Sunday Year A 3rd September 2023

A NEW YEAR? I've always felt that in many ways the rhythm of parish life mirrors the school year. After a summer break people see September as a new beginning. This week our schools welcome back pupils and staff for the autumn term. Sixty young children will begin at Corpus Christi School in Reception; all the others move up one year. In July we said goodbye to the Year Six children who this week put on new uniforms and start Year Seven – no longer the oldest ('senior') pupils but the youngest in their Secondary Schools! We have seen a few changes in personnel, both teaching staff and support, at Corpus Christi and St Peter's. There is usually an energy and sense of purpose as classes plunge into the excitement of a new year in school. Then there are those who received their exam results this summer and move on to 'A Levels', or other courses – not forgetting the students preparing for University or College life.

In the parish too, we restart. A priest once said to me that, if you don't make the most of the autumn months in a parish to get some things done, the year will slip away from you! We all know the feeling. Over the past two weeks I have floated the idea of forming groups to enable people to deepen and develop their faith. I think the first step is to hold an open meeting for anyone who might be interested (date and details in next week's Newsletter) so that together we can look at how to set this up. But this won't be something the priest establishes and then tries to convince people to join. If it is to work then members of our community need to decide whether it is something worthwhile and deserving of a commitment of their time. In short, to happen it must belong to us as a parish.

Meanwhile, we wish our schools the very best as they return. Personally, I have missed the sound of young voices next to the church during our 10am weekday Masses! **Father John**

"THANK YOU" PARTY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Saturday 16th September 2.00 - 5.00pm in Memorial Room.

We have many faithful volunteers who do great work for the parish in many Ministries and we would like to have a joyful gathering to thank them for their commitment and support. **So we have an idea of numbers, please sign up on the sheets at the back of Church by Monday 13th September. Thank you.**



POLICE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON BOSCOMBE OVERCLIFF You will probably be aware of the recent finding of partial human remains on the nearby Manor Zig Zag. **The police have issued an appeal for any information.**

"I would like to renew my appeal to anyone with any information regarding this matter, or who has seen any suspicious activity around the area of the Manor Steps Zig Zag in Boscombe in recent days, to please inform police. Any information, images or other material can be uploaded to the Major Incident Public Portal that has been set up.

"There will continue to be an increased police presence in the area and officers can be approached by members of the public with any information or concerns." Julie Heath, Dorset Police

Anyone with information is asked to submit it to the investigation team via the Major Incident Public Portal page at <https://mipp.police.uk/operation/55HQ23M99-PO1>.

If you are unable to submit information online, please call 101 quoting occurrence number 55230135228.

Alternatively, independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously online at Crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling Freephone 0800 555 111.

We pray for the soul of the deceased person & for all involved in the investigation of their murder.





CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD will begin again at the **10am Mass on Sunday 10th September** and then every other week, if possible. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 years and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in. We hope you have all had a good summer and we look forward to welcoming back our children to their own liturgies. **The CLOW Team.**

MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES would like to invite you, your Red Box holders, and all parishioners to a special Mass to celebrate Mission in the Diocese of Portsmouth, on **Thursday 14th September 10am in our Church.** Mass will be celebrated by Fr Innaiah Maddineni, Diocesan Director for Missio and Fr John. We will be joined by Fr Joseph Thangaraj MHM who will share his experiences of Missionary work in the Parish centre with refreshments. Please join us for this special occasion. For catering purposes, we would be grateful if you could respond to Sharon McAndrew, via email s.mcandrew@ntlworld.com to let us know if you are attending. **We look forward to welcoming you all.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE You are invited to a Harvest Thanksgiving Service near Boscombe Pier on **Sunday 17th September at 3.00pm.** All welcome. See poster.



THE FEAST DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is on **Friday, 8th September** – a great day to go to Mass, if you can. The origin of this feast day is connected with the basilica constructed in the fifth century on the site of the pool at Bethesda (cf. John 5: 1-9). That was the supposed location of the house of SS. Joachim and Ann, the parents of the Blessed Virgin. The feast spread through the East in the six century and was introduced at Rome by Pope Sergius I (d. 701). The prayers of the Mass provide a biblical foundation for this feast. In the opening Collect, the Church prays that this feast “may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation.” The same theme is found in the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, which refers to Mary from whom “arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.” The focal point of this feast is Jesus Christ, the Son of God born of Mary. From her, as the Prayer over the Gifts says, Jesus Christ “was pleased to take flesh.” The liturgy of this feast reminds us of what the Second Vatican Council said in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Sacrosanctum Concilium, that Mary is inseparably linked with her Son’s saving work. An ancient Preface – although one not incorporated into the Roman Missal – says: Today we celebrate that happy day on which the glorious and immaculate Mother of God appeared in the world like a shining star. After the sin of the first woman, there was finally opened to us the long-desired gate of life and we have been called by the Son of the Virgin Mary out of the darkness into the joy of eternal light. **Let us celebrate Mary’s birthday, thankful for her prayers and asking her intercession for all our needs.** Source: <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue419?e=33de2bb10c>

CONTEMPLATING MARY - STAR OF THE NEW EVANGELISATION Wednesday 6th September, 7:00 – 9:00pm Dr Denise Clare Oliver and Dr Christina Pal from the new Apostolate, Life in Truth, invite you to join them for this **FREE** evening online, as we prepare to celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this Year of the Holy Spirit. The session will consider together Mary’s essential role in the New Evangelisation. For more information and to register for this **FREE** event go to: <https://www.lifeintruth.org/free-evening> or email info@lifeintruth.org

COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT CAFOD’S WORK on **Saturday 9th September** at St Bedes Church hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting a meeting so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work. Please book your place by emailing Jo at jlewry@cafod.org.uk

CHIDEOCK MARTYRS PILGRIMAGE Sat 16th September 11.30am at Shrine Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Ignatius, North Rd Chideock, DT66LF. For more info contact Maurice Quinn on 07555536579 or devon@lms.org.uk


CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL currently have open vacancies for 2 - 4 year old childcare placements within our pre-school. If you are interested please email: mbradshawccps@hotmail.com or phone 01202 427397

VOCATIONS: “What will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?” Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact Cn. John Cooke on: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: That all men and women pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will have the discipline and perseverance to follow in the path of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Info at: www.portsmouthvocations.org


FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS are Friday mornings 10.30-11.30am and at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. **TINNED FOODS** always appreciated. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**



ST PETER'S 2023 OPEN EVENINGS

PRIMARY 12 OCTOBER 6-7.30pm <small>Welcome talk 6.15pm Holdenhurst Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 6RG</small>	SECONDARY 21 SEPTEMBER 5-8.30pm <small>Welcome talks 5.30pm & 6.45pm St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH</small>	SIXTH FORM 5 OCTOBER 5.30-8.30pm <small>Welcome talks 6pm & 7pm St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH</small>
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St Peter's – an all-through school for children aged 4-18



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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