



# CORPUS CHRISTI BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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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/](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** all masses feria except: Wed 20: St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & comps  
Thurs 21: St Matthew Sat 23: St Pio of Pietrelcina

**NOTE: DIOCESAN COUNT DUE FOR 4 WEEKENDS** (16th Sept to 8th Oct) Thank you to the Count Volunteers  
Please count each congregation and fill in the relevant column on the sheet in the SACRISTY. Thank you.

## 24th Sunday Year A - 17th September 2023

**FORMING SMALL GROUPS** In recent Newsletters I have floated the idea of forming a number of small groups to focus on whatever parishioners feel would help them to grow in faith. These could be Prayer Groups, Bible Study Groups, Discussion Groups about our Faith. In fact, they can take the shape and form that works best for those interested in taking part. It would be for those who sign up to agree when and where to meet. For these to work it does need a certain commitment but they can be extremely helpful as we all search for ways to deepen and develop the gift of faith we have received. If we are to be effective ministers of the Gospel to the world in which we live then we need to continue our own journey of growing in faith. There are Forms available this weekend which I invite you to use to indicate what you might be interested in doing. Nothing is written in stone but to get the ball rolling we need to know who is keen – and what you might be most interested in doing.

**GREAT SADNESS** As we watch and read news from around the world, there are times when events unfold which can leave us deeply distressed – and often feeling powerless. The unspeakable tragedy which struck Libya this week has devastated a country already torn apart by warring factions. Libya has had no effective government for the past nine years and is ill-equipped to deal with the loss of life and destruction that the floods caused in Derna. Whole buildings containing sleeping families were washed into the sea. The Mayor has estimated that as many as 20,000 people may have died. And this comes soon after the earthquake in Morocco. These disasters come out of the blue and seem to strike communities which are already up against it. Not all can be explained by climate change but without doubt this is a factor in many of the extremes we now see around the world. Whilst we cannot undo what has unfolded, it must surely make us consider even more urgently how we protect and safeguard the planet we occupy. At the same time, it gives us cause to consider what belonging to the human race means: after all, those suffering in Morocco and Libya are our sisters and brothers.

**Father John**



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** For people living on the margins Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

**PRAYER NETWORK** Each month, indeed each day, there are more and more concerns to bring to our prayer, things we know that we need to talk to God about. At times, although always with really good will and honesty, we forget our adult Christian responsibility, instead asking God to fix this or that situation. Then we remember, usually, that the purpose of our prayer is to open ourselves to the grace and strength to mobilise ourselves for Christ's mission of worldwide compassion. It's the opposite of leaving it all to God but doing nothing ourselves. When the Holy Father offers, through his **Prayer Network**, specific prayer intentions, he is inviting us, in short, to do something about it! <https://www.popesprayer.va/>



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024 APPLICATIONS FORMS are NOW AVAILABLE.** If you have a child eligible for First Holy Communion, please complete an application form - available from the back of church or online. **Please make sure any application sent by email is very CLEAR.**  
Return date by **SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023.** **No late applications will be accepted.**



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE** You are invited to a Harvest Thanksgiving Service near BOSCOMBE Pier TODAY (17th) at 3.00pm. All welcome.



**ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 25th September at 11am** in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. Parish Eucharist at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Sister Eileen will be with us. 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)



**SVP TEA GATHERING** The next gathering will be on **Thursday 28th September at 2.00pm**

**ETHNIC MASS** in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino/Chinese Saint) on **Saturday 23rd September 2023** at 1:30pm in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. See poster

**CARITAS CHARITY WALK** On 24th September, Jenny Lelean, Head of Caritas will be walking 25.5 miles of the Test Way in Hampshire to raise funds to support our own Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth! Donations will go to support some of the most vulnerable people who live in our communities across the diocese, including [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Action/Information people struggling with the rising costs of living, poverty, homelessness, social isolation, and refugees. You can donate by visiting their JustGiving page. Thank you <https://www.justgiving.com/page/caritas-wanderers>

**ON-LINE FORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARISH READERS** The Liturgy Formation Team will host webinars on Teams specifically designed for parish readers but all parishioners are welcome to attend. The sessions will run on Wednesdays from 4th October to 1st November 7pm to 8pm. More info at: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/38a8b121-7f56-4984-a9ae-8e7afaf08be5@0f107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>

**ROSEMARY GRACE KABANANA FISH, CHIPS & QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE IS BACK AGAIN!** for Kabanana Care (Zambia) Reg Charity No 1112809 **Parish Centre Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.15.** Tickets £15 with supper/£10 without (Sausage and veggie burger option available -BYO drinks and nibbles). Teams of about 6. Tickets available from trustees 01202 520804 or 07967 792678. or [annie.winiecki@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie.winiecki@hotmail.co.uk) Every penny we raise, feeds, clothes and educates about 80 orphans.

**ONLINE SEMINAR** The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is delighted to release details of an online seminar on **Tuesday 21st November** exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ. The keynote address will be given by internationally acclaimed and bestselling author Sherry Anne Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute. The keynote address will be given by internationally acclaimed and bestselling author Sherry Anne Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and trained and helps lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Her book Forming Intentional Disciples has sold more than 150,000 copies. **Tickets are priced at £10 per person and can be purchased by following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>**

**ST PETERS SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS** **Secondary evening next week on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 5 - 8.30pm.** Sixth Form evening Thursday 5th October 5.30 - 8.30pm. Primary evening Thursday 12th October 6 - 7.30pm. These evenings are for parents/carers who are looking for school admission for September 2024 for Y7, 6th Form (both at Southbourne site) and Reception (Iford site). Copying facilities will be available during the evenings for anyone wishing to bring documents with them in respect of applications being made within the faith categories. **See poster.**

**REPOSITORY:** 2024 Calendars & Diaries are now available in the Repository. Please come in and have a browse. **The Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass.**

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DIOCESE** can be found at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/job-opportunities-8/>

**VOCATIONS:** "...therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Cn. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**INTENTION:** That those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage, generosity and strength to say yes, and that they will receive the support of their families and friends, we pray to the Lord. **Info at: [www.portsmouthvocations.org](http://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.**

**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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