



CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH
MOTTO
"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

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: Thurs 16th: St Edmund of Abingdon.

32nd Sunday Year A - 12th November 2023

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As you will be aware, this weekend is a key date in the military annual calendar. Serving and retired personnel in our Armed Forces will take part in Parades and Acts of Remembrance. In recent years the tradition has been re-established of taking time on Armistice Day [11 November] as well as the nearest Sunday. A few years ago I was asked to speak to members of 2 Mercian, an Infantry Battalion. The vast majority were young men under the age of twenty-five. This wasn't the actual Address given during the Service, just a brief 'setting the scene' before we started. This is what I said:

"Armistice Day: the remembering of the ending of the First World War; a remembering of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, the civilians and on-combatants who were killed or wounded during conflict. From the muddy trenches of France to the dusty heat of an Afghan compound. We will and should remember them. But why?

Because these are our comrades, our friends, our forefathers and mothers. If they are not worth remembering, then what they did is not worth remembering, which must mean that the sacrifices they made for us were a waste of time, what they did, what they died for, was worthless.

By remembering, by taking the time to stop, reflect, share together the words and actions of this Service, by doing this we, the successors to these people - who were no different from us - by doing this we honour their sacrifice. We also help to make the world a safer place by simply reminding people that war and conflict comes at a huge price, not just in money but in terms of human life and families torn apart or damaged, never to be the same again.

And so, remembrance is about saying thank you for the sacrifice of those who went before us, but also reminding ourselves, by this very act of worship which we share here today, that human life is precious and to be cherished."

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Father John



A BEREAVEMENT SERVICE will be held on **Sunday 19th November 3.00pm** in Church. We invite all those who are recently bereaved or bereaved longer ago to come together to reflect, remember and pray for the departed in the month of November. *All welcome.*

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN NOVEMBER There is a remembrance book to the side of the Altar for you to enter names of loved ones. *They will be remembered daily at Mass during the month.*



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER For the Pope. Let us pray for the Pope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him.



CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL To donate to go to: cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers.



SVP Afternoon Tea Gathering on **Thursday 23rd November 2023** from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Memorial Room
We are looking forward to seeing you there. **SVP Team.**



SAVE THE DATE - 3 COURSE ITALIAN LUNCH - SUNDAY 10th December in the Parish Centre. Created by local Italian family. Tickets available soon. *Watch this space!*



ST. EDMUND OF ABINGDON, a Patron of our Portsmouth Diocese, whose Solemnity is on Thursday 16th November, was born in Berkshire on 30th November **1175** and he was the eldest son of the wealthy merchant Reginald Rich. Even from an early age, Edmund was renowned for his piety. Educated at the universities of Oxford and Paris, he returned after graduation to teach art and mathematics at Oxford. Ordained after receiving his doctorate in theology, he went on to teach and soon became known for his preaching and personal holiness. He became Chancellor of the University. In 1222 he was appointed Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, then in process of construction. Five years later, Pope Gregory XI commissioned him to preach throughout England in favour of the Sixth Crusade against the Saracens and shortly afterwards appointed him the Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop, Edmund became an adviser to King Henry III and successfully performed several diplomatic missions including arbitration between the king and his nobles, averting a civil war. He did not greatly enjoy administration and diplomacy, but he threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of ecclesiastical reform. He gathered together some capable helpers such as Richard of Chichester and resisted the intrusion of court politics into the running of the Church. He protested loudly against Henry's appointment of a papal legate for England and this brought him into conflict with the monastic chapter of Canterbury, who, supported by King Henry, resisted his authority. Further disputes arose between Edmund and the king. The Archbishop condemned the king's practice of leaving sees vacant whilst collecting their revenues for the crown. In **1240** he left England for Rome but died at Soissy near the Cistercian Abby of Pontigny, where he was buried. Despite his troubled rule, Edmund's personal goodness and holiness was never doubted, nor his good intentions. He left behind a simple but comprehensive programme for spiritual growth called the *Speculum Ecclesiae*, which was originally written for monks but which gained much popularity among the laity in the following centuries. He was canonised in 1246 and his cult spread across southern England, as exemplified by the dedication of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford in the late thirteenth century. **St Edmund, pray for us.**

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.**

DIOCESAN VACANCY SCHOOLS ESTATES MANAGER Based in Portsmouth with travel required 37 hrs p/w, usually worked over 5 days Salary: £50,000 to £60,000 p/a. The CDP is responsible for Estate Support for 55 schools across the geography of the Diocese, which includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight. To arrange an informal discussion about the role or request full job description and details of how to apply please contact: andy@pp-recruitment.com

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Sunday 26th November at 3.00pm in the De La Salle Theatre St Peter's School, Southbourne. With choirs from St James Primary and Avonwood Primary Schools. Tickets £8 (under 12's £5) from Ticketsource at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zzxvjyz or scan QR code **Tickets on the Door £10 (cash only)** Profits to charities including RTU (Brother Lionel). All welcome. **See poster.**



CHOIR COLLABORATE! A night of Harmony, Brilliance & Fun. 18th November 7.30pm in Citygate Centre, Holdenhurst Road. With choirs from Sounds like Fun (Fordingbridge & Southbourne) & Resonate! Tickets £8 (concs £5) From www.ticketsource.co.uk/choir-collaborate Profits to Charity. **See poster.**

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 20th-23rd MAY 2024 Please join Our Lady of Lourdes, Blandford, on pilgrimage to England's Nazareth next year! The cost is £330 and includes 3 nights half-board accommodation and travel by coach. Pick up available from Bournemouth. A poster and booking forms available at back of church, or ring Marie Fisher on 01258 458845 for more information.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO 3rd March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS: "Stay awake and stand ready because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming." Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life to lead others to the Lord. Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: That young people will be open to God's call in their lives and respond generously to give their lives to Him in the service of the Church, we pray to the Lord.

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
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