



# 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/](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: Tues 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wed 22: St Cecilia Fri 24: St Andrew Dung-Lac & comps **Next Sunday is Christ The King.**

## 33rd Sunday Year A - 19th November 2023

**"THE LAST THINGS"** As we near the conclusion of another year in the Christian calendar [we start a 'New Year' with the beginning of Advent] the Readings and liturgy steer our thoughts forward to the life which comes after our time on earth. As St Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, this is not morbid or depressing – it is reality and we should embrace it with true Christian hope: "you are all children of light and children of the day; we do not belong to the night or to darkness." None of us are here forever: the time will come for every one of us to answer the Lord's call to let go of this existence so that we can continue our journey towards the fulness of life in heaven.

That all sounds beautiful – and it is. But one of the hardest things we ever face is the loss of someone we love, who is precious to us and has made a huge difference in our lives. We can know deep down that, when they die, they go to "a better place" and often this is accompanied by relief from pain and any suffering which has been part of the final stages of life. But, on the other hand, we don't want them to go. By the way, I believe that one of the greatest innovations has been the hospice movement which provides places of peace and sanctuary as those final days arrive. Over and over again I have witnessed families given an opportunity to spend time in a quiet setting with a loved one who is nearing death, thanks to the provision of a room in a Hospice. This has eased what is an incredibly difficult time for any family.

Death is not a sign of failure. Death is the gateway to a life more glorious. The Church encourages us to get on and live our lives as well as we can – but always with an eye on where this life is taking us. In the meantime, as today's Gospel tells us, we have been given gifts to use in service of God in one another. These gifts, whatever they might be, are there to be used – not hidden away. With gifts from God comes the expectation that they will be put to good use with generosity. **Father John**



**CONFIRMATION** Bishop Philip's policy is to have a Confirmation Programme run in each parish every two years. Here at Corpus Christi, we have had one in both of the past two years. As there have only been three enquiries, it has been decided to wait until the autumn of 2024 to begin the next Confirmation programme. **Fr John**



**A BEREAVEMENT SERVICE TODAY (Sunday) 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.**



**STELLA MARIS - SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE APPEAL 2023** This year we will be collecting chocolate gifts to be given out to all those who work at sea and come into our local ports. Stella Maris chaplains and port visitors, who offer spiritual and practical help to seafarers, will deliver them in time for Christmas. Please bring your Chocolate Gifts to the **Parish Office by Sunday 10th December.** See poster at the back of Church for the suggested items eg: Tubs of Chocolates.

**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.**



**POSTPONED - 3 COURSE ITALIAN LUNCH** - Due to a variety of reasons this has been postponed until January 2024. Something to look forward to!! Watch this space!



**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL** To donate to go to: [cafod.org.uk/ipc](https://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.**

**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](https://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.**



**JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE - Write a Christmas Card to people held in immigration detention** For many of us, Christmas is a time spent celebrating with family and friends. For those accompanied by JRS UK, however, Christmas and New Year – as with any large celebration throughout the year – can be a much more difficult time as it is often a reminder of the people and communities that they are separated from. We would therefore like to invite you to take part in this year's Christmas Card Appeal and help us to send a Christmas card and message of solidarity and support to all those supported by JRS. We hope that these messages might bring small bit of comfort, connection and encouragement at this time. Find out how you can get involved at [www.jrsuk.net](https://www.jrsuk.net).

**DIVERSE ABILITIES, DORSET'S DISABILITY CHARITY, CAROL CONCERT** Join us in the centre of Bournemouth for a night of festive carolling thanks to Sound of Soul, Razzamataz, Canford Heath School Choir, and soprano Poppy Neame. St. Peter's Church Bournemouth **Wednesday 13 December from 6pm**. Tickets from: <https://diverseabilities.org.uk/carolconcert> Adult £10; Family ticket £28; plus other concessions Sponsored by Colten Care

**DOMESTIC ABUSE HELP** - Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) is a codeword scheme that provides a safe, discreet and confidential way for victims of domestic abuse to access immediate help from their local pharmacy or jobcentre. All our local Boots pharmacies have a safe space.

**How to get help:** Go to the location, approach a member of staff and Ask for ANI ('Please can I speak to ANI') or ask to use a Safe Space ('Do you have a Safe Space available?') You will be taken to a private space where a trained member of staff will support you and you can decide what to do next. A Safe Space is a safe and confidential room where victims can take some time to reflect, access information on specialist support services or call friends or family. To find out all places that you can 'Ask for ANI', go to <https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/get-support/ask-for-ani>

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 20th-23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**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.**

**PAYING FOR CANDLES** - Please remember to pay for the candles that you light at the shrines around the church. **Please give a minimum of 30p for each candle. Please put money in candle slot at back of church. Thank you.**

**VOCATIONS:** "Well done, good and faithful servant...." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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