



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 7: St Ambrose Fri 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B - 3rd December 2023



BEING RECONCILED WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

This Advent is very short: just three weeks because the Fourth Sunday is also Christmas Eve. So, there is no time to waste if we are to benefit and make the most of the opportunities this beautiful Season in the Church's Year offers us.

Not surprisingly, children in our schools are focused on preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus: Nativity Plays of various types are being rehearsed; older children are practising Readings and Carols to present to parents and families. The doors on Advent Calendars begin to be opened as the countdown to the 25 December gets underway. Shops ratchet up their efforts to sell anything that appears related to Christmas – or is red and green in colour! There is absolutely nothing wrong with being caught up in this excitement, even when we are at the stage where we have celebrated Christmas many times. The infectious enthusiasm of the young should be catching.

At the same time, Advent has a purpose of its own. It is one of the key seasons which focus our thoughts on 'preparation'. But not just preparation for Christmas, also being more ready for that second coming of Christ – whenever it might be. Being awake, being alert and being ready, are all themes in Advent as we look at our lives and consider whether there are changes we need to make. Those may not be dramatic but who amongst us can say that we are perfect? Surely there are areas of our lives, our relationships, our approach to work, etc. which need God's forgiveness and healing to enable us to flourish, to grow and become closer to the person God intends us to be.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can help with this. On **Friday 15 December at 7pm** a number of priests will be available for this within a Penitential Service. If you haven't been to this Sacrament for some time, think about coming. If you come regularly to Confession, try and join us that evening. It will be an opportunity, together, to celebrate the reconciliation and peace God wants us to have with him and with each other. That in turn will put us in a better position to welcome Jesus when Christmas comes once more. **Father John**



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas card that gives dates and times of services over Christmas and New Year. Available from Church porch.

'MY DAY BY DAY' ADVENT booklet 2023 for adults — is now available at the back of Church for only £1.00 *Please put money in the pamphlet slot.*



FREE ADVENT GIFT from the PARISH to OUR CHILDREN

Please pick up "My Day by Day Junior or Infant booklet. Happy Advent!"

PASTORAL LETTER Please find attached, a letter from Bishop Philip for you to take home and read.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
The Office will be closed from Friday 15th Dec to 3rd Jan 2024.

SVP Festive Afternoon Tea Gathering on FRIDAY 8th December 2023 from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. We are looking forward to seeing you there. **SVP Team.**



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place 10th and 17th December at 10.00am Sunday mass. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in.



ACI FAMILY GROUPS, LINKS OF LOVE FUND RAISING EVENT. We will be holding a cake/gift sale after the masses on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December in the church porch. All proceeds will go towards the cost of sending one of our ACI members to the IV International Assembly in Rome during February 2024. In addition, we will be running a raffle for the next 2 weeks with the prize being a beautiful knitted crib scene. Raffle tickets can be purchased after mass at the back of the church. The raffle will be drawn on 17th December.

VITA NOVA PERFORMANCE 'The Wind of Change' is a light-hearted, pirate themed play about the serious business of addiction recovery. It tells the story of Captain Roderick Jolly Rogers and his motley crew on their quest to find treasure. What they discover on Serenity Island is not what they expect...but is worth so much more than gold. Performances are at **Corpus Christi Parish Centre at 6.30pm on Thursday 7th December and Friday 8th December**. Tickets (by donation) can be bought from Eventbrite, search Wind of Change or purchased on the night.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE CHRISTMAS EVENT, Boscombe Precinct, Saturday 9th December 3.00pm This year CTIB are joining together with the Salvation Army and Impact Boscombe to run a live nativity in the Boscombe High Street! **Starting point is in the Royal Arcade.** They will be telling the Nativity story over 4 'stops', with acting, choirs (including St Clement's School), the Salvation Army youth band. There will be donkeys and also free mince pies and drinks at the end served from Black Cherries cafe, and a gift of chocolate and a nativity story for all the children who attend.

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!

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. Therefore we invite you to 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.

A UKRAINIAN FAMILY of two parents and three children are desperate to leave Ukraine **for this area** where they have relatives; there will be full support and guidance if you are able to offer accommodation - please call Judith Williams on 01202 460162 or Mob 07840 490525, if you can help or know of someone who can.

ICN is currently appealing for clothes for male asylum seekers which can be taken directly to the Dignity Shop in Bournemouth or given to **Kevin Flynn (01202 429034)** who will pass them on.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH COP28 is on until 12 Dec. In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis describes how some of the big changes we need to happen to slow the rate of climate change must come from the actions of governments. Let us pray for those leaders, that they can listen to those already affected by climate change and have courage to act. **Visit our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> for links to prayer resources.**

CAFOD'S ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023 Cafod's online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join us as we journey through the season of Advent with our global family. **Sign up by going to: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>**

VOCATIONS: First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2023 "Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTION: That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests and religious brothers and sisters will be enriched in Christ and prayerfully graced with abundant spiritual gifts to serve Him, 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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