



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: Wed 17: St Anthony of Egypt

Second Sunday of Year B - 14th January 2024

A LACK OF HUMANITY

The story dominating the news in this country over the past fortnight concerns the mistreatment of hundreds of ordinary men and women who ran small branches of the Post Office in their local communities. The more you hear about what has happened the more questions come to mind. Such as: why did anyone believe that in such a short period so many alleged thefts of money would happen? Why did those investigating mislead individuals by telling them that they were the only one who had an accounting problem? Why were politicians so keen to simply accept assurances given by Post Office management? When money was paid to try and balance the books, where did it go? And when the true scale of the injustice became clear (many years ago) why has it taken so long to try and remedy that situation? Lives were destroyed (in some cases people took their own lives in desperation), homes and businesses were lost, reputations destroyed. There is still much to emerge and the Public Inquiry is working to establish what went so terribly wrong.

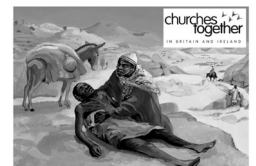
This saga is chilling because it reminds us of a number of things. The first is that large corporations and organisations do have the power to ride rough-shod over individuals, the 'little people'. That power requires proper, effective checks and balances. The second is that more and more faith is being placed in technology – especially computer and information technology – at the expense sometimes of common sense and being prepared to listen to human beings. The third is that money and profits are being put at the top of every agenda, which can lead to inhumanity. Whatever happened to believing a person rather than disbelieving them as a point to begin? One sickening detail I read was that the Post Office Investigators received a bonus payment for every Sub Post Master convicted. Hardly a recipe for justice and the establishment of truth.

Which brings me to a final observation. With the announcement of an all-embracing quashing of convictions for those caught in the Horizon scandal, quite rightly concerns will be raised about the importance of an independent judicial system – which we value hugely in this country (it isn't the same in many others). But the judicial system has also failed the victims because the wheels turn so painfully slowly. Not just in this case: in many areas of law and prosecution today it takes years for cases to come to Court. There is a principle in Roman Law which says: 'Justice delayed is justice denied'. If the Court of Appeal had handled these cases in a more timely manner then people could have moved forward with their lives. Providing people with justice, establishing the truth, acting in a humane way, all these should be part of the fabric of a civilized society. It can feel as though these fundamental principles are slipping away from us. **Father John**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE invite you to join together in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024** **22-26 January at 12noon - 12.30 p.m each day**



22nd Monday, St James (tbc);
23rd Tuesday, St Andrew's;
24th Wednesday, St George's;
25th Thursday, Rosebery Park;
26th Friday, Corpus Christi.



Our times of prayer will be followed by a light lunch, e.g., soup and a roll. www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

READERS ROTAS — Can all readers please pick up their rota from the back of Church. The rota is until June 2024. *Many thanks for your continued role in this Ministry.*



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church
Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place today and 28th. January at 10am Sunday Mass. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in

SVP our first tea gathering in 2024 is on **Thursday 25th at 2.00pm till 3.30pm** in the Memorial Room. **All welcome.**



THANKS & APPEAL The Dignity Centre at 108 Christchurch Rd Bournemouth (A place of welcome and support for the local asylum seeking and refugee population), sends grateful thanks to all from Corpus Christi Parish who have supported the Centre so generously with clothing. **With the colder weather, there now is an added need for hats, gloves and winter jackets.** For anyone who can offer support their mobile no is 07523 841440. Opening times 11am to 4.30pm Tues Wed Thurs. Or contact Kate 07852 335127 who is happy to collect and deliver.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information **contact Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447**



PANTO TIME!!!! ALL SAINTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENT - BEAUTY & THE BEAST 12th—20th JANUARY 2024 in Corpus Christi Parish Centre. Performed by All Saints Dramatic Society. Tickets from the Box Office on 07548100770 or scan the QR code Tickets £15, Concs £12 or children £8.



REPOSITORY: We still have a few 2024 Calendars & Diaries. **The Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass.** We also have Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts available. If you are looking for something special then please browse 'cbcdistributors.co.uk' & send your name with the code numbers of any items you are interested in to 07775868253. I can then text you a price before I order. **Thank you.**

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL Ahead of this year's Second Collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese, which is scheduled to take place on **21st January**, Father James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia has asked for this message to be passed on.

Father James writes:

"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.

The heating and electrical systems are in urgent need of upgrading. One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money I had allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window. The two remaining boilers both failed in late November 2023. After a week of no central heating, the two boilers were repaired, but we have been advised that all three boilers have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago. We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient, "greener" system.

In the summer of 2023, the quinquennial architectural survey was completed and the report we received in September outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million.

I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21st January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. **Your support is vitally important to us."**

VOCATIONS: Samuel learns to hear the voice of the Lord, responding, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Are you wondering how to respond to God's call? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: That every Catholic will actively seek out their calling in Christ and work to strengthen his kingdom, especially those chosen to lead as priests or consecrated brothers or sisters, 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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