



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 24: St Francis de Sales Thurs 25: The Conversion of St Paul
Fri 26: Ss Timothy & Titus **SECOND COLLECTION** for the CATHEDRAL this weekend.

Third Sunday of Year B - 21st January 2024

LOOKING AHEAD We are only a couple of weeks into the New Year and already we are being asked to cast our gaze forward. With this Newsletter is a letter from our Bishop which concerns preparations for a Holy Year – a Year of Jubilee – announced by Pope Francis for 2025. Bishop Philip, echoing the Pope's message, underlines that we need to prepare ourselves and our parish communities if we are to gain the maximum benefit from the Holy Year. This is about spiritual preparation but also making plans and decisions which have practical implications. It also fits in with the published Vision for the Diocese of Portsmouth. We cannot avoid or brush aside the serious issues we face in being ready for the challenges the coming years are likely to bring.

To kick-start the process in Corpus Christi Parish we will hold two Open Meetings for parishioners. These will be in February and the idea is that people try to attend one of the two meetings. The same ground will be covered in both and the idea of two dates is because not everyone will be able to make a single date so this spreads the opportunity. At those meetings we will begin the task of considering how this Parish moves forward, for the Holy Year and with the Diocesan Vision in view. Those two dates will be announced very soon and I would then encourage EVERY member of the Parish to come along to one or the other. When I arrived as your priest nearly eighteen months ago I made the point that this is YOUR PARISH, not mine. Some of you have been here for many years. Others have arrived more recently – like me. I suspect the majority of you will be here after I've gone. Therefore, it is vital that parishioners of all ages, all backgrounds, all nationalities, engage with this conversation about the future. We all have a part to play and a voice to be heard.

One practical matter that the parish must address is how we best use the buildings and assets we have inherited from the Jesuit Order. The Parish Hall/Centre is a particular concern. Whatever conclusion we come to about these buildings is not for me alone to decide. We have limited money, we have fewer people with the time and energy to manage these matters and so we must face reality. Just as you do in your families, we as a parish must live within our means. At the moment we spend more than comes in and that cannot continue.

So, the future holds big challenges for us. But it also brings great opportunities for growth, for a re-focus on what is truly important. That's what Pope Francis desires for the Church spread across the world. And that lies behind the Vision for our Diocese. But none of that will bear fruit unless we, as individuals and parishes actually get stuck, engage and take a full part. Are you ready for this? **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

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES A mission Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth 2023 - 2033. **Please pick up a leaflet**, issued from the Diocese, that gives more information about what part you can play in this 10 year plan. Leaflets are at the back of Church. *Also available by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.*





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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CRIB DONATIONS While reflecting at the beautiful crib this year, you generously donated **£486**, that will go to help the people of Palestine, through The Friends of the Holy Land. The Friends of the Holy Land help fund projects such as health care and your support will mean a huge amount to them. **Thank you.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place 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.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER that sessions, for those already on the programme, start again **on Saturday 27th January**. Sessions are 2.00pm or 4.00pm - refer to your programme pack for more information.

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.**

APPEAL The Dignity Centre at 108 Christchurch Rd Bournemouth (A place of welcome and support for the local asylum seeking and refugee population) are appealing for **hats, gloves and winter jackets**. Contact them on: 07523 841440. Opening times 11am to 4.30pm Tues Wed Thurs. Or contact Kate 07852 335127 who is happy to collect and deliver.

THE DIOCESAN DIALOGUE WITH CULTURAL SECTOR TEAM is hosting a Symposium on medical and social ethics entitled 'What it means to be Human' on Saturday 16th March at The Arc, Winchester. Tickets are priced at £20 for the day, including sandwiches and refreshments. For tickets scan the QR code or go to: <https://what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk>



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 jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447**

CAFOD MEETINGS You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. On Saturday 27th January the meeting is at Corpus Christi Church hall 60 **Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE** from 10:30am to 1:30pm or on Saturday 3rd February at St Philip Howard Church hall, Bishopsfield road Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER ONLINE, 22nd - 26th Jan 2024 - with daily guidance to help us reflect on the NEWNESS that God wants to bring us this New Year, and to help us live our daily life with a greater awareness of God's presence. Led by the **Verbum Dei Community**. For more information, please contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com



STELLA MARIS - WANTED ROSARY BEADS. Please donate your spare and unused rosary beads to the Stella Maris charity in Southampton. Your spare beads will be passed on to the many hundreds of seafarers and their families, where there is great demand for them. You can post them to: **Stella Maris, c/o St Edmund's Catholic Church, 14 Rockstone Pl, Southampton SO15 2EQ**. For more information, email: gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org



DOUAI ABBEY has a programme of retreats - come for a day or weekend of peaceful quiet and join the Benedictine community at their prayer and in their lovely surroundings. A series of workshops, reflection and retreats has been prepared for Spring & Summer (click here for details), and you will be most welcome to join in one or other of these events. In particular there is a series of four options for Lent including A Preparation for Lent led by Abbot Paul Gunter (an expert on Liturgy) on Saturday 10th February Go to: douaiabbey.org.uk

VOCATIONS: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Is the Lord calling upon you to cast a wider net with a vocation as to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

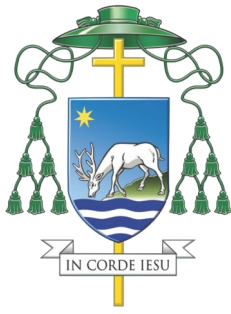
INTENTIONS: For an increase in fishers of men and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

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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To the Clergy and People of our Diocese
14th January 2024

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Second Sunday of the Year

Dear Friends,

As we embark on the new year 2024, the Holy Father has invited us to prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025, entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In his letter promoting the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis recalls the suffering and hardships that many of us experienced during the pandemic. In a time where many countries also suffer the effects of war and the climate crisis, Pope Francis sees the Jubilee Year 2025 as an opportunity to restore hope, a time of renewal and rebirth. The Jubilee Year will begin on 24th December 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica and will draw to a close on the feast of Epiphany, January 2026.

In preparation for the Jubilee Year, the Pope has proclaimed this year 2024 to be a year of prayer in preparation. It will focus on that prayer given to the disciples, the 'Our Father.' The Our Father not only reminds us that God is our Father but also reminds us of the union we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The word jubilee derives from the Hebrew, 'Jobel', which means 'a ram's horn.'

The instrument would be blown indicating the start of the year. In the Old Testament, for the Israelites, the jubilee was a time of universal pardon. In the Book of Leviticus, the Lord says, "And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family." The year was seen as a time to re-establish relationship with God, with each other, and creation. This would see misappropriated land returned to their owners, debts forgiven, Hebrew slaves set free, and a fallow period for the land to recover. In the New Testament, on the Sabbath day in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads the Jubilee prophecy (see Luke 4:16-21) from the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2) and proclaims that it would be fulfilled through him,

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn..." The true jubilee is Jesus Christ himself. While in the jubilee of old slaves were set free from bondage and united with their families and homeland, in Jesus, we are freed from the bondage of sin and death. Jesus unites us to our true family, the family of God (the Church), and to our true homeland, heaven.

On 22nd February, 1300, Pope Boniface VIII introduced the first jubilee, also known as a holy year, to mark the beginning of that century. Pope Boniface recommended that a jubilee year take place every hundred years. Later popes changed the intervals between years, and jubilees are now celebrated every 25 years, although sometimes a pope may add an additional "extraordinary" year, such as the 2016 'Year of Mercy.' Since 1300, the church has celebrated 28 jubilees, the most recent being celebrated in preparation of the millennium year during the papacy of St John Paul II. A jubilee year commemorates a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, themes reflected also in the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

During this coming year of prayer, let us also (re)consider the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Just as Jesus was attentive to the practical needs of those He encountered in His ministry, the spiritual works of mercy call us to reach out to our neighbour and attend to their spiritual needs too. The seven spiritual works of mercy are: counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead. In the parable of the sheep and goats, Jesus commends the ones who show mercy to those who are suffering and marginalised (Matthew 25:31-46.) Mercy is a virtue in which one is called to have compassion for another, and if possible, to alleviate their suffering. At a time when the Church focuses on forgiveness and reconciliation, the spiritual (and corporal) works of mercy are about helping those on the journey of faith and those who are searching to be reconciled with God, the Church and with others.

So, as we begin this year of prayer in preparation for the Holy Year 2025, let us daily contemplate the 'Our Father' and extend that prayer in practice through performing the seven spiritual works of mercy.

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip

Bishop of Portsmouth

Giubileo 2025 "Letter of the Holy Father Francis to Msgr. Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation for the jubilee 2025" <https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/lettera-di-papa-francesco.html> (Accessed: 30/12/2023)

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