



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 31: St John Bosco Fri 2: The Presentation of the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Year B - 28th January 2024

A BIGGER PICTURE My sister Katherine lives in Australia. She has just taken up an appointment as Principal of a school in Prosperine in the Whitsundays on the coast of Queensland. The new school year there begins towards the end of January. However, one of her first acts has been to close the school (which caters for children age 5 – 18) in the face of a Tropical Cyclone. Added to Australia Day, which is a public holiday, it means the new term has begun with a four-day weekend. No doubt there are plenty of happy children not to mention staff! In that part of the world they are accustomed to extreme weather but it is happening more often and this time winds of 120kph were forecast with torrential rain and more flooding.

In the UK we also know about changing weather patterns. The tenth named storm (where do they get those names from?) in 2024 has already hit our islands and we are not even at the end of January. All over the world countries and communities are increasingly impacted by the effects of climate change. Yet a contender looking to return to the White House as President of the United States has consistently said he doesn't believe it is an issue, and if elected plans to sign thousands of oil and gas licences to enable continued use of fossil fuels. Here our government has pushed back by five years the deadline for no longer selling petrol and diesel vehicles.

It has been noted that around fifty per cent of the world's population has elections this year, and that's likely to include us. It is a shame that in many countries elections are not real. For example, does anyone expect a President in Russia other than Putin? But where we can influence decisions through elections we have to decide what are the key issues. Political parties will try to divert us to thinking about whether we should pay a bit more or less tax. There will be much talk about planes going to Rwanda with or without refugees on them. And we will have to sift out the wheat from the chaff. What kind of world we want to have, what state our planet will be in for future generations, these are fundamental questions. One approach I find helpful is to ask myself: in fifty years' time (when I won't be here any longer) will people look back with gratitude that we took the tough decisions? Or will they look back and wonder what on earth we were thinking?

A constant problem when it comes to elections is trying to get people engaged, even to vote. The number who bother in this country is very low and probably indicates a feeling that what we think, feel or believe makes little difference to those running the country. But if we don't get involved we can hardly complain if things go in a direction we do not agree with. Perhaps, well ahead of the next general Election, we should already be considering what key issues we would like addressed. After all, my vote is worth just as much as anyone else's vote. Will I use it wisely? **Father John**

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 begins 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.

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have created an **audio resource of the 'Our Father' in many languages**, a reminder that catholic prayer is universal.

The Lord's Prayer in the World's Languages is for use in parishes, small groups, and solo-use, during Lent 2024. It can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-lords-prayer-in-the-worlds-languages/>

Our Father
Gweddi'r Arglwydd
PATER NOSTER
Notre Père
Padre Nuestro



YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES A mission Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth 2023 - 2033. 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.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place today (28th) 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

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) Monthly Meeting **Monday 29th January 11.00am**. Memorial Room, Corpus Christi Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00 mass.

'Lord expand my heart so that all may fit inside it'. *Sr Raphaela Mary of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

REPOSITORY: 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.**

THE DIGNITY CENTRE at 108 Christchurch Rd Bournemouth (A place of welcome and support for the local asylum seeking and refugee population), sends continued thanks to all from Corpus Christi Parish who have donated much needed clothing in recent weeks. 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 jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447**

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



THE BIG LENT WALK **CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK 2024** Do you like walking? So why not challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk 5k a day when and where you choose over the 40 days of Lent, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. CAFOD and SCIAF (Caritas Scotland) are teaming up to bring the Big Lent Walk to Great Britain! Read more about us and our decision to join forces. Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty. So, sign up to do the Big Lent Walk yourself at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/sign-up>. Then put your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet! **Jo Lewry, Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD Portsmouth**

ST PETER AND THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS PARISH OPERATIONS MANAGER Hours: Full time: 37.5 hours per week Mon-Fri, but with flexibility to allow at least one Sunday morning per month (approx. 4 hours) and occasional evenings and weekends. Salary: £40-45,000 per annum Closing date for applications: Friday 9th February 2024 at 12 Noon Interviews: Friday 1st March 2024

For more vacancies in the Diocese go to: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

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>



CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. Francisco Hintikka from Sacred Heart, Bournemouth who has recently be ordained a priest. Best wishes to Fr Hintikka!



VOCATIONS: "Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." Do you think the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

