



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]

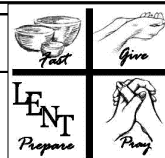
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/

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: Friday 1st: St David



Second Sunday of Lent Year B - 25th February 2024

HANDLING SHOCK

Last November I attended a dinner in Salisbury with members of an Association linked to an Army Medical Unit I served with. The after-dinner speaker was a doctor, now a Consultant, who had been on duty at the hospital in Salisbury when two Russians were brought in. Their names were Sergei Skirpal and his daughter Yulia. They had been found unconscious in the city centre where it was not uncommon for victims of drug overdose to be discovered. The first assumption was that they too had overdosed but blood and other tests revealed strange effects and the reality that poison was involved. The doctor who spoke to us described the shock as the beginnings of truth emerged, and how he and the nursing staff found themselves sealed in the Emergency Department guarded by people wearing haz-mat suits. No one could actually believe what was happening. They were in shock but worked tirelessly to save the lives of the Skirpals. It was the shock that struck me.

Two years ago we heard the news that, despite saying everything to the contrary, the Russian President had launched a full-scale invasion of a European country. The horrific devastation, loss of life and destruction in Ukraine is terrible. Many of us were shocked that this could happen in our time, in Europe, with no provocation. A week ago we learned that Alexei Navalny, a lawyer and critic of Vladimir Putin had died in a Penal Colony located within the Arctic Circle. There was worldwide shock but not much surprise because it appears likely that this is just one more example of the leader of the Russian State behaving in an appalling way. A duty of the authorities is to protect and safeguard prisoners.

Have we just become used to this? We should be shocked, we should be disgusted. Those of you who have brought up children know full well how important it is to set standards and establish boundaries. If a child does something wrong that must be corrected so it is clear it cannot happen again. That's how we learn. President Putin has been allowed, for years, to behave in totally unacceptable ways whilst other countries and their leaders have voiced concern but done very little. This laissez-faire attitude has allowed a situation to develop which is now of growing concern. But are you and I shocked anymore? Or do we watch and accept that this is just how things are today. The nineteenth century British politician Lord Acton summarised it perfectly: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." **Father John**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Thank you to all those who brought back your donation envelopes this weekend but they can also be returned next weekend as well. **It is much appreciated. CAFOD is grateful for your support.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 There will be two Reconciliation Services: **Thursday 29th February at 6pm and Wednesday 6th March at 6pm.** Children will be allocated to a particular service by Deacon Greg.

Deacon Greg's email is: fhc.boscombe@gmail.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. **Thank you to all those who have offered already.** The only remaining vacant date is **1st March.** **Thank you.**

On Fridays in Lent there is Mass at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross.



FUNERAL SERVICE for Joshua Carrington RIP will be at 11.00am tomorrow, Monday 26th February.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place today, 25th Feb 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 Tea Gathering will be in the Memorial Room on **Thursday 29th February** from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. **All welcome**



CAN YOU HELP? Can you give a lift to Matilde to church from Castlepoint area? Even if it is only now and then, as she can no longer drive. If you can help, please call her son, **Oscar, on 07883201364.**



ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) MONTHLY MEETING Monday 26th Feb Memorial Room Corpus Christi Church at 11.am. Exploring the call by Isaiah to be Repairers of the Breach, Restorers of the Paths in which to dwell. Isaiah 58. 11-12. We recall this mission of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as Sisters & Members of the ACI Family, including Jackie Large from our parish, as they gather in Rome for their IV International Assembly. **Let us keep them, and Jackie, in our prayers.**

MARCH FOR MEN 2024 - "On Saturday 9th March, I am taking part in a 5km walk to raise money for the men's health services at our local hospitals. If you would like to sponsor me, the link to my fundraising page is <https://uhdcharity.enthuse.com/pf/liam-foy> If you are unable to donate online then please put the money in an envelope with your name & I will enter it for you. Thank you. – Liam Foy"

THE PASSION A moving and memorable retelling of the Easter story by LAMPS on **Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm** in **St Joseph's, Christchurch.** Tickets £10 includes refreshments Call Claire Riche on 01202 423431 or see poster.

CARITAS If you are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5th March from 12:30-1pm** where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD, to tell us more about the **LiveSimply Award.** All welcome, please scan QR code to register.



RIGHT TO LIFE Support an amendment to reduce abortion from 24 to 22 weeks. **Pick up a postcard from the back of church and send it to your MP.** More info at: rightforlife.org.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat in St Michael & St George, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Sat 9 March 2024 11am to 4pm led by the Marian Fathers. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more info. **All welcome.**

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight - 28th - 31st March. If you are interested to join it or want to know more information about it, please contact them on: **verbumdei.iow@gmail.com**

STAY AWAKE is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024** from 10:00 – 19:00 at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza!

Stay Awake has been described as an all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference but it is way more fun than that description! Participants have said "Such an inspiring, fruitful and enjoyable day!" "Glorious!", "Such a joy!", "Encouraging!", "Awesome!", "Wonderful to see God's love in action!" "I offered to leave at lunch-time but the children didn't wanted to!" This is an event for everyone and anyone. **Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, from www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024**

RETRouvaille – Do you need help with, or to rediscover, your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences in **Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024.** Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY - SEMH LEAD (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) We welcome interest from a candidate with an interest or background in education and children's mental health, to manage provision for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs. You will work alongside the Inclusion Leader and DSL (Designated Safeguarding Leader) to provide an alternative curriculum to meet the specific social and emotional needs of individual children. **More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk/vacancies** **The closing date is midday Monday 18th March.** Interviews on Tuesday 26th March.

VOCATIONS: "Christ suffered for sins once for all." Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: That those the Lord is calling to be a priest or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, 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

