



CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH
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"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: Mon 5: St Agatha Tues 6: St Paul Miki & Comps Sat 10: St Scholastica

Fifth Sunday of Year B - 4th February 2024

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Your first reaction to reading this heading might be 'what? We've barely completed our celebration of the Christmas Season!' In fact, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple was on Friday 2 February and that marked the end of the Christmas Season. Now here we are, contemplating the start of Lent. Because Easter is early this year [31 March] so Lent begins early. By coincidence Ash Wednesday falls on the 14 February so some people may struggle to combine Fasting & Abstinence [the traditional way in which we mark the first day of Lent] with celebrations of Valentine's Day. I know which of the two the card and gift shops will be emphasising!

The reason I am highlighting Lent now, ten days ahead of Ash Wednesday, is that in order to make the most of the forty days of the Lenten Season, we ought to plan and at least decide what tools we want to use to help us on that journey. Here at Corpus Christi, we will have Stations of the Cross each Friday evening followed by Mass (in addition to the usual 10am Mass). But what you choose to do is a personal decision. Our church is open every day, usually from 8am until the evening. Why not come in and walk the Way of the Cross yourself, pausing to reflect at each of the 14 Stations? Or try and come to Mass once during the week. Or set aside some extra time for prayer at home, on your own or with other members of your family. Perhaps there is a book or some spiritual reading you have been meaning to engage with: what better time than Lent. Or plan to fast once a week, maybe eating and drinking less on a Friday, or another day. Towards the beginning of Lent we are encouraged to observe a Fast Day [Friday 23 February] and support the work of CAFOD.

The main purpose of Lent is to take us on a spiritual journey of renewal when we sift out those things in our lives which really don't need to be there. They can be things which are actually harmful to us or they may be distractions which divert us from what is truly important. We refocus our lives and this helps to prepare us for the greatest feasts, the most important time, in our year as Christians when we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus in Holy Week and Easter.

In ten days' time we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. This year it falls during the half-term break so bringing children along to the **10am Mass that day** would be a good way to help them launch into this beautiful season of self-reflection, renewal and preparation. Whatever we choose to do, let's make the most of Lent this year. Give it some thought and have a plan for what you intend to do. **Father John**



KITTY BOUNDEN RIP Her funeral mass will be on **TUESDAY 13th Feb at 12 noon**. There will be **NO 10am Mass** that day but the family would welcome any parishioners who wish to join them at 12.00pm.

LENT BOOKLETS 'My Day by Day' adult booklets now available at the back of Church. **Still only £1. Please put money in the pamphlet slot.**

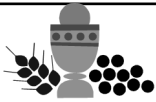
ASH WEDNESDAY is 14th February there will be mass at 10am (not 9am) and an evening service at 7.00pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do (16th Feb to 29th March - Good Friday (inc) to the Parish Office.

STATIONS of the CROSS

On Fridays in Lent there will be mass at 7.30pm after Stations.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

This is a reminder that there is a Parent's evening on **Thursday 8th February at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre, on the topic of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that will last about an hour. It is an important information evening and it is essential that a representative from each family attends. Please do not bring any children to these meetings as we do not have facilities for child-minding. There will be practices for Reconciliation services at the sessions on **Saturday 24th February**. If you have a problem attending, please email **Deacon Greg** at **fhc.boscombe@gmail.com**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

will take place on 11th and 25th February 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

THE DIGNITY CENTRE The Dignity Centre, 108 Christchurch Rd Bournemouth. - *A place of welcome and support for the local asylum seeking and refugee population.*

Continued thanks to all who have donated so generously with clothing. The Centre is very grateful to everyone for the care and support shown by the parish. **There is now an urgent need for toiletries, soap, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste etc. if you can supply an item or two, a box marked Dignity Centre, will be in the porch next week 10/11 February.** For more info call Kate 07852 335127

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23rd February This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.



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**

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>



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE was recently observed. **We thank** all those men and women called to the Priesthood & Religious life who intercede for us, allow us to be in full communion with Christ, guide us and support us.



Heavenly Father, in your wisdom you have called certain women and men to a life of special consecration so that in prayerful observance of a lifestyle of poverty, chaste celibacy and obedience, they might be witnesses to us that as St. Paul says,
"our true citizenship is in heaven."

Give them, Lord, the grace of joy and perseverance in their holy vocation. **We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**

St. Scholastica - pray for us.

St John Vianney - pray for us

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, *available by scanning the QR code.*



LATIN MASS (1962) will be offered every Sunday at the earlier time of **12.30pm at St Thomas More**, Exton Road, BH6 5QG, by a priest of the Marian Franciscans.

VOCATIONS: "To preach the Gospel is a duty which has been laid on me!" Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord, 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.**



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill. Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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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