



CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH
MOTTO
"ONLY JESUS"

PARISH PRIEST: Monsignor John Nelson

Tel: 01202 425286 Email: jnelson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deacon: Gregory Cook Email: gcook@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office: 18 St James's Square, Boscombe BH5 2BX Tel: 01202 425286

Parish Administrator: Sandra Cook. **Parish Office Email:** office@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk

Normal Parish Office hours: 9.30am - 12.30pm Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Finance Administrator: Georgie Lockyer. **Email:** accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk

Property Manager/Centre Bookings : Aidan Foy. Tel: 07775868253 **Email:** facilities@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITE: www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/  **Network:** CC_Public **Password:** church20



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: Wed 14: Ash Wednesday - Mass with ashes at 10am and 7pm

Sixth Sunday of Year B - 11th February 2024

THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH - WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A few weeks ago I said that we would arrange a couple of meetings to look at the way ahead for Corpus Christi Parish. This is in light of the Bishop's Vision for the Diocese – as we are a parish within Portsmouth Diocese this affects us. We now have the dates for these meetings: **Thursday 7 March and Tuesday 12 March**, both starting at **7pm, in the Parish Centre**. The idea is that people would only attend one of the two and by offering a choice of two dates I hope that more parishioners will be able to take part. My presentation at each meeting will be the same.

We need to look at our priorities and how we can focus our energy and resources in the areas we believe are important, guided by the Bishop's Vision for the future of our diocese. A number of you have told me how much this parish has changed in recent years, and was affected by the pandemic and all the challenges that brought. The number of people attending Corpus Christi at the three weekend Masses is certainly lower than it was in the past and, together, we need to address the consequences of those changes. A great blessing in this parish is the variety and diversity when it comes to nationalities and backgrounds and I hope that as many people as possible come to the meetings because everyone has a contribution to make. Whether you have been a long-time member of the parish or whether you have arrived more recently; if you come from another country or were born here and went to Corpus Christi Primary School or St Peter's, every voice has equal value and needs to be heard.

As in every parish these days, we have limited income and resources to use in our work and this too must be addressed because we cannot continue to sustain everything we have done in the past. That's a fact of life. But the planned meetings are not all about finance – that is just one aspect of the conversation which needs to take place. Neither do I expect us to get all the answers in just a couple of meetings about how we face the future. This is the beginning of a new phase of the journey Corpus Christi Parish has been on for well over a century.

Finally, just a word of encouragement to everyone who can come along to one of our two Masses on Ash Wednesday. There is no better way to get the Season of Lent underway than with Mass and receiving ashes as a mark of our commitment to try and change. As it is school half-term, if you can bring your children that would be even better!

Mass is at 10am and 7pm on Wednesday. Father John

MARY'S MEALS. Last Sunday at the 10am Mass children from Corpus Christi School shared with the congregation the work of this charity, Mary's Meals. Through their Social Action Committee, the school raises funds to help provide meals for children in other countries. Learning on an empty stomach is so much harder. Thank you to parishioners who supported the collection held at the end of Mass. You gave **£330** which is a tremendous amount and will provide meals to 17 children for a whole year!

NO 10AM MASS this TUESDAY 13th Feb as the funeral Mass of Kitty Bounden will be at 12 noon. The family would welcome any parishioners who wish to join them to pray for Kitty.

ASH WEDNESDAY is 14th February there will be Mass at 10am (not 9am) and in the evening 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 (1st to 29th March.) to the Parish Office. **Thank you to those who have already offered.**

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

FUNERAL MASS FOR JOHN JAMES (SEAMUS) McQUAID RIP will be at 12 noon on Thursday 15th February.



