



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]

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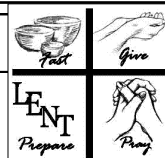
Member of Churches Together in Boscombe:
<http://www.ctib.community/>

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:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund.



Third Sunday of Lent Year B - 3rd March 2024

REMEMBERING – NOT FORGETTING

During the week I was given an update on the situation in Burma (now known as Myanmar). This is a country with a troubled past and today exists under a vicious and oppressive military regime. One of those who challenged the authorities over the years is a lady called Aung San Suu Kyi but, after a brief spell when her election was recognised, she is now in prison and out of sight. It is three years since the military coup in 2021 and a group visiting the country recently witnessed the suffering of the people there. They reported that: "we crossed the border from Thailand into Karen State, Burma, to visit a camp for internally displaced people. We spoke to villagers who had to flee their homes because of airstrikes by the Burmese military, their homes burnt and left with nothing. We visited a medical centre, treating victims of military attacks, and saw the terrible injuries caused by mortar fire and landmines. The community groups running the camps and clinics are doing amazing work, but they told us about the desperate need for more resources and the lack of international support."

We sometimes hear talk of 'the news cycle'. How quickly the cameras and Reporters move on from one disaster to the next. What was a focus becomes sidelined as the next crisis takes over and dominates the media. The group visiting Burma were encouraged by the fact that people there have not lost hope – despite all their hardships. They want the world to remember their struggle, and not to lose interest. They feel frustration that governments issue warm words of support but continue to sell weapons to the military regime who use them against their own people.

For us it is hard to keep up with all that's happening in different countries. Even the war in Ukraine was edged sideways in the news when the situation in Gaza and Israel exploded last October. But we have a duty to try and know what is still happening in countries like Burma/Myanmar, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, Libya, Afghanistan, even when they are no longer front-page news. We must keep these peoples in our prayers because that solidarity really does make a difference to those who can begin to feel they are forgotten.

PARISH MEETINGS. Please don't forget that we have two meetings arranged to which all parishioners are invited (you only need to come to one of the two as the agenda will be repeated). The first is next **Thursday 7 March**; the second is the following **Tuesday 12 March**. Both begin at 7pm (ending by 8.30pm) and will be an opportunity to begin looking at how we as Corpus Christi Parish take forward the Vision for our diocese, and also to consider the practical implications of how we make the best use of our financial resources and buildings going forward. Please come along if you possibly can. **Father John**

PENITENTIAL SERVICE ON THURSDAY 21ST March at 7.00pm here in Corpus Christi. A number of priests will be available for individual confessions within this Penitential Service. If you haven't been to this Sacrament for some time, think about coming. If you come regularly to Confession, try and join us that evening. It will be an opportunity, together, to celebrate the reconciliation and peace God wants us to have with him and with each other. **All welcome.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 Second Reconciliation Service **Wednesday 6th March at 6pm.**

Also, just a reminder, that there will be Mass at 2.00pm on Saturday 9th March, for both FHC groups, with Fr John in the Church.

For any queries, **Deacon Greg's email is:** fhc.boscombe@gmail.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are on Fridays at 7.00pm during Lent with MASS at 7.30pm.

CAFOD MANY THANKS TO ALL SUPPORTERS Family Fast Day raised £1253.00 Your donations will change lives. This year the Government is doubling what you have donated! So thank you - we could not do it without you. Also, well done to Annie and David Benfield who raised **£150** for CAFOD with their Lenten lunch! *The Cafod Team.*

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.

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 See poster.



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.*

MISSIO NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 10TH -18TH MARCH 2024 Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast day, on **March 19th** of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a Novena of Masses and prayers, asking for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach in their work for MISSIO and for the intentions of all who support their work. If you would like to join in the Novena, the Masses from St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead, will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The masses will be at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it will be at 11.00am. Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00pm every day during the Novena.

You are welcome to send in your intentions and petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet, to enable you to join in from home, by praying the daily Novena prayers. Please write to the Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 6, Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or Tel: 01628-673178 or email: novenamhm@gmail.com See poster

 **ST PATRICKS DAY DANCE Saturday 16th March** 7.00pm to Midnight in the Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, BH21 3AP. All funds raised to be donated to the **DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE** Live Music by the Tony Kearney Band Irish Dancers from the Tony O'Leary Academy Raffles with many prizes. Tickets £15 Per Person. Call Veronica on 07774145394 or Margaret on 07704101323 **See Poster**

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

 **"PARISH COUPLE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND"** An invitation to a Parish Marriage Encounter (ME) Enrichment Weekend presented by experienced ME Couples and priest: Russ & Deirdre Fairman, Dcn Roger & Jackie Carr Jones with Fr Andy Burns. **Saturday 13th April 9am - 6.30pm / Sunday 14th April 9am - 3.45pm** (Including; refreshments, lunch and a Couples Mass) **Venue: Corpus Christi RC Church (Boscombe)** This is your opportunity to take time out and explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, no matter how long you've been together. There's no group sharing, this is just about the two of you. Thousands of couples in the UK and millions worldwide, have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience, most say it is life changing. To find out more & book (please go to the ME UK website): email: enquiries@wwme.org.uk website: wwme.org.uk Or scan QR code. 

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: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to proclaiming Christ's life, death and resurrection appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified, 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 MARCH. FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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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