



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]

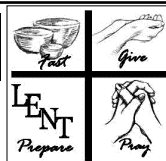
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/e-news/

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: Second collection for Clergy Assistance Fund this weekend.



Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B - 10th March 2024

MOTHER'S DAY – MOTHERING SUNDAY

During Lent the fourth Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday – when we can wear rose-coloured vestments. There is a lighter feeling, a sense of relief on the journey through Lent. Back in the early days of the church people really put themselves through the mill in Lent, especially those about to be baptised at Easter, and so a bit of light relief was welcome before the final push to Easter.

This year Laetare Sunday happily coincides with Mothering Sunday. I remember driving into Basingstoke on this day one year and seeing three teenagers picking daffodils from the bank near a roundabout. I jumped to the conclusion that they were putting together something to give their Mum's, perhaps even with a card! Most of us feel the urge to mark this day – even those who no longer have their mother's physically present any more. We give thanks for the gift of life God has given us, mediated through our mother in a special way. We can look back and marvel at how much they did for us – much of it taken for granted at the time. We are grateful for the values they taught us and, even more, lived out in their own lives as an example for us.

At Mass last Sunday the first reading gave us a list of the Ten Commandments. One of those says: 'Honour thy father and mother.' Honouring can take many shapes and forms: flowers (even those picked from a public embankment!), a simple gift and well-chosen card with words that just seem right. But perhaps the greatest honour we can our parents is to hold on to the values they shared with us, the way they often put the needs of their children before their own, the way they forgave and loved us no matter what. As the years roll by, as a number of us see our parents struggle with the impact of old age, it dawns on us even more just what they mean to us. Today we give thanks.

PARISH MEETINGS. Our first meeting took place on Thursday evening. There is another opportunity to hear the same topics - next Tuesday 12 March beginning at 7pm (ending by 8.30pm) in the Parish Centre. We will consider how we as Corpus Christi Parish take forward the Vision for our diocese, and also the practical implications of how we make the best use of our financial resources and buildings. Please come along if you possibly can. **Father John**

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND The Second Collection this weekend is for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which resources the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team of four is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, from the early days of ordination all the way into retirement. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses, and sabbaticals. It is the principal mechanism through which the Bishop looks after the wellbeing of the clergy. We rely on your commitment and generosity to do this. **You can also donate online at:** <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund-second-collection-2024>

Thank you for your support

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.**

PARISH EASTER CARDS with all services over the Easter season are now available at the back of church. Please take one home with you.



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





MOTHERING SUNDAY is celebrated in our country today – and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In mediaeval England, this day was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. Please remember to say a prayer to the Blessed Mother today for your mother, grandmother or anyone who was a Mother figure in your life.

A Blessing Prayer

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place today, 10th March at 10am Sunday Mass and on 24th March, Palm Sunday. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in.

LOURDES - SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS We are delighted to have been able to support two of our young parishioners who are raising money to go to Lourdes as helpers for the sick and vulnerable. Please look out for some postcards in the future that give more information about supporting New Young Proactive Disciples for Christ (NYPD4Christ).

SVP TEA GATHERING WILL NOT BE HELD IN MARCH as the 28th March is Maundy Thursday.



THE PASSION A moving and memorable retelling of the Easter story by LAMPS on **Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm** in **St Jospeh's, Christchurch**. Tickets £10 includes refreshments Call Claire Riche on 01202 423431 or 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/dancers & raffles Tickets £15 pp. 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 & 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.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP Sunday 28 July to Saturday 3 August 2024 "We are delighted that camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions & games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic week. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more, email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOCATIONS: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus 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: For all mothers: that they may be blessed in their love and care for their families. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them with wisdom and love, 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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