



# CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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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]

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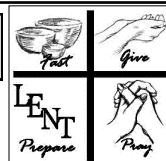
Member of Churches Together in Boscombe:  
<http://www.ctib.community/>

**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:** Tues 19: St Joseph

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at all Masses, including the Vigil Mass.



## Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B - 17th March 2024

### DIFFERENT GENERATIONS

A couple of news items caught my attention this week. The first was a survey which showed that up to a considerable number of young people feel their 'spendthrift' parents are being selfish as they indulge in holidays without considering their children's or grandchildren's economic wellbeing. And, apparently, it makes their "blood boil" as two in five millennials fear their parents are frittering away their inheritance. [A reverse of the parable of the Prodigal Son!] However, it seems that younger people need not worry as 60% of the over-65s who were surveyed said they were scrimping to save for their children and grandchildren. Nearly 80% of older people planned to leave everything to their children. It is fascinating how perceptions vary – along generational lines.

The second report I read concerned the spiraling numbers of people in this country who are described as 'economically inactive'. These are people who are of working age but neither employed nor looking for a job. After Covid quite a few older people decided to call time and retire but this statistic is not about them. The Office for National Statistics says that more than a fifth of the UK's potential workforce have dropped out of the employment market. This equates to 9.25 million people, a rise of 700,000 since the pandemic. Even more alarming, when the figures are broken down, is that in the past year there has been a rise of 248,000 of economically inactive young people in the 16 – 24 age group. Their total is now close to 3 million. There are many factors involved but one which keeps cropping up is poor mental health.

Work (which is not necessarily the same as employment) is an essential part of being human. It leads to people feeling valued whether paid or voluntary. It gives us one reason to get out of bed in the morning. It brings us in contact with others and should produce a sense of achievement – that we are making a difference. In many cases it leads to some freedom as we have our own money to spend or save. For so many young adults this is not happening and, I suspect, this will lead to greater problems in the future in the whole sphere of mental health. Having purpose, setting goals, developing plans, all are important to who we are. Perhaps a first big step for those of us who are well past the stage of setting out on the journey of life is simply to try and understand what's going on amongst those who are much younger. We may not be able to put ourselves in their shoes, but do we really have much of a clue about what they are facing? Do we talk with them, and do we ask? **Father John**



**PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm** 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 & with each other. **All welcome**

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP** The Bishop has issued a Pastoral Letter for this weekend entitled "Regular Confession", where he encourages us to seek God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**This is a timely letter, with the opportunity to go to the Penitential Service in Corpus Christi, only next week!**

The opportunity to go to Confession is also offered here every Saturday 10.30am -11.30am & 5.30pm - 5.50pm.

Copies of the letter are attached to this newsletter.

**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** Last Lenten Stations are this Friday 7.00pm with MASS at 7.30pm.





**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will take place 10am Sunday Mass 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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Next session will be Saturday 23rd March in the Parish Centre. This is the last session before Easter. The first session back will be on Saturday 20th April.

**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 pick up a postcard from the back of church 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 BIG LENT WALK CAFOD 2024-** The Cafod Lent Appeal is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia. All during Lent, I am walking 5k everyday to raise money for The Cafod Lent Appeal. If you would like to **sponsor me**, the link to my fund raising page is <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/danielle-lent-cafod-walk> Thank you. **Danielle Dew**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY - SEMH LEAD (Social, Emotional and Mental Health)** More information is available on the school website [www.cccpschool.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk/vacancies). Closing date noon **18th March**.

**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.

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST** at the Regent Centre, Christchurch at 3pm on Palm Sunday 24th March. Performed by City of Bristol Choir, soloists and others. Tickets £12 Tel: 01202 499199 or from Box Office or online at The Regent Centre.

**MISSIO RED MISSION BOXES** It's time to empty your red boxes. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to 6pm mass on Saturday 20th April or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 21st April, so that we can empty them. I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. **Thank you in advance, Sharon McAndrew.**

**ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR** Concert 'Thank you for the Music' Sunday 28th April at 3.00pm in **St Saviours Church, Colemore Road**. Live music from the full ensemble of Hyde Brass Band. Tickets £12 from Ticket Source - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-community-choir> or £15 on the door (or scan QR code). Ticket includes a cream tea. See poster.



**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](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SAINT JOSEPH** The Solemnity of St Joseph is celebrated on **19th March**. In his Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart") written in 2020, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Pope Francis also notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

**At the end of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:**

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. **Amen.**

Source: Vatican News

**VOCATIONS:** "He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For all those being called to the priesthood and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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