



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: Masses are within the Octave of Easter.



EASTER SUNDAY Year B - 31st March 2024

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



The first Easter Sunday as described by St John is animated and quick-moving. Everyone seems to be in haste on the morning of this day which the Lord has made! First comes Mary of Magdalene, still weeping and confused. She finds the tomb empty, and immediately fears that the body has been removed. Jesus had been the victim of hatred – was he to be pursued even in the tomb? She runs to tell the friends of the One who in times past had set her free.

John delights to portray together Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved – the latter always ahead of the former by his speedy intuition. In this race to the tomb it is John who arrives before the chief of the apostles – but he halts there, panting and disconcerted before the empty vault. It is Peter who enters first, so that later he may bear witness to the mystery of the absent One. There lie the grave-cloths, neatly folded. The very way they are arranged would indicate that the body had not been stolen.

But while Peter, not understanding, ponders to himself, the beloved disciple has already understood. With the insight of a faith which only adds to the compelling proofs, he becomes aware that the body could not have been taken away. In these abandoned and folded grave-cloths he reads the testimony to a definitive resurrection. Life now rules where death once reigned! He sees as only love can; he believes, and he journeys towards the fullness of meaning which is Jesus, living now for evermore.

The enormity of what we celebrate in Easter lies at the heart of our Christian faith. Even though we have celebrated this event in years past, although we remember Christ's death and resurrection in every Mass, still this is mind-blowing. And it should be because nothing similar has ever happened in human history – and never will. In the days and weeks to come the Church will guide us through the readings and liturgy to witness the Risen Jesus appearing to various people. The weeks through to Pentecost give us an opportunity to reflect on just how pivotal this is: nothing can ever be the same because Jesus has risen. But for now, let's just look, marvel and give thanks to our God who loves us so much that he was prepared to do all of this so that you and I might have life – and have it to the full.

May this Easter bring you an increase in faith and a deepening of love in your life. Most of all may what Jesus has done strengthen your hope - because the world needs us to be a people of hope. **Father John**

YOUR OFFERING AT EASTER At Easter your Offering is for the personal use of the priest and forms a major part of his annual income. This is your way to make an offering of thanks for the work and support given by your Parish Priest. There are yellow Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church. You can also donate online on website or directly at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-easter-collection-2024> **Thank you!**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The first session back after Easter will be on Saturday 20th April. **Also a reminder that on Thursday 2nd May there will be a PARENTS' EVENING from 7pm in the Parish Centre.** If you have a problem, or any query, please email Deacon Greg on fhc.boscombe@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place on 14th & 28th April 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.

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, Sharon McAndrew.**

REACHING THE UNREACHED APPEAL for pencils (any), crayons, writing pads & small light toys that will be taken by the Duffy Clan (13 in all!) to schools/children around RTU villages in South India. *There will be a box in the porch.*


WESTBOURNE PARISH needs the assistance of an **organist** to enhance our worship on Sunday 11am mass and on Holy Days of Obligation. For more details contact Fr Leslie Adams 01202764027 or ladams@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

STAY AWAKE is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024** from 10:00 – 19:00 at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza!

Stay Awake has been described as an all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference but it is way more fun than that description! Participants have said "Such an inspiring, fruitful and enjoyable day!" "Glorious!", "Such a joy!", "Encouraging!", "Awesome!", "Wonderful to see God's love in action!" "I offered to leave at lunch-time but the children didn't wanted to!" This is an event for everyone and anyone. **Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, from www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024**

 **"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.



 **ALL SAINTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY** Present **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** in the Parish Centre. **Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.** Box office 07548100770 or scan QR code. *See poster*



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.**



NEW BISHOP FOR OUR NEIGHBOURING DIOCESE. On the 14th March, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, accepted the resignation of the Right Reverend Declan Lang as Bishop of Clifton. Bishop Declan was ordained the ninth Bishop of Clifton on 28 March 2001 and has served the Diocese for 23 years as its bishop.

The Holy Father has appointed Rev. Canon Bosco MacDonald, a priest of the Diocese of Clifton, until now Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bristol, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Clifton.

Bishop-elect Bosco MacDonald said, on hearing the news of his appointment:

"I am humbled that His Holiness Pope Francis has called me to become the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Clifton... As I embark on this new journey, I am filled with gratitude for the prayers and affection of so many wonderful priests and people, family and friends far and wide. I am eager to renew my profession of faith and deepen my communion with the Successor of Peter and my brother Bishops. And just as Pope Francis encourages Bishops to be close to their people in a spirit of service, I accept this new role in obedience to my priestly call with a commitment to serve the priests and people of Clifton to the best of my ability, with care, tenderness, and compassion."

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect MacDonald will take place in the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Clifton, Bristol. The date will be announced in due course. *Source: extracted from CBCEW*

VOCATIONS: "The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests and religious brothers and sisters, 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

