



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: Please take home a Parish Easter card for services 

PALM SUNDAY Year B - 24th March 2024



THIS MOST HOLY WEEK

In 2014 I was fortunate to be able to take a Sabbatical. For three months I lived at the *Tantur Ecumenical Institute* in Jerusalem, overlooking the security wall which is close to Bethlehem. The course consisted of lectures and daily field trips. Although I had been to the Holy Land on a number of occasions, this time we got to see places I had never visited before. And the timing was perfect as we were in Jerusalem for Holy week and Easter. I remember thinking to myself that this was probably my one opportunity to celebrate this highlight of the Christian year where these events unfolded. One moment in particular sticks in my mind: on Maundy Thursday night, sitting quietly in the church where Peter's denial is marked (San Pietro in Gallicantu) was so special.

On Palm Sunday I joined thousands of people for the walk down from the Mount of Olives, through the gate and into the Old City of Jerusalem. It was chaotic and disorganised. But that felt right because I'm sure it mirrored the scene when Jesus rode on a donkey into the place which is so central for the Jewish people. He knew that it was here he would suffer and die at the hands of those who could not stomach the message he brought – and refused to accept that he was the Messiah, the one they had waited for over the centuries.

This week holds the key to our Christian faith, it makes sense of our story. On the reverse of this Newsletter are a few notes which might help you to focus on the elements of what we call the Easter Triduum. Each part is important, beginning on Thursday evening, and together they tell the whole story. This leads to a bursting forth of new life at the Easter Vigil and into Sunday. Do try to make time to come and take part in the liturgies of Holy Week. Even if you cannot get to the various Services in church, find time to be still and reflect upon the journey that Jesus undertook – for us, for you and for me. **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!**

PARISH EASTER SERVICES

HOLY WEEK Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th March - Mass 10.00am

Also on Tuesday 26th March 11.00am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral

Wednesday 27th March Mass 9.00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March – 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Blessed Sacrament Procession to the Altar of Repose Watching until 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March – 10am Stations of the Cross (especially for children)

WALK OF WITNESS 11am CTIB will join Southbourne churches at Bandstand in Fisherman's Walk

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL and First Mass of Easter- 30th March – 8.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 31st March – Masses: 10.00am, 5.00pm



SIGN UP SHEETS FOR EASTER now at the back of Church. **If you would like to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, please sign up.** If you are in a Ministry, please sign up for duties over Holy Week & Easter.

Welcomers - We always welcome new members to join our teams of welcomers as individuals or families for the various weekend masses. Please contact Regina on regina.farah@hotmail.com. **Thank you.**



EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY. At the Mass of the Last Supper we commemorate that moment when Jesus gathered with his disciples to mark the Jewish Feast of Passover. At that supper he took bread and a cup of wine and offered them to his friends as his own body and blood. We talk about this being the moment when Jesus instituted the Eucharist – the ultimate sign of his self-giving. In this Mass we couple the sharing of bread and wine with what Jesus does as an example and inspiration. He gets up from the table, ties an apron around his waist, kneels down and washes the feet of his disciples. Peter objects. He feels this is totally inappropriate – if anything it ought to be the other way round. But Jesus insists: 'you have to allow me to do this.' Having completed this act of service he points out to them that if he is willing to do it for them, they should do it for each other. The institution of the Eucharist and the example of loving service given by our Servant King are bound together.

GOOD FRIDAY. At 3pm we gather quietly and the priest enters, wearing red. He prostrates himself before the altar and everyone kneels. This prostration is a sign of acceptance of emptiness and dependence. It is also a sign of the awe we feel before our God. On Good Friday afternoon the Solemn Liturgy is relatively straightforward. We listen to St John's account of the passion of Jesus and then we pray for all people, throughout the world. These ten Prayers of Intercession form the model for our weekly Bidding Prayers at Sunday Mass. And then there is the focus upon the cross. To be clear, we do not home in on the figure on the cross but rather the wood of the cross upon which hung the Saviour of the world. In procession we come forward and venerate the Cross, perhaps with a kiss, a bow or genuflection.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION is for **Holy Places. Thank you for your support.** Scan QR code or donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>



GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS, to join with other churches, meet at 11am at the Fisherman's Walk Bandstand.

EASTER SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. The Easter Vigil on Saturday night begins with the blessing of fire, an element. From the fire is lit the Easter (Paschal) Candle then carried in procession into the church. Everyone present lights a candle from this Easter Candle which is 'the light of Christ'. Because it's dark, the light gradually fills the building before the Exsultet is sung. This song proclaims the power of Christ's light which over darkness; of life over death.

Then we sit to listen to Readings from the Old Testament. We hear them read 'in the light of the resurrection'. These passages from ancient times take on new meaning because Jesus has risen from the dead. The story of his resurrection is the gospel this night, and in the Masses on Easter Sunday. We renew the promises made in baptism, and new members are welcomed through baptism and confirmation. We then gather at the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, connecting with what happened on Thursday evening when Jesus gave himself, and enacted in the events of Good Friday. **This 'new and everlasting covenant' lies at the heart of our relationship with God: he is always with his people.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!! He is Risen.

Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place today 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.

ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 25 March 11am in Memorial Room. Reflecting on the Charism of Reparation. The ACI Family - a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved through the Eucharist. For more information: Jo Henwood. Email : josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com

SVP TEA GATHERING will not be held on 28th March, as this is Maundy Thursday.



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. I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to come that weekend, 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.*



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, with 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.



VOCATIONS: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or call 01329 318 869 or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

INTENTIONS: For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS will be collected on Saturday and Sunday of Easter. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. **There will be NO collections on Good Friday. Thank you for 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**

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