



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: Next weekend there will be an obligatory collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B - 14th April 2024

LOOKING FORWARD

Before Easter we held two Parish Meetings to which all were invited. I am grateful to those who came along and took part. From those sessions, and in subsequent messages and emails, I have received a fair bit of feedback about the issues raised – especially relating to the future development of the community here at Corpus Christi. We do not consider this in isolation but in the context of Bishop Philip's vision for our Diocese of Portsmouth. It would not do justice to all the contributions I have received to try and summarise them in a few short paragraphs on the front of the Newsletter. Therefore, next weekend there will be a sheet covering the key points raised with thoughts on how we might develop them.

Now that we have celebrated Easter, we look forward to Pentecost and then First Communion at the beginning of June – which is always a joyful time, not just for the families with children reaching this key milestone on their journey but for the whole parish. As our Schools return this week after their Easter break pupils and students begin the third term of the academic year. Some have important exams coming up, younger children in Year Six are looking forward to the move from Primary to Secondary in September. There is much to look forward to. Who knows: it may even stop raining!

Looking forward to events and celebrations is a vital aspect of human life. Anticipation and preparation feeds the enjoyment, as well as the actual occasion when it arrives. A Wedding, a Baptism, a change of job, moving to a new house, welcoming a baby into the family – the list goes on. Looking forward is key. But so is grasping the present moment and making the most of what is happening right now, every day. It comes back to establishing a 'right balance'. We value and learn from the past; we live here and now; we keep an eye on the future. To over-emphasise one period at the expense of the other results in us dwelling too much on days gone by; or failing to plan forward; or simply dreaming about what's to come and missing the opportunities under our noses.

The Resurrection of Jesus, which we continue to celebrate in these weeks of the Easter Season, tells us that we have something wonderful in our future – life eternal. But the Resurrection also shapes the way we live this life, day by day, in the best way we can.

Father John

THANK YOU! On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for their kindness over Easter: cards and greetings and gifts. Thank you too for your great generosity through the Easter Offerings which I appreciate very much. I thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Holy Week and the Easter Triduum with you and pray that the joy and peace of Easter may remain with each of you. **Father John**



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL THE ROLE OF WOMEN Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sessions begin next Saturday 20th April.

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

REMINDER: Can we please ask those who have not shown the original and provided a copy of their child's **baptism certificate** to do so. **Also there are still some outstanding payments** that we would appreciate being paid in the near future, as the FHC masses are coming up in June.





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

SVP TEA GATHERING will be on Thursday 25th April, 2.00-3.30pm in the Memorial Room. **All welcome.**



REFUGEES AT HOME - LOOKING FOR HOSTS The Refugees at Home network is in desperate need of new hosts within commutable distance of Bournemouth to join their short-term hosting scheme. Refugees at Home connects people with a spare room to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay. We recruit and support volunteer hosts who are willing to offer a temporary home and a helping hand. Our role is to carefully match each guest and host, to assess and prepare them ready for hosting, to advise on hosting arrangements and accommodation, and to provide ongoing support to hosts throughout each stay. Each placement is different, and the length of hosting can vary from a few nights to several months and anything in between. Hosting is entirely altruistic, and we do not pay hosts for giving up their spare rooms.

We are always looking for new hosts with a spare room or two, in cities and towns that are well connected and have good public transport systems. This enables our guests to travel to college, school, support groups or jobs, and retain their independence. More info at: <https://refugeesathome.org/get-involved/id-like-to-host/>

You can also contact the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth Refugee and Migration Project Lead, Alex Miranda, for more details: alexandra.miranda@prcdtr.org.uk

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.**



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Named boxes of envelopes are now at the back of Church. If you would like to use our weekly envelope system, please pass your name, address and contact number to our Finance Administrator, Georgie Lockyer, in the Parish Office, email: accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk who will arrange for you to be issued with envelopes. **Thank you for your continued support**

FUNDRAISING APPEAL Simon Bartlett from Churches Together in Boscombe is running in the London Marathon in April and raising money to help persecuted Christians in the middle belt of Nigeria. To donate, go to his JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Bokkos-Nigeria>. The page provides more information about the need and how funds raised would be spent, and if you want even more information, there's also a link to a report by a local Nigerian Christian.

ABAANA NEW LIFE CHOIR comes to Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's, Christchurch, 67 Purewell, Christchurch on Monday 29th April at 7.00pm. The Abaana New Life Choir is an amazing group of children aged between 7yrs and 14yrs, who are travelling all the way from Uganda and who light up the stage through song and dance. Join us to hear their inspiring stories and worship together with these remarkable young performers. Invite your friends and family, as it is sure to be an incredible night. No tickets needed – the concert is free. There will be opportunities to make donations or purchase items such as CD's on the night. All donations will help fund the New Life Choir tour.

MODERN SLAVERY Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is hosting an event to highlight the issues of modern slavery in our area on Tuesday April 30th 10.30am-12.30pm at St Mary's, Poole. The event will include a speaker from The Medaille Trust who work hard to raise awareness of modern slavery in the UK and across the world. Medaille Trust's mission is to provide refuge and freedom from modern slavery. They are one of the leading providers of support for survivors of modern slavery in the UK. We will also be discussing Modern Slavery in our Care Homes. People can register here <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH> or email teresa.maguire.prcdtr.org.uk **See poster.**

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

VOCATIONS: "Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord while they discern their vocation, 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

