



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: Tues 23: St George Thurs 25: St Mark

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B - 21st April 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

As on any walk of life, priests can fall into the pattern of seeing their work as 'something that needs to be done'. There are expectations, appointments in the diary, forward planning to be done. The practical issues of parish life, such as managing money and buildings, all form part of what a Parish Priest does. In my experience what makes it all worthwhile is the people you meet, the families you are able to help, the individuals you are privileged to accompany through important stages of life.

But it is also important for a priest to step back every now and again to appreciate and remember what lies behind this calling, this vocation. Essentially it is the call to serve God in his people – in a particular way. I put it like that as we are all, every one of us, called to serve God in his people because we are baptised. Parents nurturing their children, getting them to eat their food, rushing to the school gate on time in the morning – this too is serving God in his people. Adults supporting elderly parents in the years when they are struggling, or visiting them in a Nursing Home – this is also serving God in his people. A call to be a priest sits within this framework and offers a particular ministry which has a unique shape.

If you ask priests what brought them to put themselves forward for this way of life you will receive almost as many different replies as there are priests. The circumstances for each of us are unique, just as the way every married couple found themselves drawn together is unique. But there are common threads, themes which run through in the life of every priest. Pope Francis gave a talk recently to priests at a Conference for Ongoing Formation in which he said: "May all discover, through the witness of our lives, the beauty of the saving love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead. How can we fan into a flame the gift that we have received? The joy of the Gospel, the Good News that accompanies us, is precisely this: God loves us with a tender and merciful love." The Pope went on to say: "this God-given joy must be exemplified by our lives. Let us keep in mind the words of Saint Paul VI: we need to be witnesses before being teachers, witnesses to the love of God, the only thing that truly matters." Something that many people notice about Pope Francis is the joy with which he carries out his work. Despite his obvious health issues and all the other things that must weigh on him, he is a person who exudes the joy of Christ.

Please pray that more young men will hear the call to priesthood – and respond with generosity and joy. Pray too for all priests as they live their ministry, often after many years in the vineyard. For some it is not always easy.

Father John

CLERGY TRAINING FUND There will be a second collection this weekend to help with the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. Your money provides each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition on their journey. The Clergy Training Fund is also used for the on-going formation of diocesan clergy such as professional studies or educational costs on sabbatical. *There is no state funding for any clergy formation.*

Give As You Live Page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024>



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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:** To those who have not already done so, please produce your child's Baptism certificate (and a copy) and outstanding payments asap. *Many thanks ~~~*

**PENTECOST 'BRING & SHARE' BRUNCH** To celebrate our wonderfully rich, multi-cultural and diverse parish community, we are inviting you all to come and join together in the Parish Centre for a 'bring and share' brunch on **Sunday 19th May from 11.00am**. Bring a traditional dish or your favourite food - *let's share the joy!! All welcome.*



**THE REGINA CAELI** (Queen of Heaven) will be said in place of the Angelus, up until Pentecost Sunday (19th May)



**V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.**  
**R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.**  
**V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.**  
**R. Pray for us to our God, Alleluia.**  
**V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.**  
**R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

**Let us pray:** God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will take place next week (28th) 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.*

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



**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. All welcome!**



**DIOECAN FORMATION DAYS** The Diocese's Liturgical Formation Team will be hosting the following Formation Days at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX: Each day starts with Mass at 9.30am and finishes at 2.30pm. See poster.

**A Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 9:30am – 2:30pm**

**A Day for Readers: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9:30am – 2:30pm** RSVP to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**APPEAL FOR CLOTHING/ITEMS** for the Asylum Seekers housed on the barge, Bibby Stockholm, Portland, Dorset. They urgently need the following in medium/ small size for men: Jeans, Trackies, Chinos; Hoodies, Trackie tops, Jumpers, T shirts; coats/waterproofs; Trainers; new socks and boxers; mens' toiletries; phones, laptops, backpacks. **If you can help, please contact Kate Harris on [kateharris48@googlemail.com](mailto:kateharris48@googlemail.com) or 07852 335127**

**MODERN SLAVERY** Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese interested in learning more about modern slavery, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in Poole on 30th April. There are some great speakers from the Medaille Trust and Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority. Event runs from 10:30-12:30 in the church hall of St Marys Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG. **See poster** or email [teresa.maguire.prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:teresa.maguire.prcdtr.org.uk) Please register beforehand at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

**ABAANA NEW LIFE UGANDA CHILDRENS' CHOIR** at Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's Church, Christchurch, Monday 29th April at 7.00pm. **Free concert. All welcome**

**'COME AWAY WITH ME RETREAT'** Are you seeking to explore a vocation and are aged 18-35, then you are invited to a day retreat on **Saturday 8th June** starting at 10.30am in St Philip Howard Church, Fareham. Email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or **see poster for more info.**



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** "The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life." [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Pope Francis says: "Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." **Please pray for our Seminarians, see poster.**

**VOCATIONS: World Day of Prayer for Vocations** On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for our Church and that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, 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.

**Don't Stress.  
Do Your Best.  
Forget the Rest.**

**GOOD LUCK to all our young people who are taking exams. Deep breath, keep calm and pray to the Holy Spirit!**

**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) Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

