



CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH
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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]

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: Mon 29: St Catherine of Siena Thurs 2nd: St Athanasius Fri 3: Ss Philip & James
Sat 4: The English Martyrs **THURSDAY 9th MAY is The Ascension of the Lord, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B - 28th April 2024

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

The Good Shepherd giving his life for his sheep. The Gate of the Sheepfold, ushering the sheep through into a place of safety. The Bread of Life feeding and nourishing us with himself for our journey. The Vine and Branches, connected so that they can produce good fruit. These are just some of the metaphors Jesus uses to help us understand his total commitment to us and our well-being. Each one adds a layer, another dimension, to our understanding and appreciation of just how deep, how wide and how intense his love is for us – each and every one of us. Combined, they give us a more comprehensive and multi-faceted view of the relationship which, in the end, is simple enough. As the Lord says to his chosen race in the Old Testament: 'all I want is for you to be my people and for me to be your God.'

In the Gospel passage this weekend, Jesus describes himself as 'the true vine'. He then develops the idea: his Father is the vinedresser; we are the branches; the grapes are the good fruit we are expected to produce. Few of us have grown vines – but most of us have enjoyed a glass or two of the product! The branches need attention and care to keep them in shape, to train them along the wires you see in vineyards. The grapes have to be protected from frost and harvested at just the right time, not too soon, and certainly not too late. The branches must absolutely keep their bond with the vine – otherwise they die and are then useless.

This is all about our relationship with the Risen Christ. Through prayer, listening to God's Word from the Bible, and nourished by the Sacraments, we keep connected to Jesus who is 'the true vine'. Cut off from him we can do nothing. At the end of the passage this Sunday, which comes from St John's account, there is a fascinating and vital sentence. Jesus says: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples." This takes us once again to the key concept of discipleship: it is not *saying* that we are followers of Jesus which makes us disciples. No. It is by the way we live, the fruit we produce in action, not words. This is what makes us disciples and is also the way others will know we are followers of Christ. Words are easy, but actions are what matters.

We are now within sight of the great Feast of Pentecost in which we celebrate the gifting of God's Holy Spirit. This is essential if we are to produce the 'good fruit'. Depending on ourselves, we are limited. Opening ourselves up to the Gifts of the Spirit, so much more is possible. Already at this stage of the Easter Season we should be praying: 'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.'

Father John

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.**



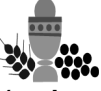
DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE ON 30th APRIL 2024

God of tenderness and compassion, You call your people to witness to the power of your love, to your desire for the truth and justice, and to your gifts of hope and transparency.

Send your Spirit upon us as we meet in a time of confusion and pain.
Guide our reflections and conversations; give us a spirit of mutual trust and humility, so that those of us who are gathered speak in solidarity with each other, with those making allegations and those against whom allegations have been made. We ask this in the name of our Teacher and Healer, your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION On Thursday 2nd May there will be a **PARENTS' EVENING** from 7.00pm 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 ~~~*

**ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 29th April at 11am in the Memorial Room.** Jackie Large will be sharing her experiences of representing the ACI Family at the recent International Assembly in Rome. *All welcome.* The ACI Family is 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 info email Jo Henwood on: [josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com](mailto:josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com)

**CROWNING OF MARY Sunday May 5th at 3pm.** We will be having a special celebration to honour Our Lady, as we enter the month of May next week. We'll start with prayers and songs in the church, ending at the Mary grotto outside the church. Do bring some flowers if you would like, and stay for a slice of cake afterwards! **All welcome.**



**THANKS FROM REACHING THE UNREACHED** to all those who donated packs of pencils, stationary and small gifts. They were taken out to the RTU Children's Villages in India. It was wonderful to see the joy and happiness of those in the poorest village and to see the huge impact RTU has. I went with my family of 13 (aged 7 - 86) and we returned with memories we will never forget. God Bless. **John Duffy.**

**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, Chinos, Tracksuits, Hoodies, 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**

**SVP/CAFOD A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between **CAFOD** and **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**, equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. **Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more info, including for online session on Sat 4th May.**

**A DAY WITH MARY Saturday 18 May** from 9.30am with Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church, Richmond Hill. See poster for more info or go to [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

**DIOSECAN 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)

**MONTHLY MASS AT ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL** is on the first Wednesday each month at 6pm in the Chapel. This Mass is open to anyone, whether a patient in hospital, relative, staff or members of the general public. **All welcome.**

**VOCATIONS:** "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** That men and women boldly and courageously accept Jesus' call to follow Him as a priest, deacon, and a religious sister or brother, 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.**

**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)  
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