



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: Thursday 9: The ASCENSION OF THE LORD is a Holy Day of Obligation, so there will be mass here at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Next weekend, there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B - 5th May 2024

THE MONTH OF MARY

Going back centuries, in many cultures May has been the month when we focus our devotion on Mary. In my experience, the place of Mary in Catholic teaching is often misunderstood by those who are not Catholic – and some who are. We can be criticised for “worshipping Mary” as though she was equal to God. This is not correct: we ‘venerate’ Mary highly because of the unique part she has played in God’s Plan of Salvation. As the Mother of Christ she occupies a special place in history and in our Christian faith. Neither is her role confined to history. Moments before Jesus yielded up his spirit on the cross he gave Mary to his Church, represented by St John: ‘woman behold your son; son behold your mother.’ This bound Mary to us for all time in a unique way which is why we venerate her, celebrate her witness and ask her prayers.

On the Feast of the Ascension, which is marked next Thursday 9 May, we are encouraged to focus our prayer on the importance of Communication. This takes many shapes and forms but in particular we consider the ways we are able to communicate the Good News we have received. I can remember years ago when this was called ‘Social Communication’ and was all about the Church using newspapers (how many read those these days!), television and radio. How quickly things have moved on as now we develop websites and use ‘social media’. As with everything, there are good sides to what has grown and developed – and there can be negatives when they are misused. A concern today is that progress is so rapid we don’t have the chance to stop and reflect on what dangers there might be – until it’s too late. Just think of the sheer volume of online abuse suffered by vulnerable children and adults.

In his message for ‘World Communications’ this year, Pope Francis has homed in on the leaps being made in Artificial Intelligence. I have to confess that I’m struggling to keep up with what now seems to be possible; perhaps you feel as bewildered as me. The Pope highlights some of the ethical questions surrounding the technology: how AI impacts on how we think, the dignity of work, how we use the information, its sourcing and accuracy, global regulation, to name but a few areas. Pope Francis is keen to stress that communication needs to be authentic and human. We must speak from that most human of organs, the heart. Whatever means we use to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, people will always be able to tell if this is coming from our hearts – not just our lips. **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.**

CORRECTION: MASS AT ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL is on the **FIRST Wednesday of EACH MONTH** at **6.00pm** in the Chapel. **NOT WEEKLY.** This Mass is open to anyone, whether a patient in hospital, relative, staff or members of the general public. **All are welcome.**

CROWNING OF MARY TODAY (5th) at 3.00pm. 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.**



“HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER” – A NEW TRADITION AT ST PETER’S SCHOOL

Exam season can be a challenging time for many of our young people and St Peter’s school would like to invite you to help support their exam students through your prayers please. How? It’s easy - at the back of church there is a round bowl with yellow slips in, each with the first name of either a Year 11 student or a Sixth Former on it – if you’d like to, please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your daily prayers. The written exams start soon, on 9th May, and finish on 21st June.

We’d also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student (or to them all collectively) – just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in the second bowl. We will then come and collect these messages and display them for all the students to read and see that you are praying. Thank you for ‘Holding Our Young People In Prayer’ at this very important time in their lives. **God bless from St Peter’s Chaplaincy team**



CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place 12th May 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.

RED BOX 2023: THANK YOU! In 2023, Corpus Christi Parish **raised £1736.70** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!** Our missionary community here at Corpus Christi is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more. Also, thank you to everyone who brought their red boxes to be emptied recently. **Sharon McAndrew**

WARM THANKS for the generous donations to the Bibby **Stockholm asylum seekers appeal** We donated a car full of items for which they are very grateful **If you have any more items please contact Kate Harris on 07852 335127.**

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

REFUGEES AT HOME. <https://refugeesathome.org> **Information Evening Tuesday 21st May 7.15pm** (refreshments) **7.30pm** in St Mary’s Catholic Church 211A Wimborne Rd, Poole, BH15 2EG **Do you have a spare room?** Could you accommodate a refugee at risk of homelessness? The situation for some refugees is getting desperate especially here in BCP. Refugees at Home is a UK charity which connects those with a spare room in their home to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay. Hosting is only ever temporary and can be as short as a few days. **Find out more at the meeting.**

MONTEVERDI VESPERS OF 1610 University Music Choir & Orchestra Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm in St Ambrose Church, Westbourne. Tickets £15 on the door (students free) Card payments only - to reserve seats email: musicadmin@bournemouth.ac.uk See poster.



THE POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR MAY For the formation of men and women Religious and Seminarians - Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

‘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. **See poster for more info** or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOCATIONS: “The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For a deeper faith, hope, and love among all, especially those He is calling to serve as a priest or religious sister, 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

