



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: Fri 21: St Aloysius Gonzaga Sat 22: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

ELEVENTH SUNDAY Year B - 16th June 2024



Happy Father's Day!


A DAY FOR LIFE

Each year our Bishops nominate a Sunday when we reflect upon the gift and sanctity of human life – from the moment of conception to the end of natural life. We are all aware of the debate surrounding what is euphemistically called 'assisted dying' and there are signs that some politicians intend to push forward this agenda after the General Election. When the Abortion Act of 1967 was passed through Parliament those who proposed it were clear that the numbers involved would be small and that the cases restricted. History has shown that not to be true. And now, arguments for relieving the suffering of the sick and dying by shortening life can sound compassionate and kind. But we need to consider where this might lead if introduced. It is a complex area of discussion as it often impinges on the painful circumstances of individuals, but we cannot shy away from it. The one thing we are certain of, for ourselves and others, is that our life's journey will reach a conclusion on earth and we ought to reflect on this.

The Day for Life encourages us to pray for wise decisions to be made which uphold the value and holiness of every single human life. As one writer said recently, perhaps we should be focusing our efforts on 'Assisted Living' and striving to provide the greatest possible care and support for those nearing the end of their lives. For example, the Hospice Movement does an incredible job in this field – and many families have experienced the care they provide.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

 **Sunday 23 June.** Just before I arrived in the parish the Sisters who had been part of the community at Corpus Christi for many years – and actively involved – moved away. Like other Religious Orders and Societies of Religious Life, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus do not have as many members as in the past and hard decisions needed to be made. Over the past eighteen months a process of discernment led to the conclusion that the house in Boscombe could not be sustained and, sadly after such a long time, the community here would close. Sister Eileen has been making regular visits from London but now the time has come for the Sisters to concentrate their efforts elsewhere. It is important that we mark this moment and so, next Sunday 23 June at the **10am Mass** we will give thanks for all their work over so many years, in the parish, our school and in the local community. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. **Please come and join us.**

 **Friday 19 July.** There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving at 7pm** to mark my fortieth anniversary of ordination as a priest. A letter is available with details and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to thank God with me that evening. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards so please read the letter and return the reply slip if you think you will be able to come along. If that changes nearer the time, no problem - this is just to get a rough idea of numbers. I hope to share this moment in my life as a priest with you, giving thanks to God for all that he has managed to do in and through me over these years. **Father John**

HUSTINGS (a meeting where candidates in an election address potential voters) "We at Rosebery Park Baptist church, 812 - 814 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BH7 6DF, will be holding a hustings on **Thursday, 27th June at 7.00 p.m.** All the candidates for the constituency of Bournemouth East are due to be there. We want this to be an opportunity for Christians and others in this area to hear the candidates for the General Election and question them on their views. Hopefully this will help Christians in this area to decide how to vote. **If you would like more information, please contact Dave Martin, who is a member at Rosebery Park and is organizing this event, on 0772 054 0805 or at davelmartin@gmail.com**

GENERAL ELECTION Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has recorded a message encouraging Catholics, particularly young adults, to be "willing to get involved and vote" as the opportunity to vote in a general election is a "privilege". More info at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>



POPE FRANCIS GIVES HIS BLESSING FOR DAY FOR LIFE Pope Francis has sent a message to Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops' Conference, praising Day for Life for encouraging "a deeper understanding of the precious gift of life". Cardinal Pietro Parolin, conveyed the message to Bishop Sherrington, assuring him of the Holy Father's "closeness in prayer".

"His Holiness Pope Francis sends warm greetings of good wishes to the participants in the 2024 Day for Life, and he expresses gratitude for those bearing witness to the sanctity of human life in all its stages.

His Holiness prays that through their reflection on the theme "**The Lord is my shepherd – compassion and hope at the end of life**", this public testimony will encourage a deeper understanding of the precious gift of life and a greater desire to protect the most vulnerable from a culture that would pressure them into 'assisted suicide', which is falsely presented as a form of compassion.

It is likewise his hope that those nearing the end of their earthly journey will recognise the immense value of their lives, experience the comforting presence of Jesus and their loved ones, receive dignified care and trust deeply in God's promise of eternal life. To all taking part, especially the young, the Holy Father sends the assurance of his closeness in prayer, and he cordially sends his blessing as a pledge of joy, strength and peace in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin Secretary of State, Holy See From CBCEW website.

A second collection will be taken today for Day for Life

or you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2024>

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) MONTHLY GATHERING Monday 24th June Memorial Room at 11.am. Recalling the presence of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for over 75 years in Bournemouth as we look to the future as Lay Members of the Institute of the ACI.



CARITAS PORTSMOUTH - REFUGEE WEEK The theme for Refugee Week this year is 'Our home' and we want to see how we can make our parish communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country, fleeing war, persecution and violence. On **Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm** we are holding an online lunchtime event where we will hear from one of our parishes who works with refugees and asylum seekers, with time to discuss and ask questions.. Everyone is welcome. Register via our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN) encourage all Catholics to **#RegisterToVote before 23:59 on 18 June 2024** in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE provides advocacy and support for many refugees. It also has issued information on the upcoming election and the questions over Rwanda and asylum seekers rights. For more info go to: <https://www.jrsuk.net/>

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT (INC. WRAPAROUND CARE) & MIDDAY SUPERVISOR One Year Fixed Term. More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk/ vacancies **The closing date is midday Thursday 20th June 2024**

SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. For more information, please go to: cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter

50% CAP ON ADMISSIONS TO FAITH SCHOOLS The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please go to the link below and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/> **Canon PJ Smith**

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS Bishop Philip invites all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join him for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2:00pm**. If you would like to attend, please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers **Ryan Browne**, one of our local Seminarians, studying at the Venerable English College in Rome, who will be Ordained as a **Deacon** by Bishop Philip on the 10th July (in Rome). **St Stephen pray for him.**

VOCATIONS: "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation within you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: That with dedicated spirits, we ask the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, 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
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