



OUR PARISH MOTTO
"ONLY JESUS"

CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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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: Sat 1: St David

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is compassionate and gracious

SEVENTH SUNDAY of Year C 23rd February 2025

Temporal Goods

The Church has a habit of using words and phrases for everyday things which most people don't use! In various documents the Catholic Church refers to 'temporal goods' which just means the money, buildings and material resources we have. As a community of faith, we are inclined to shy away from talking about worldly things – such as money and property. But we must remember that what we have now has been passed on to us by previous parishioners and parishioners. In this Parish of Corpus Christi we are more conscious of this than most because what we have [the church building, presbytery and other property] has been gifted to the diocese by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). It is a privilege to be the custodians of these 'goods' but with it comes a responsibility to maintain and look after them, for ourselves and those who come after us.

This Parish is facing considerable challenges when it comes to balancing the books. In the past twenty years the Offertory (our main source of income) has risen by about £20,000 per year. Just imagine how bills for electricity, gas, water and maintenance have risen in that same period. The parish has looked to cut costs which is why the Parish Centre is no longer in use. But there is now very little we can do to reduce our outgoings so we must address the issue of income.

Let me dispel a couple of misunderstandings which I have heard from parishioners. One said to me that "a number of people don't put money in the collection baskets" without realising that many of those parishioners have Standing Orders from their bank to the parish. The fact that the baskets pass by some people at Mass doesn't mean they are not making a contribution – they do so directly from their bank accounts (or using the card machine at the back of the church). The second comment put to me recently was that a parishioner assumed the priest was paid by the Government! That is certainly not true – but may be the case in some countries where the Catholic Church has an historical agreement with the authorities. In this country the priest is looked after by the parish, from the money people give. There is no outside source of finance to cover these bills – it must all come from the donations you make.

In some Christian communities, members are asked to tithe their income. That requires people to give 10% of what they earn. That's a massive commitment but many, especially in evangelical churches, do it. In the Catholic Church we have never suggested this to members of our parishes. But we do ask that people are realistic in what they give. For example, if someone is earning £30,000 per annum, is it right to put a £2 coin in the collection basket?

As a Parish Priest I have always tried not to be one of those who goes on about money. But we do live and operate in the real world. Without realistic levels of giving the 'temporal goods' we have inherited will definitely suffer. We will be unable to care for our buildings; we will be unable to explore ways of developing our faith community. In order to be 'Good Stewards' we must look hard at how we manage our finances into the future. The priest cannot solve this issue: only you the parishioners can.

Father John



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (23rd) 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. **CLOW team** .

SVP TEA GATHERING will be in the Memorial Room on Thursday 27th February from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. *All welcome*



ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Mon 24th Feb at 11am in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. We will gather for pre meeting refreshments after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30am. The ACI Family - 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 information: Jo Henwood on email: josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The next session (5) will be Saturday 1st March 1.30pm - 3pm in Church.

THE DIGNITY CENTRE 108 Old Christchurch Rd. A vibrant community hub in the heart of Bournemouth, offering material support and a range of activities for refugees and people seeking asylum. Continued gratitude for all the recently donated clothing inc hats, scarves and gloves. **If anyone can donate good quality winter jackets, warm jumpers and jogging bottoms for males they would be much appreciated. Small and medium size please.**

MARCH FOR MEN 2025 - On Saturday 29th March, I am taking part in a 5km walk to raise money for the men's health services at our local hospitals. This year it is to support people with Prostrate Cancer. **If you would like to sponsor me, you can either scan the QR code** or use the following link: <https://uhdcharity.enthuse.com/pf/liam-foy-5883d> - both will take you to my fundraising page. If you are unable to donate online then please put the money in an envelope with your name & I will enter it for you. The envelope can be left at the office or I attend the Sunday 10am Mass & go for coffee afterwards. **Thank you. - Liam Foy**



CHARIS PORTSMOUTH CHARISMATIC RENEWAL EVENT, Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm on Zoom. Theme is 'Hope for the World' - hosted by Portsmouth Diocese Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion (Portsmouth CDSC) supporting the work of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service (CHARIS). This event starts promptly at 7:30pm (participants are asked to log on at least 10mins in advance). **To register go to: <https://www.charisuk.com/events-1/hope-for-the-world-portsmouth-cdsc-event>**

CAFOD - BIG LENT WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. **To sign up go to: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/sign-up#signup> See poster.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 14th March. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. Support communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change & find solutions and hope. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. CAFOD envelopes will also be available in church.



REQUIEM AND OTHER MUSIC by UNIVERSITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA 8th March 2025 at 7.30pm in Christchurch Priory. Tickets £20/£16 (50% student concession) Box Office: www.christchurchpriory.org/service-and-events or on the door. *See poster.*



ST PATRICKS DANCE Saturday 8th March 8.00pm to Midnight in the Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, BH21 3AP. All funds raised to be donated to the **DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE** Live Music, Irish dancers & raffles, with excellent prizes. Tickets £20 pp. Call Veronica on 07774145394.

VOCATIONS: "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may embrace Jesus' message of mercy and generosity, finding strength to serve others selflessly as priests, religious brothers and sisters, or through sacramental marriage. 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 & packet 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

