



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: Wed 5: Ash Wednesday

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: It is good to give thanks to you , O Lord

**Royal Bournemouth Hospital -
Ash Wednesday Mass, including ashes,
in the chapel on 5th March, at 12 noon.
Staff, patients, visitors all welcome.**

EIGHTH SUNDAY of Year C 2nd March 2025

Ash Wednesday and Lent

This week we launch into a beautiful, fruitful Season: Lent. Some of us have memories from childhood of what Lent usually entailed: giving things up, going to church more often, Stations of the Cross. There are a number of practices almost ingrained in us and that we still revert to once Ash Wednesday arrives. Also, within Lent we mark a Family Fast day and support the work of CAFOD [more about this next weekend]. In this Parish we have those little booklets available which contain a Reading and Reflection for the days of Lent which can be a companion and guide during the season which takes us to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

Whatever you choose to do, do something. I know that at Corpus Christi our 10am daily Mass is not accessible to everyone due to work commitments. Every Friday in Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Mass, so come along if you can. Make time for prayer – which so easily gets squeezed from our busy lives. Give up something you enjoy or take for granted as an act of self-denial. Give a little extra to help those in need, through CAFOD or in some other way. These are all possibilities which require a commitment – but the benefits can be significant as they help us refocus our lives. Make a decision to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation: we have already arranged for a number of priests to be here for the **Penitential Service at 7pm on Thursday 10 April**. If you haven't been to Confession for a while, perhaps years, grasp the nettle and come: no one I know has ever regretted celebrating this particular Sacrament. Whatever we do, make the most of this Season of Lent so that we come to Holy Week refreshed and renewed with a clearer sense of purpose.

Pope Francis. We have all been following the news of Pope Francis' health issues: he has been keen to be open about what his condition is when others might have felt these were very personal and private matters. He has asked for the support of our prayers as he battles to overcome pneumonia and other problems. As with any eighty-eight year-old man these problems are not easy to shake off but he is receiving excellent care and apparently remains cheerful and positive. I'm sure that, whatever happens to him, his prayer will be focused on that line of the Our Father, 'Thy Will Be Done'. We continue to hold him in our prayers.

Parish Finances. Building on what was written on the front of the last Newsletter, this weekend I shall say a few words at the end of each Mass about two particular ways in which the parish needs your help. Please listen, consider, and if at all possible, respond with action. This is an important aspect of the life of our parish which underpins and supports everything we run and try to do. **Father John**

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March there will be Mass and distribution of ashes here at 9.00am and 7.00pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, (7th March to 11th April) we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do to the Parish Office. **Thank you to those who have already offered.** **On Fridays in Lent there will be Mass at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross.**

A PASTORAL LETTER from Bishop Philip attached to this newsletter. **Please take home and read.**



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2025. For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. **Let us pray for Pope Francis, who is still unwell in hospital. Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.**

LENT BOOKLETS A change from past years with 'Walk with Me' adult booklets now available at the back of Church. **Only £1.00** Please put money in the basket provided or the pamphlet slot.

~The CHILDREN'S LENT BOOKLET and Calendar are free gifts from the parish to our children~~

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER (9 days up to 12th March.)

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you we adore the Divine Majesty.

The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life and of your glory after death, fills us with joy; and we unite with you in offering to Him our humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

We implore of you to secure for us, through your powerful intercession the all-important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace.

We also beseech you to obtain the favour we ask in this Novena (- - - -), but if what we ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of our souls, obtain for us what is most conducive to both. **Amen**

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)



NATIONAL MILL HILL NOVENA to ST JOSEPH 10th - 18th March. See poster for more details.

CAFOD - BIG LENT WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! **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.



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 (especially Prostrate Cancer.) at our local hospitals. **If you would like to sponsor me, you can either scan the QR code** or use the following link: <https://uhdcharity.enthouse.com/pf/liam-foy-5883d> 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. **Thank you. – Liam Foy**



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.**

DIOCESEAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 7 - 11 July 2025 £879 FROM Heathrow . All bookings on the Pilgrimage should be made through Canon PJ Smith in the Pilgrimage Office. Tel: 07780 221686, or email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Postal address: Canon PJ Smith, Lourdes Pilgrimage, St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. PO1 3QA. No booking is definite until a completed booking form, a non-refundable deposit are received & deposit is receipted by Joe Walsh Tours Pilgrimage Office. <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Portsmouth-Diocesan-booking-form-2025-FINAL.pdf> see poster

VOCATIONS: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that we may be a community that nurtures and supports vocations, encouraging others to follow Christ's example of self-giving love. 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
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