



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: Mon 17: St Patrick Wed 19: St Joseph

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.



SECOND SUNDAY of LENT Year C 16th March 2025



Parish Finances: following-up

Two weekends ago, I spoke at the end of Mass about our financial situation as a parish and I asked everyone to consider two things. The first was whether you are in a position to increase your regular giving to the parish; the second was to complete a Gift-Aid Form if you are a tax-payer and therefore able to do so. Thank you to everyone who listened and who has responded. One point I ought to have underlined was that, if you do Gift-Aid your Offering, then you will need to use the envelopes we can provide or do a bank payment, or make use of the machine at the back of the church. This is simply because the parish must be able to demonstrate from whom the money has come. Signing a Form and then putting money loose in the basket doesn't fulfil this requirement. It is a very easy process and if there are any questions please get in touch with the parish office where we have people who can explain and help. If you took a Gift-Aid Form home, meaning to fill it in, and it's sitting in a pile at the end of the kitchen work-top (I know how these things happen!) please deal with it and return it to us.

I know that on any one Sunday not everyone is here – we lead busy lives which can take us elsewhere at weekends. If you were not here on the first weekend of March my appeal was to consider raising what you give to support the parish, and to complete a Gift-Aid Form if you pay tax so that we can claim back that tax element [as we are a Registered Charity]. In these matters it is important that everyone reflects on what they are able to do. Years ago, I remember hearing someone speaking about how we should approach the matter of giving. The question was put: 'Do I give what is right – or what is left?' In other words, have I thought through my offering to God in his Church, or do I give what I happen to have left over?

Anyway, I did say that I try not to be a Parish Priest who goes on about money all the time – people soon get tired of that. I leave it with you to consider and, if possible, to act upon, for the good of Corpus Christi Parish. What we do and what we can develop as a parish going forward depends entirely on the contributions you make.

Lent continues

On the First Sunday of Lent the Gospel is always about the temptations Jesus faced, and how he dealt with them. Now, on this Second Sunday of Lent we listen to an account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, accompanied by just three of his disciples. This Gospel is placed in the first part of Lent to give us a glimpse of the glory which will be Christ's when he rises from the dead. What the Church is doing by presenting this passage to us now is providing a reminder of where Lent leads us: to the commemoration of the suffering Jesus undertook for us in order to rise in glory and give us that new life which comes after death. Today's Readings are a reminder of the direction in which Lent is taking us.

Father John



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY THANK YOU to all who participated in the Fast Day and have brought back their completed envelopes and donation.

You can still be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year and help those experiencing war, poverty, and climate issues by donating online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.





We continue to pray for Pope Francis, who is still confined to hospital. **Loving and Merciful God**, We come before You in prayer, to lift up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. **Amen.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be on Fridays during Lent at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children, on 23rd March 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 Thursday, 27th March, 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome*



ST PETER'S SCHOOL VACANCY - CHAPLAIN – Full time/ Part time considered (Start date – 1st September 2025 For application form go to <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/jobs> Email completed form to applications@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk by the **closing date** of 8.00am on **Thursday 20th March 2025**. Interview date Tuesday 25th March 2025.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the **two-child benefit cap** and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/family_survey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. **The survey will close on 25th March.**

CARE NOT KILLING PETITION Please consider signing this petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives.



JUBILEE 2025 – YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME! To celebrate Youth Week in the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop Philip is inviting anyone who is 17+ to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome. It will run between 28 July & 4 August, coinciding with the World Youth Day. Pilgrims will follow a full programme in Rome led by Bishop Philip, including visits to the Vatican and World Youth Day Jubilee events. **The cost of the pilgrimage is £1,350 per person for a shared room.** This includes all flights, 20kg of luggage, transport in Rome, hotel accommodation with breakfast and evening meal. When booking a place on the pilgrimage, pilgrims will need to pay a £350 deposit followed by payment in full or by monthly instalments on the first day of the month. The final payment must be received by 1 June 2025 **For more info email: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**, followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact your Parish Office or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form. Please note this email address is not monitored daily, so please be patient for a reply. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photo, (upload it when you return form). Or you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to: St Bede's Parish Office Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX

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: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may experience moments of clarity and affirmation, knowing that God calls them to a life of service. 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. See the poster with ideas about giving 40 food items to Food Banks during Lent.**

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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