



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: Tues 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.



THIRD SUNDAY of LENT Year C 23rd March 2025



"This is my blood, poured out for you"

At the very heart of every celebration of Mass are the words of consecration. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are changed for us into the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember and we enact what Jesus did for his disciples in the Upper Room. The Last Supper is intimately connected to the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, marked on Good Friday. Then, stripped and nailed, he holds nothing back but 'empties himself' in every way possible – including the physical. There is little or no blood left inside his tortured body: as he is pierced, a mixture of blood and water flow from his side. His sacrifice is total and complete. When he says to us 'take and eat', 'take and drink', we are receiving what he has given without reserve and without conditions.

One great sadness left from the Covid restrictions has been not offering Communion under Both Kinds on a regular basis. One of the reasons has been practical: Ministers of the Eucharist are in short supply. But it has been my aim to reintroduce this when we are able to. With some new Ministers of the Eucharist being commissioned before Easter we need to get back to where we were pre-Covid. Although our faith teaches us that receiving Our Lord under one form is complete, the Church also says that it is a 'fuller sign' to receive both the host and from the chalice. By Easter I hope we can move this forward to enable those who wish to receive from the chalice to do so.

Blood is essential for keeping our bodies going: it is the very stuff of life. We need a certain quantity to circulate, for our hearts to keep pumping, for the oxygen it carries to reach where it needs to reach. Those trained in First Aid will know that, after checking a casualty's breathing, staunching any bleeding is essential to survival. Bleeding out leaves a body lifeless. During my stints as Chaplain at the Military Hospital in Camp Bastian, Afghanistan, I witnessed soldiers being saved as blood was pumped into them, often after the loss of limbs. In one month when I was there, our Hospital used 20% of all blood supplies available through the NHS – it was amazing to see. Without these transfusions of blood, many more would have died.

I started giving blood when I was a seminarian, and one of my jobs at the English College in Rome was to organise sessions for students to give blood. There were always shortages in the city so whatever we could contribute was appreciated by the Italian locals who had relatives needing transfusions, in the course of operations or treatment. I still try to give blood four times a year; it costs me nothing other than some time and can make a difference. The NHS Blood Transfusion Service now sends a text message a week or so after you give blood letting you know where your donation has been used. It makes it feel quite personal. Once again, the Blood Transfusion Service is coping with very low stocks of blood and is appealing for donors – both regular and new. Have you thought of doing this? Perhaps you did in the past but stopped for some reason. Or maybe you've never enquired and looked into it. Why not give it a go? I've always found it easy enough and to know that your donation of blood has helped another person pull through an operation, or even kept them alive, is quite something.

Father John



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY THANK YOU to all those who supported CAFOD fast day. Our parish raised **£1681.20** (inc Gift Aid)!! Also, a **Soup Lunch** raised another **£305** (inc Gift Aid) **Well done!** All money raised will go to help those living in poverty, climate crisis, and those affected by war.

Thank you again for your generosity.



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 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 Thursday, 27th March, 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*

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**



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.**



ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT 'We give you music' Sunday 27th April 2025 **2.30pm** in St Saviours Church, Colemore Road, BH7 6RZ. **Tickets £12, includes Cream Tea, from Ticket Source** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-community-choir> or scan the QR code. **Please bring cash for our fabulous Raffle. Monies to go to 3 charities including Reaching the Unreached.**



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL CONSULTATION From Monday 24th March, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School is consulting on opening a new pre-school in the school grounds from September 2025. The consultation period finishes at midday on Monday 21st April 2025. The consultation paper is available, with details on how to give your feedback, using the following link: <https://corpus-christi-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/pre-school-subject-to-bcp-approval/>



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 (maybe read at end of April) would make vulnerable people, (inc elderly & disabled) feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. **Use QR code or sign it at: <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/>**

JUBILEE 2025 – YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME! 28 July - 4 August. To celebrate Youth Week in the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop Philip is inviting anyone who is 17+ to take part in this Youth Pilgrimage to Rome. 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 flights, 20kg of luggage, transport in Rome, hotel accommodation with breakfast & 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**

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: "I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For families, that they may create environments where vocations are nurtured and encouraged to grow. 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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