



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:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.



FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT Year C 30th March 2025



"Laetare" – Rejoice!

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes referred to as 'Laetare Sunday'. The antiphon which can be used at the beginning of Mass this weekend reminds us to rejoice because of the salvation which has come to us through Jesus Christ. In the days when Lent was much more arduous [fasting was severe and people really put themselves through it with their Lenten practices] having a moment of respite mid-way through the season was always welcome. Liturgically we mark this with the option of wearing rose-coloured vestments – rather than purple. In the early centuries, someone looking to be baptised as a Christian waited for years and so the final Lent was a huge experience and time of excitement as Easter drew near when baptisms would be celebrated. It is difficult to recreate that sense of anticipation but still we should reflect on the enormity of what we are moving towards in Holy Week and Easter.

This weekend we also mark Mothering Sunday. With my mother's death last October, I together with my brother and sisters are still in that initial year of 'firsts' when we don't get to celebrate dates and events as we did. Just the other day it occurred to me that this will be the first Mothers' Day in my life when I haven't written a card and wracked my brain for a suitable gift. Her birthday was in May so I'll probably find myself with similar thoughts then. This is all part of the process following the death of a loved one – everyone goes through it. But whether our Mums are still here with us or not, we can all give thanks for them, all that they did for us, the example they set, the love that motivated them in our upbringing. Mothers have a special bond with their children – no question about that. In prayer we thank God for that gift. And, if our Mums are still here, we should ensure they know just how deeply they are loved, and how much they are valued.

Special Collection: Clergy Assistance Fund.

Most clergy [although, sadly, perhaps not all] understand how they are valued and loved by the people and parishioners they seek to serve. Most of us have experienced that support in tangible ways, for example the cards and words which come at Christmas and other times of the year. This weekend there is an annual collection which is used by the Bishop to provide support to clergy, in particular when health issues arise. Many priests continue in parish ministry until they turn seventy-five so keeping them going until then can involve costs which the diocese helps with. But this can only be done because of your support through a collection like this. So, if you are in a position to do so, please contribute. This is a collection where Gift Aid can be claimed back – if you are a taxpayer and complete details on one of the yellow envelopes available at the back of the church. Or donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund-second-collection-2025> Thank you.

Father John

REMINDER: LENTEN PENTITENTIAL SERVICE (with Confessions): Thursday 10th April 7.00pm in church



~~~A Mother's Day Poem~~~

We pray that on this Mother's Day you'll have some time for 'You'
To be able to do those special things you've always wanted to

We pray you'll feel the closeness of the Lord God above,
and know how much you're thought of and how much that you are loved.

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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 6th, 13th, and 27th April 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.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS in April will be on Wednesday's 2nd, 16th, and 30th at 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543

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://carenokilling.org.uk/petition/>

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.

STAY AWAKE, 5TH APRIL, 10AM - 6PM - a day conference for all the family including Mass, speakers, workshops and children's activities. Venue: All Saints School in Weymouth (Sunnyside Rd, Weymouth DT4 9BJ.) Book at: <https://www.stayawakejc.com/2025> £12.50/ kids£10 /under 9's free

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT AT THE VERBUM DEI CENTRE, ISLE OF WIGHT 17- 20 April. "Love Hopes all things..." (1Cor13:7) is the title for this retreat. An opportunity to live the Easter Triduum in prayer, experiencing Christ's love and hope for us in his death and resurrection. For more information, please contact them: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com and www.uk.verbumdei.org.

DIOCESAN 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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: There are a few vacancies advertised on the Diocesan website including for Parish Support Administrator, Communications Manager, Management Accountant and Fundraising Manager. Information can be found at: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

JESUIT & FRIENDS latest edition of the magazine is now available at the back of Church.

VOCATIONS: While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through 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 all who are discerning the vocation of marriage, that they may find strength in the example of God's boundless.

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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