



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: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.



FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT Year C 6th April 2025



The Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Next Thursday evening there are a number of priests joining us from the Bournemouth area. Our Lent Penitential Service begins at **7pm on Thursday 10 April**. The first part focuses on God's Word and a chance to reflect on our lives. Then there is an opportunity to speak one-to-one with a priest in Confession – although not everyone does this. Many people find this way of celebrating Reconciliation helpful, and it means you can choose a priest to speak with. I do encourage everyone to come along and take part. If you decide to wait until our usual Saturday morning time for Confession, based on past experience, you could well find yourself queuing for a long time – so please take the opportunity afforded by Thursday's Service with more priests available.

In this weekend's Gospel passage from St John, we hear about the woman accused of sinning by others who thought themselves better than her. When pressed, Jesus asks them to consider whether they are in any position to make judgements or condemn her. One by one they drift away and in a moment of personal encounter, Jesus says to the woman: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more'. What an amazing thing to hear – and which is expressed in the words of absolution spoken by the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Aidan Foy. I have been extremely grateful to Aidan who, since I arrived, has guided me on many issues concerning our buildings and site here at Corpus Christi. As the Facilities Manager, Aidan has ensured all inspections and certificates are in date and managed many practical issues linked to the church, presbytery and parish centre. He dealt with the groups using the centre. Now that the Parish Centre is closed, Aidan has decided to step down from this role – but remaining as Chair of the Parish Finance Committee. I would like to put on record the thanks of the parish for all he has done over a number of years. In the near future the plan is to establish a Parish Site Committee, to ensure our buildings continue to be well maintained – and consider options for the parish centre and the land it stands on.

Blessing of the Easter Food: Saturday 19 April at 11am. For the first time this year there will be a Blessing of Easter Food. This is very much a Polish tradition but anyone who would like to come and take part is welcome. This hasn't been included on the small calendar/card of Services in Holy Week and Easter so please make a note – and join us. We will use the liturgy I have obtained from a Polish Priest and although some Readings will be in Polish, most will be in English.

Father John



CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

EASTER SERVICE CARDS - please take a card from the back of church, that gives the dates and times of services over Holy Week and Easter.

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 today (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 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/>



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.



CARE NOT KILLING PETITION Please consider signing this petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. Use QR code or sign it at: <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/>

ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT DIE - cards to send to MPs available at the back of church.

SAYING GOODBYE, (part of Mariposa International) a very special **Baby loss remembrance** and support service, on **Sunday 27th April at 1pm, in Wimborne Minster.** This service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS' CANONISATION DATE The millennial, who died of leukaemia at 15 in 2006, will be canonised on **Sunday, 27 April 2025.** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/carlo-acutis-canonisation-date/>

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.

VACANCY: THE SECULAR CLERGY COMMON FUND ('BIG M') is looking to appoint a new **CEO.** It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk **Closing date 28th April 2025.**

JOIN CAFOD AND CARTIAS in a joint celebration for the 10th anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si' at St Peter's, Winchester on **Saturday 10th May 10am-1pm.** The session will be packed with practical information and opportunity to ask questions on how we can make a difference in our lives and that of our parish, including CAFOD's Live Simply Award. More information and to register visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> **Everyone welcome.**

VOCATIONS: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may trust in God's mercy and be strengthened to follow His call with confidence and hope. 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

