

OUR PARISH MOTTO
"ONLY JESUS"

CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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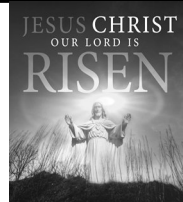
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SUNDAY MASSES:

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: Masses of Easter Octave. Mon 28: St George Tues 29: St Catherine of Siena Fri 2: St Athanasius

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: (20th) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. (27th) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER EASTER & 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C 20th & 27th April 2025

He Is Risen – Alleluia!

In the Easter Vigil, after a day's silence during which the Church held her breath in suspense before the empty tabernacles in our places of worship, a thrilling joy breaks out. Christ has gone down into the valley of death and has trampled death underfoot! On the third day he rose again 'we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.' This is the very core of our faith. All our Sunday celebrations of Mass, indeed every Mass, takes its meaning from Easter. The way we live our lives, guided by God's command to 'love one another' makes sense because of Easter. This is it: overcoming death and giving us the promise of eternal life – this is what Jesus did for us. An event never to be repeated.

None of the gospel writers describes the emergence of Jesus from the tomb, because they are suggesting a mystery rather than reporting news. This is the guarantee that they are in earnest. The resurrection belongs to a different category than the re-animation of a dead body. Lazarus died twice but Christ raised from the dead dies no more.

All the witnesses to the first Easter are unanimous about the empty tomb. The women who came to embalm Christ's body never found it; this fact alone 'proves' nothing – but the resurrection needs no such proof. It belongs to another category of signs and mystery. Would faith remain faith if it insisted on evidence?

The accounts of the appearances of the risen Christ are a summary of a shared experience over a period of time. These accounts all end with an exhortation to reject disbelief, to collate the event with the scriptures, to announce that Jesus is beyond the power of death. He is the eternal living one, the source of new life for those who believe in him. The Easter faith, born of doubt resolved, is a continuing act of freedom which says: 'It is really he; he is alive!' The challenge to the Church is to proclaim with ever greater energy that Jesus is risen and exalted at the right hand of the Father.

This Easter, and in the days of the Easter Season, we pray for all those places and countries where darkness presses down on people; that they may have peace. For individuals who feel they have no hope and do not have the joy of faith in God, we pray that they may find purpose and meaning in life. For those who are confused, struggling, and uncertain which way to turn, we pray that the Light of Christ may help them see more clearly the path to follow. And this Easter we thank God for the gift of his Son Jesus, who suffered for us, died for us, and rose to new life for us. He did it for you and he did it for me.

I wish you and your families peace and joy this Easter.

Father John

YOUR OFFERING AT EASTER All donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, given at Masses on Easter Sunday (including Easter Vigil), other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest appointed to the parish. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of church. You can also donate on our website or at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-easter-second-collection>

PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED - it will reopen Monday 28th April. Sandra and Georgie, from the Parish Office, wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 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.**

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 24th April, 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING Wednesday 30th April at 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. **For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543**

RED MISSION BOXES It's time to empty your red boxes. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to 6pm mass on **Saturday 27th April or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 28th April** so that we can empty them. I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. Thank you in advance, Sharon McAndrew



CROWNING OF MARY Sunday May 4th at 3pm. "We will be having a special celebration to honour Our Lady, as we enter the month of May. We'll start with prayers and songs in the church, ending at the Mary grotto outside the church. Do bring some flowers if you would like, and stay for a slice of cake afterwards!"

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

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



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS' CANONISATION The millennial, who died of leukaemia at 15 in 2006, will be canonised on **Sunday, 27 April 2025** at 10:30 a.m. in front of St. Peter Basilica, in conjunction with the celebration of the Holy Year's jubilee for teens. "There are lives that flow, seemingly normal. And then there are exceptional lives. What is most surprising about Carlo's story is how he managed to be profoundly original: offering everyone who knew him the portrait of an exceptionally smiling normality. Carlo was a boy like any other, and at the same time, he did extraordinary things. Without apparent effort, without any contradiction. He played the saxophone and, still very young, taught catechism to children. He played soccer with his friends, and an hour later, he would be volunteering at the soup kitchen of the Capuchins and Mother Teresa's nuns for the poor. He had fun with video games, but also used the internet to do apostolic works. He watched detective shows and made films with his dogs and cats, and he helped the less fortunate in the neighbourhood. He designed computer programs and helped other children with homework difficulties. Enlightened, animated by an extraordinary faith that he had lived deeply since childhood. This made him an example capable of involving and inspiring others to action." More info at: <https://www.fondazionecarloacutis.org/en/the-blessed/>



CHARIS PORTSMOUTH is arranging a new Life in the Spirit course online on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, starting Thursday 8th May. There are seven sessions (with a week off over half-term at the end of May) and a Holy Spirit Day live at English Martyrs Church in Reading on Saturday 7th June. **Register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ke4gfjQdSI2sAbippqI9Ilg#/registration>**

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: "He is not here; He has been raised." The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish community, that we may encourage vocations by being witnesses to the joy and hope of the Resurrection in our daily lives. .

For our priests and deacons, that they may be strengthened in their vocations, and for more young men to be inspired by their example of dedication and 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.**

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

