



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: HOLY WEEK - see parish card or overleaf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.



PALM SUNDAY Year C 13th April 2025

This most Holy Week

As we celebrate Passion Sunday with Palms, we enter into the most important week of the year. For Christians, this week is a holy time because of what we remember; because of what we do; because of the events which unfolded in Jerusalem more than two thousand years ago. There is no other time in the year like this.

The week begins with a Reading of the whole story, from Jesus sharing a Last Supper with his disciples, through his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest, the judgement and then his death on the cross. This year we hear St Luke's account of these momentous, terrible, complex events. We join the crowds who greet Jesus with joy as he descends the Mount of Olives, across the valley and up through the city walls. All too quickly we hear Jesus predicting what will happen when he is arrested, tried and condemned. His disciples cannot comprehend. Despite all the things their Master has said, they have not fully understood – perhaps they are in denial. "This must not happen to you" one says; "Shall we draw swords to prevent this?" Only later will all become clear.

Then, as our Holy Week progresses, we are invited into the events which take place. On Thursday evening we witness Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, leaving a powerful and concrete sign of service – connected with his offering to them of his body and blood. On Good Friday afternoon at 3pm we gather to solemnly commemorate his suffering and death. We pray for all peoples and we venerate the wood of the Cross. Then there is silence ... emptiness ... a sense of someone no longer present in the way he had been. This lasts until the evening of Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil. Then the joy of Easter flows over into Sunday and on through the days of Easter Week, and indeed the Easter Season which runs all the way to Pentecost. It is the central event of Jesus overcoming death and rising to New Life that gives meaning to our Christian faith. Without this nothing else makes any sense.

If you have taken part in the liturgies of Holy Week before, you'll know how powerful and moving they are. If you have never come along – try to join us this year, for all or as many parts as possible. As well as the Triduum (the three Services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday/Sunday) we have Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday at 10am and the Blessing of Easter Food on Saturday at 11am. And when you come, hold in your mind anyone or any particular situation you want to present to the Lord. Bringing our personal cares and concerns to Jesus as we witness the extent and depth of his love for us is a powerful way to be intimately involved. We don't just remember in Holy Week: we take part in these events – we are there with Jesus. **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>



SIGN UP SHEETS FOR EASTER now at the back of Church.

If you are in a Ministry, please sign up for duties over Holy Week & Easter. Thank you.

If you would like to have your feet washed on MAUNDY THURSDAY, please sign sheet at back of church.



HOLY PLACES COLLECTION - FRIDAY 18 APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY, FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. "May this year's collection pro Terra Sancta be an opportunity for everyone not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Places but rather to lighten their burdens." – **Cardinal Leonardo Sandri** Thank you for your support.

You can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-places-second-collection-2025>

PARISH EASTER SERVICES

HOLY WEEK Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, April - Mass 10.00am

Also on Tuesday 15th April 11.00am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral

Wednesday 16th April Mass 9.00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April – 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Blessed Sacrament Procession to the Altar of Repose Watching until 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 18th April – 10am Stations of the Cross (especially for children)

Walk of Witness 11.15am CTIB will join Southbourne churches at Bandstand in Fisherman's Walk

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (collection for Holy Places - see over for details)

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL and First Mass of Easter - 19th April – 8.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 20th April – Masses: 10.00am, 5.00pm



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



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

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!"



THANK YOU "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for my 'March For Men' walk. I raised **£898 + £72.50 Gift Aid** for our local University Hospitals and this year the money goes to support those affected by Prostate Cancer. **Liam Foy**"



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 - petition 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.** To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

VOCATIONS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that those called to priestly and religious vocations may draw strength from Christ's Passion to carry their crosses and serve faithfully. 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
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