



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: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C 4th May 2025

Choosing a Pope

It has been announced that, following nine days of official mourning for Pope Francis, the Conclave will begin on Wednesday 7th May. Cardinals who concelebrated the Funeral Mass at St Peter's have remained in Rome, more than 200 of them. Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re is the Dean of the College of Cardinals [he presided at the Funeral Mass and preached] and will enter the Sistine Chapel with around 132 Cardinals who are eligible to take part. They must be under the age of eighty. Cardinal Re is, remarkably given how energetic he appeared to be at the Funeral, himself 91 years old. So, after administering the Oath in the Sistine Chapel, he will withdraw and proceedings in the Conclave will be presided over by Cardinal Pietro Parolin who is the Secretary of State for the Vatican.

As you may have picked up, this time there are three English Cardinals taking part in the Conclave: Vincent Nichols (Archbishop of Westminster); Timothy Radcliffe (a former Master of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans); Arthur Roche (former Bishop of Leeds and now head of the Dicastery for Sacraments and Liturgy). A fourth English Cardinal, Michael Fitzgerald (a White Father) is 87 and so not eligible to join the Conclave.

In these days before 7th May Cardinals will have informal conversations between themselves and some formal meetings where the qualities required in the man who is chosen will be considered. Cardinal Nichols has said that not all Cardinals know each other because they are now much more geographically spread than ever before. Back centuries ago, nearly all Cardinals were European (most in Italy) and so they would have been more familiar to each other. But that isn't the case now – which is a positive development. Having a few days to talk with each other before the important work of the Conclave begins is sensible. The focus within the Sistine Chapel is first and foremost prayer, asking for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. Normally there are four votes each day and at the last two Conclaves a result emerged within just a few days. Whoever is chosen is asked whether he accepts the role and what name he chooses. Then, quite soon after a positive vote (indicated by white smoke from a small chimney above the Sistine Chapel), the newly chosen Pope will appear on the central balcony of the Basilica of St Peter. Thus, within a matter of just a few weeks, continuity is assured and the 267th Successor of St Peter will be in office working with his brother Bishops worldwide and leading the Catholic Church.

It would be tempting to think that we are just onlookers, observers of a rather quaint process involving a small number of men in red robes. But, on the contrary, we too are involved as members of the Church with a duty to prayer for the Cardinals participating in the Conclave. We must pray that the Spirit of God will descend upon the gathering in the Sistine Chapel, that he will guide and direct the hearts and thoughts of all the Cardinals so that the right person is chosen. This is our role and task. Our Church needs a good, wise and holy Pope. Our world needs a man of courage who will speak truth to power. There is no role on earth quite like that of the Pope. **Father John**

Thank you. I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and generosity, shown to me over Easter – and through your Offerings which are greatly appreciated. It was good to see so many people participating in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter and I thank everyone who helped to ensure these were well-prepared, and the church made to look so welcoming. **Father John**



CROWNING OF MARY TODAY, Sunday May 4th - CHANGE OF TIME it will now be after 10am Mass and start at 11.15am. "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!"

THE REGINA CAELI (Queen of Heaven) will be said in place of the Angelus, up until Pentecost Sunday (8th June)



V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to our God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray: God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REMINDER: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 Parents' evening 7pm on Wednesday 7th May on Preparing for the Holy Communion Mass It will be held in the Church and it is essential that a representative from your family attends. It will last approximately 1 hour and starts at 7.00pm. Please do not bring any children to these meetings as we do not have facilities for child-minding.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 11th and 25th of May 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.**

RTU REACHING THE UNREACHED

UK VISIT of Fr Antony Paulsamy from Reaching the Unreached in India. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of Brother Lionel (Bro James Kimpton) who was a former teacher at St Peter's School, Southbourne, Fr Antony from RTU, India will be giving talks and slide show to which you are warmly invited.

Friday 9th May at 4pm in the Chapel at St Peter's School, Southbourne.
Saturday 10th May after 5pm Mass at St Joseph's Purewell
Sunday 11th May after 10am Mass at Corpus Christi, Boscombe.



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS' CANONISATION This has been postponed until a new Pope has been elected and is in place. 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/join/register/Ke4gfjQdSI2sAbippqI9lg#/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.**

THE MONTH OF MAY, traditionally known as "Mary's Month," a specific time when special devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 2020, during the Covid pandemic, Pope Francis wrote a letter to the faithful about "contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary" and included a prayer:

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. **Amen**



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

VOCATIONS: "It is the Lord!" Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869 for guidance

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may find courage in Peter's example to follow Christ's call despite their weaknesses and fears. Let us 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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