



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: Wed 14: St Matthias

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or: Alleluia.



4th Sunday of Easter Year C 11th May 2025

Habemus Papam – we have a Pope!

On Thursday evening, hundreds of millions of people around the world watched the pictures from Rome as we waited to hear who had been elected as the 267th Successor of St Peter. Then, about an hour after white smoke had appeared from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel, Pope Leo XIV came out onto the balcony – and smiled. That struck me immediately, even before he had uttered a word. It doesn't matter how much experience an individual has, that moment of walking onto the balcony and hearing the sound of the hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the square and along the Via Conciliazione must be awesome.

Immediately the Commentators were busy considering Cardinal Robert Prevost's journey to this point. There were observations about how short the Conclave was, the fact that the new Pope was born in Chicago, and that he spent many years working in Peru. The fact that the Cardinals came to a decision relatively quickly is interpreted as a show of unity amongst them about the qualities needed in the man taking on the mantle from Pope Francis [no time for the machinations seen in the film 'Conclave' ...]. Pope Leo has worked in Rome for the past few years overseeing the appointment of Bishops, is a member of the Augustinian Order and is 69 years old. The direction in which Pope Francis was steering the Catholic Church seems likely to be followed by this Pope, although he will do this in his own way.

The choice of name is significant. The last Pope Leo concentrated on Social Teaching and is especially remembered for an Encyclical he wrote in 1891: *Rerum Novarum* (a title which can be translated as 'Revolutionary Change'). It addressed the condition of the working classes and the rights and duties of capital and labour. No Pope chooses his name on a whim: even now we can see that our new Pope is likely to speak out on issues of social justice

The election of a new Pope, who builds on the work of those who have gone before him, is an exciting moment in the life of the Church. The Bishop of Rome is a figure of unity. In every Mass that we celebrate at Corpus Christi Church we pray, in the Eucharistic Prayer, for Leo our Pope and Philip our Bishop. Its not just because they need the support of our prayers – which of course they do. But it is also a statement of Communion. We in the Diocese of Portsmouth are united in faith expressed as communion with our Bishop, a Successor of the Apostles. He in turn shows our unity in faith with the worldwide church through his communion with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. Every five years or so, each Bishop makes a special visit to Rome (the ad limina) to demonstrate that communion.

In a world where divisions, splits and fracturing happen all too often, the Pope stands as a sign of hope that people can be brought together, united with a common purpose. As Pope Leo XIV begins ministry in his new role, let us pray for him and for the Church which Jesus established to serve the world without fear or favour. **Father John**



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND, which supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptize and catechize the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year.

Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to this Fund. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. *Please remember to pray regularly for our seminarians, and for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.* <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2025>

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.**



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



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 a talk and slide show to which you are warmly invited to today, 11th May after 10am Mass, **in the Memorial Room.**



REMINDER: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **Saturday 24th May at 11am.** Please keep all the children and families in your prayers.

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) There will be **no formal meeting** on Monday 26th May as it is a bank holiday but there will still be adoration after the 10am Mass. **The next Monday meeting will be on 30th June at 11am in the Memorial Room.** The ACI Family - a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved through the Eucharist.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY Pre-School Leader, Pre-School Teaching Assistants and Early Year Teaching Assistant. The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint the above vacancies to help us achieve our aims of getting the best from all our children in their learning and personal development. **More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk**

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR 'MUSIC ON A SUMMERS EVENING' Fundraising for Ukraine on **20th June at 7pm** in St Joseph's Catholic church, 67 Purewell Christchurch. Ticket includes concert plus cheese and wine afterwards in the Hall. Tickets are £10 from Ticket Source (scan QR code) or contact Anne Marie Bridle on 01202 463488. **All welcome.**



TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY "The fourth Sunday in Easter is referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday.. What is unique about Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is that He is the only Shepherd who also became a Lamb. St Paul reminds us in a beautiful hymn we find in his letter to the Philippians (2:6-11) that, though the Son of God is truly equal to the Father from all eternity, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. Being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. The Son of God became man. The Shepherd became a Lamb. When Jesus began His public ministry, He joined the cue of sinners who went down to the Jordan river to receive John's baptism of repentance. The sinless One joins the queue of sinners.... This is the Good Shepherd we have. One who joins our ranks. One who walks among us sick and wounded sinners. One who gets down on His knees to wash our feet. One who goes to the point of shedding His blood to wash us clean of sin. Jesus refers to His disciples as those who hear His voice and follow Him. And what is His voice saying to us who listen? "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (Jn 13:15). O Good Shepherd, who humbled yourself to become one of us and who shed your Blood to save us, help us to love and serve as you did." **Fr Tom Kleinschmidt** <https://www.theliturgyproject.com/sundays/fourth-sunday-of-easter-3#commentary>



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: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For the Church, that on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, more young men may hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him as priests. 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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