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/

Hospital/Christchurch Bournemouth 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: Mon 19th: Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king. or: Alleluia.

# 5th Sunday of Easter Year C 18th May 2025

### **Joyous Celebrations**

In these weeks after Easter, we celebrate a number of moments in the lives of parishioners for which they have been preparing over a number of months. Next Saturday, 24 May, 58 children will receive Holy Communion with us for the first time. The group actually numbers sixty but two children will receive their First Communion at a Mass in India with their wider circle of family. Deacon Greg, with a team of Catechists and Helpers, has been guiding these children since before Christmas and they are now ready for this next step on their journey. We pray for them and their families. When their parents asked to have their sons and daughters baptised (usually when they were quite young) they undertook to nurture the seed of faith in their child – and this has brought them to this stage.

Please note that, because the First Communion Mass begins at 11am, there will be no 10am Mass nor Confessions next Saturday (24th May).

Another group of young Catholics have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Philip is coming to Corpus Christi to celebrate this on Sunday 15 June at 12noon. There are 35 teenagers from this parish, plus three from Our Lady Queen of Peace who will be joining us. This Sacrament is another important step as it completes the full initiation of someone into the Catholic Church (together with Baptism and Eucharist). Please pray for these young people as they prepare to be confirmed in faith.

Throughout the year we celebrate Baptism with families, usually on Saturday or Sunday at 11.30am. Towards the summer months the number of baptisms accelerates (perhaps helped by better weather, and the logistics of gathering family members for the occasion). Pray for these families too as we welcome their children into the community of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Finally, many of you know that Kate Harris spent a number of weeks in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital before and over the Easter period. Kate moved to a Care Home recently. She appreciates deeply the support of parishioners, and this is the message she sent: 'Please thank Corpus Christi Parish Community for all the love and prayer than I have received since I became ill. I feel both overwhelmed and full of gratitude for all the care that has been shown to me. Thank you, and with every blessing, Kate.'

Especially in these weeks of the Easter Season, we have so much for which to thank God.

Father John

## A PRAYER BEFORE EXAMS

Don't Stress. Do Your Best. Forget the Rest. Father, Be with me as I take this exam. Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp. Calm my nerves and help me concentrate. I know that you walk with me, Guiding my path and inspiring my heart. I pray that I would feel you with me, And that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel. I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you. Thank you for your peace and your love in my life. Thank you for your kindness and care for me. Amen.

**GOOD LUCK to all** our young people who are taking exams. Deep breath, keep calm and pray to the Holy Spirit!

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

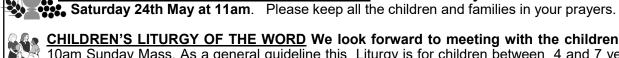


- V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to our God, Alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

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.

SVP TEA GATHERING Please note change of date due to school holiday - Thursday, 22nd May, 2pm -**3.30pm** in the Memorial Room. All welcome.





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

REMINDER: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on

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.

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 15 contact Anne Marie Bridle on 01202 463488. All welcome.



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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 on the school website: www.cccpschool.co.uk

<u>VOCATIONS</u>: "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS**: For the Church, that through the example of Christ's commandment to love one another, many may feel called to a vocation of service as priests, religious, or in sacramental marriage. 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. number: online Parish Account 01786041 Or donate 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

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