



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/](http://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:** Mon 26: St Philip Neri Tues 27: St Augustine of Canterbury **Thurs 29: The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 10am and 7pm)** Sat 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or: Alleluia.

### 6th Sunday of Easter Year C 25th May 2025

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Since Easter, we have been reflecting on the implications of Jesus rising from the dead. In the Gospel passages immediately after Easter Sunday we heard how Jesus appeared to individuals and groups of believers to prove that what he said would take place had indeed happened. The second reason was to strengthen and affirm faith in those who would be 'sent out to the whole world' to proclaim the Good News. These first followers needed to be quite sure that Jesus had risen, so that they could then give witness to others. In the Acts of the Apostles we have listened to how the Gospel spread, far from Jerusalem, thanks to the ministry of St Paul and all the Apostles.

Once Jesus had convinced these early disciples that he had overcome death, and that this opened the way to eternal life for all who believe in him, the time came when he would leave them and return to his Father. They would no longer see him in the way they had. The **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus** marks this moment when he disappears from their view. This coming Thursday, 29th May, is when we mark that departure. If at all possible, we should take part in a celebration of Mass as it is a Holy Day, forty days after Easter Sunday. At Corpus Christi we have **Mass at 10am and 7pm** that day.

But when Jesus left his friends, he promised to send them a gift, the Holy Spirit. This is what we celebrate at Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, on 7/8th June. In a few weeks' time Bishop Philip will come to Corpus Christi to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 38 young people [35 from our parish and 3 from Our Lady Queen of Peace]. The Holy Spirit comes with gifts [identified as seven Gifts of the Spirit] which then produce fruit in us [named as twelve Fruits of the Spirit]. Please hold these young members of our community in your prayers.

On Saturday morning this weekend we welcomed fifty-eight children to the Table of Our Lord to receive him for the very first time in Holy Communion. What a joyous and memorable moment in their lives, and the lives of their parents and families. It is also a sign of hope in our church that children and young people are receiving what the Lord offers through the church – and we pray that the gift of faith in each of them will continue to be nurtured and grow. For those of us who have been receiving Communion for many years, there is always a danger that we lose a sense of the enormity of what we are doing: taking into ourselves the Body and Blood of Jesus himself. There is nothing greater than this.

On a personal note, I shall be away this week for five days on a short Retreat at St Beuno's in North Wales [a Centre owned by the Society of Jesus]. As always, I am most grateful to Father Denis and Father Brendan who are celebrating Mass in the parish in my absence. And we wish all those involved in our Schools a happy ... and restful half-term break.

**Father John**

**"HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER"** Again this year we are part of St Peter's School initiative to pray for our young people in Year 11 and 13, sitting exams. There is a bowl at the front of church where you can randomly pick out a name of a student and keep them in your prayers. There are also some blank slips of paper for parishioners to write supportive words and wishes on. These will be collected and displayed for all the students to read and know that they are being prayed for. The exam season is until 19th June. Thank you to all parishioners who have already taken names - the names went very quickly, so Liz, the chaplain at St Peter's, has replenished them!



**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 on **TODAY (25th)** 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.**

**ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE)** There will be **no formal meeting tomorrow (26th)** 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.

**MARIE CURIE STATIC BIKE RIDE** "Back in 2017 my mum (Kim) was have end of life care from Marie Curie. So I have decided to try and raise some money on the 8th anniversary. I will be cycling 31 hours none stop hopefully I will be joined by 31 different people doing an hour each with me. If you can help in any way I'm sure this will be really appreciated by the charity and I will be very grateful myself for the support. This will be taking place in the Village Hotel lobby on **Sat 7th June 5am - Sun 8th at noon.**" **Brendan Pardoe.** To donate go to his **Just Giving page at: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/brendan-pardoe-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=015](https://www.justgiving.com/page/brendan-pardoe-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015)**

**TIME AT THE OASIS: PENTECOST - 'NEW BEGINNINGS' BASED ON THE IGNATIAN MODEL OF PRAYER.**

**Saturday 7th June 2025: 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Memorial Room.** (These prayer gatherings were originally established by Tony Horan SJ as Days of Prayer and the model has now been revised and title changed to 'Time at the Oasis') In-person or via Zoom.(Contact Deacon Roger and Jackie on 07948516854 for details or link). *See poster*

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL** Year 5 Information Evening **6pm, Tuesday 10th June** in Southbourne site, St Catherines Rd, BH6 4AH. For all Year 5 students interested in joining St Peter's in Year 7 for September 2026 entry. The evening will outline the admissions process, inform you of the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking system. There will also be a short site tour where you will be able to view some of our outstanding facilities. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Save the date for our full Open Evening on Thursday 18 September 2025 To book your place scan QR code.



**THE WHITLEY LECTURE 10th June at 2pm in Rosebery Park Baptist, Boscombe.** The speaker is Sidel Boanerges, Dean of Ministerial Formation at Spurgeon's College and the Moderator of the BU Council. His lecture will be on the subject of apologetics, a field of particular interest to him. *See poster.*

**ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR 'MUSIC ON A SUMMERS EVENING'** Fundraising for Ukraine on **Friday 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.**



**RED BOX 2024: THANK YOU!** In 2024, **Corpus Christi Parish** raised **£2999.44** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Corpus Christi is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more. To get a Red Box, contact Sharon McAndrews on 01202 426779 .

**VOCATIONS:** "The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For those discerning their vocation, that they may trust in the peace that Christ offers, knowing that He walks with them on their journey. 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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