



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: Tues 24th: The Nativity of St John the Baptist Fri 27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

CORPUS CHRISTI Sunday Year C 22nd June 2025

The Feast of Corpus Christi – the Body & Blood of Our Lord

On Thursday Corpus Christi School celebrated this feast, partly because it was originally on that day before moving to the nearest Sunday, and because the children aren't at school at the weekend! However, some of them are taking the lead at our Sunday 10am Mass, and we welcome a number of the children who received their First Communion a few weeks ago. After the morning Mass we will have a short Procession to the Grotto for Benediction. On Thursday the whole school processed out of the church and around to the playground with the Blessed Sacrament. Well done to the valiant team of children who managed the canopy!

At this time of year, it can feel as though there is something different, or extra, to focus on every weekend. We celebrated Pentecost and then Trinity. Last Sunday Bishop Philip came to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on thirty-eight young people during Mass at 12noon. Many of them found this to be more moving than they had anticipated – as did a number of their parents. It was a powerful reminder of the need we all have for those gifts of God's Holy Spirit which make it possible for us to live as his disciples. As the Bishop emphasised in his homily, our world is in great need of the voices we can bring which speak truth against what many have come to accept as the norm. We live in a complex world which can create anxiety. All the more reason why we need to hold fast to the faith which has been nurtured within us – and must continue to be watered and fed through God's Word and Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.



As Catholics we do like to see ourselves as 'different', even from other Christians. We talk about the distinctiveness of Catholicism, what shapes our belief in a particular way. Having a Pope is one example but the biggest and most important element that shapes and cements our Catholic faith is our understanding of the Eucharist. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. It does not 'represent' him; it is not a 'symbol' or 'sign'. He is really present, under the forms of bread and wine. When the host is held before us as we come to receive Communion we hear those words, 'the Body of Christ' – that is who we welcome. This is the amazing action of the Eucharist celebration: that Jesus comes to us, in reality, the true presence. It doesn't get more personal, more intimate, more overwhelming.

Taking part in the celebration of Mass as often as possible, is essential. Not because the rules tell us to, but because without this gift we struggle. Exploring ways to celebrate Mass which can speak to different groups is a challenge. How we do it with the primary school children each Wednesday morning involves and engages them. Something we are going to establish is a regular Sunday Youth Mass, on the first Sunday of each month, at the 5pm Mass. This is not just for younger parishioners of course, but it will be a chance for them to be more involved. The first is on Sunday 6 July. On this Feast of Corpus Christi, let's reaffirm our faith in the Eucharist, and commit to being fully part of the celebration of Mass.

Father John



YOUTH MASS There will be a youth mass on **Sunday 6th July at 5pm**. We hope this will be the first of monthly masses, being on the first Sunday of the month at 5pm. *The next one being 7th September.*

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION is today (22nd), straight after the 10am Mass. The Procession will go from Church to the grotto - weather permitting! *Everyone is welcome.*





FUNERAL MASS for Kate Harris RIP will be on Tuesday 1st July at 12 noon. *May she Rest in Peace.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (22nd) 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.**



SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 26th June, 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ON SUNDAY 29th JUNE at 10am Mass "We will give a short talk to promote and explain the work of the Knights, and hope to gain new members. After Mass there will be leaflets available and also in the coffee lounge in the Parish Centre." Contact is Richard Arthur on 07941791437

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) Monday meeting 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.

TIME AT THE OASIS - BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOPE: SYNODALITY, (using the Ignatian model of prayer). **SATURDAY 5th JULY 2025: 11am to 1pm**, in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi, Boscombe. In person or via Zoom. Contact Jackie and Deacon Roger on 07948516854 for information or the zoom link. *See poster.*

PART-TIME ASSISTANT SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY at St Peter's School to start September 2025. Details at <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/blog/?pid=6&nid=4&storyid=799> The closing date: **7th July 2025**

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 28th JUNE 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – ALONG WITH MARY." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Joe Livingston.. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

DIOCESEAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 7 - 11 July 2025 £879 from Heathrow . All bookings on the Pilgrimage should be made through Canon PJ Smith in the Pilgrimage Office. Tel: 07780 221686, or email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Postal address: Canon PJ Smith, Lourdes Pilgrimage, St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. PO1 3QA. No booking is definite until a completed booking form, a non-refundable deposit received & receipted by Joe Walsh Tours Pilgrimage Office. <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Portsmouth-Diocesan-booking-form-2025-FINAL.pdf>

MINISTERS OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY FORMATION will take place on 6th September, at St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice; working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; Music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers. Anyone wishing to attend should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

JOIN THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME – THE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025! 6-18th OCTOBER 2025 **Limited spots available.** Don't miss out — contact **Fr Marcin Drabik** through email: mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to receive the Registration Form **Cost is £2240.**

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS & BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI. Pope Leo XIV held the first Ordinary Public Consistory of his pontificate on Friday morning, 13 June, with Cardinals giving their formal approval for the canonisations of eight Blesseds. During the ceremony, the Holy Father announced that London-born Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome on **7 September 2025** alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The canonisations of the two young saints – one from the early twentieth century, the other the first millennial saint – have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful. Other canonisations will take place in October.

VOCATIONS: "He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a priest? ? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For priests, that they may continue to be faithful shepherds of their flocks, and for young men to follow in their footsteps by answering the call to the priesthood. 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*

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