

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: Fri 11: St Benedict *Next weekend there will be a collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

14th Sunday of Year C 6th July 2025

How does our country move forward?

We are becoming used to political events moving very quickly across the Atlantic in the United States where decisions are sometimes made by a President on social media without warning. No one knows quite where things stand. In this country we expect events to unfold in a planned way. So, when we witness what happened this week in Parliament it can shake or disturb people who ask: 'what on earth is going on?'; 'what is the government up to?'; 'what will happen next?' This week the issue was focused around trying to get a grip on the ballooning cost of benefits paid by the State (= Taxpayers). But this impacted the disabled and those most in need of support and assistance and provoked a predictable reaction amongst Members of Parliament. It all ended in a complete shambles with virtually no progress. And this seems to be the story of our time. Big, huge issues need to be addressed [social care for the elderly and infirm being one of the most important] but no forward movement is being made, no ideas about how to tackle these things are being proposed.

It could be argued that, at the root of our problems, lies an absence of any Moral Code. Without a Moral Code, we have no compass to steer us in the right direction. Without that compass we flounder looking for a 'quick fix' or 'solution' to this problem or that, without a cohesive and over-arching approach. Christians have a Moral Code built upon the Ten Commandments and then shaped by two thousand years of wise and saintly teaching through the church. Our society, our country, was founded upon Christian principles – but that connection has been lost.

What does this lack of a Moral Code mean in practice? One of the Ten Commandments states: 'Thou shalt not kill'. This means that you do not take a life, that of another or your own, from conception to natural death. It is clear and unequivocal. If embraced, then this principle would have shaped the recent votes in the House of Commons about changing the conditions for abortion and the vote to enable assisted suicide. That principle from our Moral Code leads us to the best – and right – answer. But it isn't what happened. Elected MPs wrestled with individual examples of people who suffered through illness and found death too painful. These were emotive and powerful accounts but not the right basis on which to make a decision. A good decision starts from the principles which are then applied.

In Christian teaching there is an important strand described as 'Moral Theology'. This explores the principles, the Moral Code, we have been given by God and looks at how it works in reality. For our country to be a healthy society, with clear sight of how to make the big and important decisions, we will need to rediscover a Moral Code. Without it we will be buffeted by events and struggle to know which way to turn. Jesus predicted as much at the end of the Sermon on the Mount when he described how a house built on sand, hit by wind and rain, would eventually collapse because it was not founded firmly on rock. A Moral Code is there to provide that solid base on which to build.

Father John

THANK YOU for your generous donation to the recent Peter's Pence collection, which supports The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters. **You gave £648.81. Thank you so much.**




CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Our last liturgy will be on Sunday 13th July at 10am Mass. **We wish you all a safe and happy Summer and will see you in September. CLOW team.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING Wednesday 16th July at 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543.

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> Closing date: **7th July**



 **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY: MUSIC TEACHER** The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint a music teacher with QTS to deliver an excellent music curriculum and to inspire our children to sing, play instruments, have fun and bring the arts into their lives. More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk The closing date is midday **Monday 14th July 2025**.

ORDINATION OF RYAN BROWNE Our Lady Queen of Peace church have organised a coach to take people to Ryan's Ordination on Saturday 19th July. It will leave from OLQP, Douglas Road, Southbourne at 9am and return in the afternoon. Cost is about £20. There are only about 10 spaces left - please email Rob on olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ONLINE FORMATION FOR CATECHISTS Fr Gaston Forbah Afah, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, alongside the Diocesan Formation for Mission team, will be running an online formation evening for Catechists on **Thursday 10th July**, from 8pm to 9pm. The evening will focus on how we can be formed for life in Christ with a time of teaching, prayer and testimonies. To register via Zoom go to https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1-IVKbAaQF2G2Se6_q15gQ# registration or email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at **Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025** from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more info.

COULD YOU SERVE THE CHURCH AS A TRUSTEE ON THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL? Bishop Philip is seeking new Trustees to support the delivery of our 10-year Mission Plan, You Will be my Witnesses. We're looking for people who are passionate about the Catholic church and have significant professional experience in any of the following areas: finance, especially investment management, safeguarding or social work, or strategic planning and who feel called to offer their time and skills in service of the Church. tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Action – to be advertised in parish newsletters This is a meaningful opportunity to help guide the Diocese's work across our parishes, schools, and communities, using the gifts God has given you for the good of His Church. Closing date: Monday 1 September 2025 To find out more or request an information pack, please contact: Deacon Tony Darlison Secretary to Trustees email: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk More info at: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/could-you-serve-the-church-as-a-trustee-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-portsmouth/>

JESUIT & FRIENDS The latest copy of this free magazine is now at the back of church. It is a special celebrating the life of the first Jesuit Pope, Pope Francis. Please take a copy home and take one for anyone you know who might be interested in a good read!



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel..

VOCATIONS: "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few." God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated labourers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference! Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that many may hear Christ's call to go out into the world and labour in the harvest as priests and religious, spreading the Good News. 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

