



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 15: St Swithun Thurs 17: St Bonaventure

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

15th Sunday of Year C 13th July 2025

Care of our planet

Even in an age when we hear about so many terrible events, things happen which truly shock. Earlier in the week news emerged of devastating floods along the Guadalupe River in Texas. Water levels rose so rapidly that people who have lived in that area all their lives said they had never witnessed anything like it. Families, homes and livelihoods were washed away in what was a flood of almost biblical proportions. Loss of life is always to be mourned. It then became clear that many of those lost were children – young girls taking part in a Christian Summer Camp. Photographs were made public of the dormitories where happiness, laughter and joy had been present one minute and then just remnants of clothing and personal belongings. It was heart-breaking to see. So many parents and families are now missing loved ones.

Inevitably the blame game got underway almost immediately. Some said that Elon Musk's campaign to reduce the number of government employees had bitten deeply into the body which forecasts extreme weather events. Others placed responsibility on the local authorities for not issuing urgent warnings before the wall of water struck. And so it goes on. But what almost all the experts agree is that these extreme variations in weather will become more and more frequent due to Climate Change. However, the President of the United States has said on many occasions that he doesn't believe Climate Change is a reality, and certainly not influenced by human behaviour. As a country, the United States of America pumps more pollution into the atmosphere than any other country and is now led by someone who refuses to accept all the evidence compiled by scientists. He has withdrawn from accords and discussions which seek a constructive way forward to limit and control the damage. It is deeply worrying. Here we are into our third heatwave in recent weeks. The ups and downs are likely to get more pronounced and happen more often. When I lived in Cyprus British people who had retired there were selling up and returning to the UK because the extremes in temperature through the summer months had become too much to cope with. A number observed that it had got worse in the years since they'd retired to the island.

Underpinning huge issues like this – which affect everyone on earth – is a question. Do we see ourselves as owners of this planet? Or do we understand our role to be stewards, custodians? If the first, then it leads to a sense of being entitled to do what we like, regardless of the consequences and generations yet to come. But if we see ourselves as having been entrusted with a precious, finite, resource then immediately it shifts to how we can protect, care and preserve what we have received from those who went before. Watching programmes narrated by Sir Attenborough I never cease to be amazed at the complexity, the delicacy and the beauty of the natural world. But he frequently sounds a warning that, without careful thought and commitment, huge parts of the animal kingdom will disappear in the not-too-distant future. The destruction of natural habitats leads to whole species disappearing. Like most big issues, we can feel helpless in effecting change. But also like all other important matters, even small changes to behaviour and personal efforts add up and make a difference. So: do we feel comfortable with the choices we make and the possible impact they have? I'm not sure I can truthfully answer 'yes' to that myself. **Father John**



SEA SUNDAY There will be a second collection today (envelopes available at the back of church), for **Stella Maris** (formerly *Apostleship of the Sea*) which is the Catholic Church's maritime ministry. Its dedicated chaplains offer both practical assistance and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers across the UK and around the world. This Sea Sunday, your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-sea-sunday-second-collection-2025>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Our last liturgy will be today, 13th 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.



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.**

INTERNATIONAL CARE NETWORK is after 5 baby seats for cars (**MUST NOT have been in a crash**). Contact **01202 589395** or info@icn.org.uk

DIGNITY CENTRE BOURNEMOUTH is appealing for T-shirts, and new Men's underwear and socks. Good quality - we ask that people only donate items you would be proud to wear or lend to a friend. (Primark Vouchers are a good way of donating.) There will be a box at the back of church this weekend or **contact Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034.**

THANK YOU to all those that support the **St Peter's Community Choir concerts.** Over the last 3 concerts we raised £962 for each of our chosen charities: RTU, Amelias's Rainbow and High Mead Farm. A further £1000 was raised for an Ukrainian appeal. Heartfelt thanks for all the support, that helps us, to help others. Our Christmas concert will be on Sunday **30th November 2025 at 3pm** in the De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School, Southbourne. **STPCC Committee**

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 26th JULY 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker John Hesketh. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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; networking and how to find more helpers. Anyone wishing to attend should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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. 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, contact: Deacon Tony Darlison Secretary to Trustees on: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or go to: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/could-you-serve-the-church-as-a-trustee-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-portsmouth/>



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..



CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Browne, who will be Ordained in to the Sacred Priesthood on **Saturday 19th July at 11am in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.** Ryan was a student at St Peter's School and a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Southbourne. We offer him our prayers and support as he enters this new chapter of his life and journey in faith.

VOCATIONS: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfil this greatest commandment through a vocation. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may recognize Christ in those they are called to serve, responding with love and dedication. 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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