



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, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.00am
(NB: Normal 9am WED mass is 10am now until 3rd Sept inc)

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: Tue 29: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus Thurs 31: St Ignatius of Loyola Fri 1: St Alphonsus Liguori
Mon 4: St John Vianney Wed 6: The TRANSFIGURATION of the Lord Fri 8: St Dominic
Sat 9: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: 27th July: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.
3rd August: O Lord you have been our refuge from gener-



**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS &
A HAPPY & SAFE JOURNEY TO PARISHIONERS TRAVELLING AWAY**



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

17th & 18th Sundays of Year C 27th July & 3rd August 2025

The People of Gaza

Many of us have watched with a growing sense of frustration, bewilderment and anger the pictures coming from Gaza. Before October 2023 living conditions on what was referred to as 'The Gaza Strip' were dreadful. Hemmed in, over two million people called it 'home'; even then it was one of the most densely populated pieces of land on earth. Currently, the whole population has been instructed to squeeze onto 12% of that territory. People must make their way to distribution centres run by an organisation set-up by Israel and the United States [not the internationally recognised UN and NGOs which have the skills needed in this area]. On a daily basis men, women and children are dying as they try to obtain the basics to survive – food and water. Just recently a number of children filling water containers died when an Israeli drone suffered what the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) described as a 'technical malfunction'. One of the fundamental principles of international law and conventions is that an occupying force must protect civilians. Israel refuses to allow international, independent journalists access to Gaza. Even so, news and photos emerging show that terrible things are happening to the population.

We should be crystal clear. Criticism of the State of Israel and its actions is not anti-semitic. Israel is a legal entity and a territorial State in law. As such it is required to observe international law. Neither should we forget what sparked the recent events in Israel and Gaza when terrorists ran amok and slaughtered men, women and children out of pure hatred. What Hamas did was abhorrent - and Israeli hostages are being held in Gaza. What is also evident is that many ordinary Israelis do not agree with the continuing actions of their own government in Gaza. The simple (probably too simple) explanation is that Prime Minister Netanyahu, desperate to remain in office to avoid personal court cases, is being dictated to by two extreme right-wing politicians in his government. Without their support his government would collapse and he would most likely be thrown out of office. These most right-wing politicians want to see the removal of all Palestinians from Israel. By the way, this is also being pursued in the West Bank as Settlers run a campaign of intimidation and murder – watched by the IDF and Police. We know that the Middle East is one of the most complicated political situations in the world and that there are no simple answers or solutions. But what is being done to the civilian population of Gaza is unconscionable. A 1948 Convention contains this definition of genocide: "acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group as such." Lawyers will argue over the detail and whether this applies in Gaza. But, as Pope Leo said last weekend, echoed by Cardinal Parolin his Secretary of State: "this must stop."

Father Denis Blackledge SJ is undertaking a 24 hour fast to keep the situation in Gaza in people's thoughts and prayers. This will happen in Corpus Christi Church from the **10am Mass on Friday 8th August through to the 10am Mass on Saturday 9th August**. This provides a symbolic gesture to overlap the Jewish and Muslim holy days. He invites anyone who would like to come and join him for any amount of that twenty-four hour period to sit in silence, to pray and to reflect. Please, make a note in your diary and set aside some time. **Father John**



CHANGE OF MASS TIME OVER THE SUMMER. Until 3rd Sept (included) the Wednesday 9am Mass will move to 10am. It will return to 9am on 10th September.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed 28th July to 8th August inclusive. It will reopen on Monday 11th August.

FASTING FOR GAZA Fr Denis Blackledge of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit) will be undertaking a 24-hour water only fast in Corpus Christi church, Boscombe, **to begin after the 10am Mass on Friday 8th August, and end at 10am mass on Saturday 9th August.** Fr Denis says "The simple aim is to pray in silence for a stop to the genocide in Gaza and to provide a symbolic gesture to overlap the holy day of both the Muslim and Jewish religions. I shall simply sit somewhere in the altar area, and quietly be there. Other folk are obviously more than welcome to come and share silently, for as short or long a time as they wish, for the same intention."

SVP Tea Gathering There will be no Tea Gathering in July or August. Wishing you all a restful Summer. SVP Team.



ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) Monday meeting 28th July 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.

KING'S PRAISE IN KING'S PARK Sat 9th August 2025 4 - 7pm Join Churches Together in Boscombe for an evening of fun and praise! There will be music from three different Christian groups starting at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. Come along for all or part of the evening; bring a picnic and just enjoy the occasion. **Free event for all.**

PART-TIME ASSISTANT SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY at St Peter's School to start as soon as possible. Details on staff vacancy page: <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/jobs> **Closing date: 8am on 4th September**

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 or **contact Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034.**

COULD YOU SERVE THE CHURCH AS A TRUSTEE ON THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL? Bishop Philip is 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/>

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

TRAVELLING (even on a staycation!) OR GOING TO UNI? Take **Pray As You Go** app with you! Go to www.pray-as-you-go.org/ Download on your mobile. A framework for 10 mins of personal prayer, combining music, scripture & reflection.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

VOCATIONS: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that we may be a prayerful community, lifting up vocations through our constant intercession and encouragement. 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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