



CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

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OUR PARISH

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/  **Network:** CC_Public **Password:** church20

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, 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: Mon 11: St Clare Thurs 14: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe
Fri 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a day of Holy Obligation. Mass will be here at 10am and 7pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen as His heritage.

19th SUNDAY Year C - 10th August 2025

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sprinkled throughout the year we celebrate different aspects of Mary's life and unique role in God's plan of salvation. Next Friday, 15th August, we mark her being welcomed into heaven. The Gospel passage that day puts before us an exchange of blessings and praise between the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. It is chosen for this solemnity because it lights up the privileges of Mary, who is so closely connected with the glory of her risen Son. 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.' If the Virgin's child is blessed, how could she not be so herself? The foundation for all Mary's privileges is her divine maternity. Linked so closely to the redeeming incarnation of the Son of God, Mary can hardly *not* share in his resurrection.

But Mary's true greatness is to be found even more in her faith, which caused her 'to conceive first in her heart, before ever in her womb' (St Augustine). 'Blessed is she who believed ...' Indeed, she accepted the message given her by the angel Gabriel and, as well, all the consequences it implied. A vocation is always a discovery. The act of faith asked of Mary at Nazareth had to be renewed, filled out, constantly deepened, taken right to the very end: to the cross itself, where Jesus asked her to receive John as another son.

Only then could Mary really sing the Magnificat which Luke puts on her lips on the day of the Visitation. Elizabeth praised Mary, Mary praises God: his condescension towards his lowly handmaid, his mercy which reaches from age to age for those most in need of salvation. In the last analysis, the explanation of the mystery of the assumption is in that unique love of God for his own which makes him do such great things.

Advance Notice: Bishop Philip will be joining us here at Corpus Christi for the 10am Mass on Sunday 14th September. Afterwards, over light refreshments, he is keen to meet parishioners informally. We will arrange this in the Parish Centre. Please note the date in your diary. If you usually attend one of the evening Masses at the weekend, you might perhaps consider a change that weekend and come to the 10am Mass.

Father Bob Styles SJ RIP. Earlier in the week Father Bob from the Jesuit Community died peacefully. He was a regular member of the congregation at 10am Mass on Sundays, usually seated towards the back and had been coming along until just a couple of weeks ago. Details of his Funeral will be shared when available. In the meantime, do pray for the repose of his soul. May he hear these words of welcome from our Lord: 'well done, good and faithful servant, receive the reward of your labours.'

Fr John

CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE: Comings and Goings

As previously mentioned, we have a new priest in the diocese – Ryan Browne. He has been appointed as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Also this summer, three priests have retired. Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt was Parish Priest in Waterloo and has just celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. Mgr Canon Paul Townsend has left Ringwood and Fordingbridge but will still be living in the area in retirement. Paul was ordained in 1984. Fr Patrick Tansey has retired from Tadley after forty-three years as a priest. So, between the three of them, they have racked up 134 years of priestly service. One in ... three out. It is a reminder of the need to continue to pray earnestly for more candidates to come forward and to consider this possible calling by the Lord.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING Wednesday 27th August at 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543.

Our prayer are with those awaiting their A-level results on Thursday 14th August 2025 and those who will receive their GCSE results on Thursday 21st August 2025.

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**

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/>

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE The following shrine churches have been chosen by Bishop Philip as particular places of pilgrimage, and for the granting of the indulgence in the Year of Jubilee 2025:

- St Thomas, Jersey
- Bournemouth Oratory
- St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
- St Edmund's, Southampton
- St James and St William of York, Reading
- St Joseph's, Guernsey

More information at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/shrine-churches-for-the-year-of-jubilee-2025/>

CAFÉ NERI is a Community Café working with local charities in the heart of Bournemouth at the Oratory Undercroft (under Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth). It is open Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm, for homemade cakes, coffee, lunch, afternoon teas and takeaways.

FIND THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AND CATHOLIC SOCIETY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. Go to <http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> or email: universitychaplaincy@rcaos.org.uk

FIND YOUR LOCAL CHRISTIAN UNION students reaching students in Christ. Go to: www.uccf.org.uk/find-your-cu

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.

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

