



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/](http://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: Wed 3: St Gregory the Great**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.**



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



**22nd Sunday of Year C 31st August 2025**

**A time to begin .... again!**

This coming week the autumn term gets underway in our schools, colleges and then universities. For some the summer break flew by; for others it may have dragged a bit. Either way, uniforms are back on, pupils move up a year, students collect their new timetables. Those entering Year 10 are conscious that GCSE courses are underway; for those starting Sixth Form, A-Level and other exams shape studies and focus. For others, there is an even bigger change to College or University which may entail moving from home and adjusting to a new way of life. So much change which affects more people than the young themselves: parents witness their sons and daughters moving on to a new phase of their lives – younger brothers and sisters realise that they might actually miss having the older ones at home. Not that they are quick to admit any such thing!

In parish life too there is a sense of rhythm which seems to mirror the school and academic cycle. In September we look forward: for example, we begin to gather names of those taking part in this year's First Communion Programme. Couples planning their wedding for 2026 undertake preparation. At this time of year we find fresh energy and enthusiasm for what can be undertaken and achieved in the months ahead. There is much to look forward to.

At the same time, we are faced with cruelty in a world riven by disagreement, ambition of the powerful and suffering of the innocent. This week we heard how children of primary school age were attacked at their Catholic School as they gathered for Mass at the start of a new year. This happened in Minneapolis at Annunciation Church. Two children died, aged eight and ten, and at least seventeen others were injured when a young man opened fire through the windows of the church. The unspeakable suffering of the families affected is hard to comprehend and the impact of what happened in just a few moments will live with them forever. At the same time, children in so many other parts of the world are suffering and dying, often unnoticed. In Gaza alone children are dying each day, from bullets, bombs and starvation. Israel claims it does not target civilians; it sometimes says there has been a 'mishap' resulting in the death of innocents; often it claims that the statistics issued are incorrect. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, has voiced his profound concern on many occasions about what is happening in Gaza and it is well worth looking up his comments and homilies. This week there was a meeting in the White House to consider what happens after the conflict in Gaza – which seemed premature given that there is currently no end in sight to what is happening there.

Faced with tragedies, some man-made, some which cannot be foreseen or controlled, it would be too easy to slip into despair. Will things ever change for the better? Will solutions be sought and found by those with the power to do so? Will human beings reach the sensible conclusion that life is better for all if we tried to live and let live? Perhaps these questions are naïve or too simplistic. One conclusion I draw again and again is that peace must be built upon an understanding that every single life, and every moment of every life, is sacred, precious and to be treasured. Every life, no exceptions.

**Fr John**



**REQUIEM MASS** for Fr. Bob Styles SJ will be here at 12.30pm on **Wednesday 3rd September**. May he Rest in Peace.

**NEXT SUNDAY Emergency Alerts Test - There will be a second national test on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm.** The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Since the first national test of the system in April 2023, five alerts have been sent, including during major storms when lives were at risk.



**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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Please look out for information in the forthcoming newsletters about application forms and deadline dates. This year we will only accept **original paper application forms** that have been picked up from Church or Parish Office. *No email or photocopied applications will be accepted.*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children on 7th and 28th September 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.**

**YOUTH MASS** at Corpus Christi at 5pm on Sunday 7th September. Family gathering, football & hot dogs served on the beach, weather permitting.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** (18-35 ish)- First meeting at 3pm on Saturday 20th September @ 22 Keswick Road BH5 1LR. Short walk, cream tea & a chance to discuss future events. More detail contact Nicola on 07932 142594

**REPOSITORY:** 2026 Calendars, Diaries & Wood Scroll Calendars are now available in the Repository. Please come in and have a browse. The Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass. **Fiona Foy**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING** Next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543.

**ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE)** The next **Monday meeting 29th September 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.

**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**

**MARCH FOR LIFE (LONDON):** Saturday 6th September The coach will leave **St. Joseph's, Branksome, Poole** at 8am. Mass will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am. A donation towards the cost of the coach much appreciated. Please call St. Joseph's office on 01202 746539 or email [poole-stjoseph@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:poole-stjoseph@prcdtr.org.uk)

**MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille** helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983



**CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA** Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at **[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)**.

*Thank you for backing our work through the collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.*

**VOCATIONS:** "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For the Church, that through humble service, many may respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life, reflecting Christ's love for all. 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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