

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: Wed 20: St Bernard Thurs 21: St Pius X Fri 22: The Queenship of Mary Wed 27: St Monica
Thurs 28: St Augustine of Hippo Fri 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: 17 Aug: Lord, make haste to help me.
24 Aug: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news (or Alleluia)



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



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

20th & 21st Sundays of Year C 17th & 24th August 2025

Investing in our future

This week and next, hundreds of thousands of students receive results from exams taken in recent months. On Thursday A Level grades and other qualifications were sent out; next it will be GCSEs. The weeks of waiting are over, for students and their parents (who can feel the stress as much as their children!) Many will be delighted that their work and efforts have been formally recognised, and there will be some who haven't quite got what they'd hoped for. We should always remember that exam results are just one measure of achievement. Doors now open for those moving on to the next stage of their lives whether that be Sixth Form, College, University, an Apprenticeship or another option.

I can well remember when I was at Sixth Form College being encouraged to apply for University places. Advisers told us *not* to consider institutions close to home as this was our chance to make a break and move away. Back in those days there were no Tuition Fees; in fact, many local authorities gave discretionary grants towards maintenance for students at University. How times have changed. Students today carefully weigh up the costs of Higher Education. Attending somewhere within reach of home makes sense to help manage the costs of living – and many more students now take on jobs to support themselves through further education. Little did my generation realise quite how fortunate we were.

The greatest asset any nation has is its people. Within the population, special care should be given to supporting young people through school and beyond. First, because this is the right thing to do – enabling individuals to flourish and develop their full potential. Second, because this is the sensible thing for any society to do. We need the young people of today because their careers, professions and labours will enable them to pay taxes, which provide public services (including health) and so look after older generations. Without young people 'coming on stream' we face enormous difficulties and will struggle to function. This may sound rather selfish – but it is reality. We need young people to play their part as fully as possible for all our futures.

Pope Leo touched on some of this when he spoke to the huge gathering of young adults in Rome recently as part of Youth Jubilee. Of course, he approached the subject in the broadest terms. Human development is not just about academic results. The underpinning for all the work done in our Catholic Schools is the Social Teaching of the Church which emphasises the aim of helping every child become a good citizen so they are able to make their unique contribution. This fulfils them and is good for society in general. As another Pope said (Saint John Paul II) towards the end of his visit to Great Britain in 1982 at a special gathering: "Dear young people, in the Church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow." We must cherish the young and support them in every way we can.

Personal note: I shall be away for two weeks, 20th August – 3rd September. As always, I am grateful to Father Denis and Father Brendan for covering in my absence.

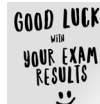
Fr John



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



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.



GOOD LUCK Our prayers are with those who will receive their GCSE results on Thursday 21st August 2025.



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.*

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**

DIGNITY CENTRE BOURNEMOUTH is very grateful for your kind continuing contributions of new underwear, socks and T-shirts for the refugees, asylum seekers and homeless men. **Contact Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING Next meetings will be on Wednesdays 27th August and 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

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

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of **Saints Jacinta and Francisco** to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales in 2025 and 2026. The Diocese of Portsmouth actively supports the efforts of the World Apostolate of Fatima, collaborating with our team to promote the message of Fatima across England and Wales. Bishop Philip Egan expresses his support for our initiatives and encourages the parishes within the Diocese to actively participate in this important mission. **The relics will be visiting the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth on 4-5 Oct 2025.**

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

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.

VOCATIONS: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. 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 find strength in Christ's message, trusting that His call will lead them to true peace and happiness. Let us pray to the Lord.
For our parish community, that we may encourage one another to walk the path of discipleship, supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. 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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