



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 & Wed 9am

**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: Mon 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sat 13: St John Chrysostom**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**



### 23rd Sunday of Year C 7th September 2025

#### **Bishop Philip's Visit to our Parish**

Next Sunday, 14th September, Bishop Philip will celebrate the 10am Mass here at Corpus Christi. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to meet him in the Parish Centre over a drink and nibbles. Some years ago the Bishop visited for a more intensive insight into life in the parish: this time it is what I might describe as a 'visitation lite'. Although we may not often stop to think about what is going on day-to-day, there is a lot which takes place: groups meet for prayer; programmes of sacramental preparation involve many families; connections with our local Catholic Schools continue to develop; and clergy change! In the wider community too, nothing stands still: our part of Bournemouth is blessed with a mix of people from many different nations, cultures and backgrounds. In that sense we truly represent the 'Catholic' nature of the Church. Of course, we face challenges but as part of a diocese – led by Bishop Philip – we enjoy connections with other parishes and communities.

When a Bishop is appointed to a particular diocese, he is given care of the people and clergy of that portion of the People of God. In our case the Diocese of Portsmouth is mapped out as a territory: Hampshire, Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, the Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands and, most importantly, this small corner of Dorset (which was originally part of the County of Hampshire). But in the document read out when Bishop Philip was ordained as our Bishop he was encouraged to see his ministry as being to ALL people living in this area of the country – not just Catholics. For that reason a Diocesan Bishop must engage with the wider population, with other religious and civil leaders, and to speak out on issues which affect everyone.

The other vital role the Bishop fulfils is embodying our communion with each other. We are in communion with him; he is in communion with other Bishops (in particular the Bishop of Rome). It is one reason why, at every celebration of Mass, we pray for "Leo our Pope and Philip our Bishop". This expresses our communion. When you travel to other parts of the country or abroad and attend Mass you'll hear the name of the same Pope and then the name of the local Bishop. A network exists which binds us together.

Obviously one Bishop cannot be everywhere in the diocese all of the time. Which is where priests have a special part to play. They are collaborators with the Order of Bishops – they are, if you like, the people on the ground called to serve the local community. A Parish Priest celebrates the sacraments, administers the goods belonging to the parish, preaches the gospel and brings people before God in his daily prayer. Together with deacons, priests are the hands and feet, eyes and ears of the bishop in a particular place.

So, when Bishop Philip visits a parish community, he doesn't come to issue instructions about what priests and people should be doing. He trusts that, in communion with him, we know what we should be doing, empowered by the gospel. Instead, the Bishop comes to encourage, to affirm, and to listen so that he may understand better what our part of the diocese is dealing with and trying to achieve. Being a bishop can be tough going – he needs the support of our prayers, all of the time.

**Fr John**



**FUNERAL MASS** for David Froud will be here at 12.00pm **Friday 12th September**. May he Rest in Peace.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** 8-12th Sept (inc) Opens again on Monday 15th September.

**YOUTH MASS** here at **5pm on TODAY (7th)**. Family gathering, football & hot dogs served on the beach, weather permitting.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026** Application forms are now available from the back of church or the Parish Office. This year we will only accept **original paper application forms**. *No email or photocopied applications will be accepted.* The return date is **Friday 10th October**. *No late forms will be accepted.*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children today (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**.

**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 Evening Group Meeting – Tuesday 9th September at 7pm** in the Memorial room. We are a local lay group who interact with other ACI groups in many different countries. We come together once a month. We support each other through friendship and union. With our interaction with the Handmaids of the sacred heart of Jesus, we share their charism and deepen our spirituality and understanding through Saint Raphaela Mary. All are welcome.

**“ANNUAL BROTHER LIONEL SPONSORED WALK (Reaching the Unreached)** will take place on Sunday 28th September at Poole Park leaving St Marys' Church, Poole at 11am and starting at The Ark at 11.30am. Everyone has been so generous in the past for which we are so grateful. Last year we raised £4,650 between 10 churches in the BCP area. We will be collecting donations/sponsorship in Corpus Christi on Sunday 21st September - please help if you can. For more info contact John Duffy on 07746169601 or Mo Houlden on 01425 657321.” **John Duffy**

**SERIES OF TALKS ON THE GOSPEL OF ST MATTHEW** in Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 18 Douglas Road, Southbourne. **All start at 19.00**. Refreshments from 18.30 *See poster*.

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| St Matthew's Infancy Narrative | Father Alex McAllister SDS | 3rd October  |
| Miracles in St Matthew         | Deacon Roger Carr-Jones    | 17th October |
| Parables in St Matthew         | Mr Tony McCaffery          | 31st October |
| St Matthew's Passion Narrative | Father Alex McAllister SDS | 7th November |

**CAFOD MEETING** You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's Church Hall Basingstoke on **Saturday 20th September** from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk).

**CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA** Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. 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 Family Fast Day appeals and continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.*



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER** For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**VOCATIONS:** "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. 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 our parish community, that we may support those who are called to a life of sacrifice in service to the Gospel, encouraging their journey of discernment. 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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