

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/

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: Tues 23: St Pio of Pietrelcina Wed 24: Our Lady of Walsingham Sat 27: St Vincent de Paul

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. (or Alleluia)

25th Sunday of Year C 21st September 2025



World Peace Day: 21 September 2025

Every year, the United Nations nominates a day for a focus on the need for World Peace. The sad reality is that there are many, many parts of the world where peace is absent. In fact, whole Nations are in such a terrible state that citizens don't even dream of true peace; instead they just hope for an end to war - which is something different. Some of the conflict zones drift in and out of the news: Myanmar, Sudan, Haiti, Yemen, Iraq, Iran to name but a few. There are also countries where people are subjugated and oppressed, such as Afghanistan. Then there are those wars which do make it onto the front pages of newspapers, or the news bulletins: Ukraine and Gaza being the most obvious. But even these, after a number of years, struggle to hold people's attention as deaths and injuries continue to mount each day.

At Christmas, we send your Offerings left by the crib to one of two organisations: *The Friends of the Holy Land* and the *Knights of the Holy Sepulchre*. Both act as channels to fund Christian projects in Israel especially in the fields of health and education. Of course, the work done by these charities goes on all year round and any support is always welcome. The Friends of the Holy Land has asked that our focus this World Peace Day is on the suffering people of Gaza and the West Bank. A few weeks ago, Father Denis undertook a 24-hour Prayer Vigil to keep this particular conflict in our minds and our prayer. Throughout that period there were always people praying with him in the church - which shows just how deeply we feel about what we see and hear coming from the Middle East. Prayer is so important, especially when we can have a sense of helplessness in the face of decisions taken by foreign governments and their leaders.

This prayer was written by the Anglican Archbishop Hosam of Jerusalem:


Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: in your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Whenever our prayer for a particular cause begins to flag, we should remember the parable of the widow who kept approaching a judge until he responded to her in a positive way and gave her what she asked for. The point Jesus was making in that story was simple: persevere - never give up.

Fr John



REQUIEM MASS for Fr. Bernard Charles SJ will be here at 12.30pm on **Monday 6th October** May he Rest in Peace.

 **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.

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday 25th September 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. All welcome. SVP Team.



ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) The next Monday morning meeting is on **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

“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 today (21st) - please help if you can. For more info contact John Duffy on 07746169601 or Mo Houlden on 01425 657321.” **John Duffy**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 or scan QR code.



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.*

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

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (WAF) have arranged visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of **Saints Jacinta and Francisco**. The Diocese of Portsmouth actively supports the efforts of the World Apostolate of Fatima, 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.**

“A NUN'S LIFE” An inspiring short documentary on the life of the Sisters of Mary the Morning Star, speaking of their time in the Diocese of Portsmouth at Grayshott and then their move to Lynton in north Devon. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eigSGcBy7Es>

GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY? Here are some sites to help you stay connected with your faith.

- ♦ Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. Go to <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/>
Or email: universitychaplaincy@rcaos.org.uk
- ♦ Find your local parish church at: <https://catholicdirectory.org/>
- ♦ Find your local Christian Union - Go to: <https://www.uccf.org.uk/christian-unions>
- ♦ Take Pray As You Go with you! Go to <https://prayasyougo.org/> 10/13 minutes, of music, scripture & reflection.

REPOSITORY: A few parishioners have asked if we had a Corpus Christi Church Postcard. I have now created one priced at 60p each. The Postcard can be found on the shelf at the back of the church with payment details, or in the Repository. **Fiona Foy**

VOCATIONS: "No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and money." A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish community, that we may encourage a spirit of stewardship and service, fostering an environment where vocations can thrive. 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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