

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: Mon 29: The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Tues 30 St Jerome
Wed 1: St Teresa of the Child Jesus Thurs 2: The Holy Guardian Angels Sat 4: St Francis of Assisi**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: My soul gives praise to the Lord (or Alleluia)

**NOTE: DIOCESAN COUNT OF WEEKEND MASSES until 12th Oct. Thank you to the Count Volunteers
Please count each congregation and fill in the relevant column on the sheet in the SACRISTY. *Thank you.***

26th Sunday of Year C 28th September 2025

SHOWING GRATITUDE TO GOD

We are entering that time of year when the harvest is celebrated. Harvest Festivals take place in churches and schools, timed to coincide with the gathering of the produce and fruits of the land. In North America 'Thanksgiving' seems to be a bigger event than Christmas! Thanksgiving tends to go beyond crops and fruit; we give thanks for all the good things we receive.

This year, we have the opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude in two ways: one focused on people far distant who have much less than we do; the other is reaching out to local people and families who are struggling. The first of these we do through CAFOD, the second by supporting the Bournemouth Foodbank.

CAFOD stands for the Catholic Association for Overseas Development. Set up by the Catholic Church in England & Wales fifty years ago, it can reach places where other charities struggle to reach. Sometimes using a partner agency called CARITAS, the money we give through CAFOD has made a huge difference to the lives of millions of people. Projects are designed so that communities are able to develop for the future – the best way forward. Giving aid helps with immediate needs but funding projects gives people dignity and hope for a better future. Please listen to the words at the end of Mass this weekend which set the scene for next Friday's Harvest Fast Day on 3rd October.

Corpus Christi Parish has always been a big supporter of the local Foodbank. Each weekend tins and non-perishable goods are left in the baskets in the entrance to the church. These are used by the Foodbank to support families, especially those with young children. Without these basic necessities many would really find life impossible as they struggle to make ends meet. As you can imagine, requests for help from the Foodbank are increasing as more people face the rising costs of living. Linked to Harvest, and in connection with the Harvest Mass with Corpus Christi School on 8th October, we hope to have an extra push for donations on the weekend of 12/13th October.


This means that, through the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, combined with practical support for the Foodbank, we can give thanks in a tangible way for all that we have received.


Youth Mass. We are working to establish a pattern of Mass celebrated at 5pm on the first Sunday of each month where we focus more on our young people. There is music and a chance for young people to gather afterwards. The next one is on Sunday 5th October [the two after that are on 2nd November and 7th December]. Make a note of the dates and come and join in – especially if you are young! – but of course everyone is welcome. *Fr John*

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.



REQUIEM MASS for Fr. Bernard Charles SJ RIP will be here at 12.30pm on **Monday 6th October.**

 **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 (28th) 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.**

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 today (28th) at Poole Park. For more info or to donate money please 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.*

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.**

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: universitychaplancy@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**

JUBILEE TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO, 10th November 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

 **THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER** For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

VOCATIONS: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." This Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. 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 priests, that they may be strengthened and inspired in their ministry, and that our community may support them through prayer and encouragement. 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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