



# 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, 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 15: Our Lady of Sorrows Tues 16: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Sat 20: St Andrew Kim Taegon and St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross SUNDAY Year C - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Teaching and Education

At the end of the celebration of Baptism there is a blessing for the child's mother, father and all present. The wording refers to the parents as "the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith" and adds: "may they also be the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith in words and action." One reason the Catholic community has invested so heavily in building schools has been to provide support to parents as they strive to fulfil the commitment they make when choosing to have their child baptised. Schools and parishes cannot do the job of parents – no one else can – but for a child to be part of a Catholic School community is invaluable.

This weekend we celebrate Education Sunday and take the opportunity to place before Our Lord in prayer all our schools, colleges, universities and places of learning. We pray for pupils and students, for teaching staff, other staff, governors, and the many who support the workings of these places which are so essential in the nurturing of young lives. We should pray too that others will be drawn to becoming teachers so that we are able to continue to offer families schools which are vibrant and centred on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Of course, we all know that 'education' is more than academic learning. One of the greatest strengths of Catholic Schools is that they provide a well-rounded curriculum and approach to enable every child to develop their full potential. Not all of us are particularly academic, not everyone excels at sport, not everyone is a natural when it comes to computers, but we believe that God has planted within each of us certain gifts and strengths. Dedicated staff ensure that each young person is able to grow into the person God wants them to be. We are incredibly fortunate in this part of the diocese to have great Catholic Primary Schools and a Catholic Secondary School where the focus is always on the good of the individual child.

**Bishop Philip's Visit.** This Sunday we welcome our Bishop who is celebrating the 10am Mass with us, and then meeting parishioners in the Parish Centre. Interestingly, when defining the role of a Bishop, the Church places emphasis on his task of being a teacher. There are many other parts to the work of a Diocesan Bishop but teaching through his preaching, Pastoral Letters and other means lies at the heart. As a Successor of the Apostles, a Bishop is sent to a particular portion of the People of God – in Bishop Philip's case the Diocese of Portsmouth – to serve, to lead, to encourage and to affirm us in the faith that we share.

And finally, on this Education Sunday, some words of deep wisdom from Pope Francis: "Education is always an act of hope."  
Fr John

 **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 last return date is Friday 10th October.** *Please note that forms handed in after this date will not be accepted.*

**SVP Tea Gathering** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. All welcome. *SVP 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

**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.

There is also an **ACI Family Evening Group Meeting**, once a month on a **Tuesday at 7pm** in the Memorial room. 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.*

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).

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY** St Peter's Catholic School is seeking to appoint an Assistant Chaplain. Details for this role can be found at the following link: <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/blog/?pid=6&nid=4&storyid=829> This is a very rewarding role working with young people across the range of ages from Primary through to Sixth Form. The person appointed would work closely with the Chaplain already in post. The closing date for applications is 23 Sept 2025.

**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

**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**

**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:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or contact Canon John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For those discerning their vocation, that they may find strength in the cross, embracing their unique call to serve God and His people. 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 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) Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

