

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: Tues 7: Our Lady of the Rosary Thurs 9: St John Henry Newman**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

**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.*

### 27th Sunday of Year C 5th October 2025

#### Doing our duty

Lord Michael Ashcroft is a British businessman now almost eighty years old. Forty years ago, he became fascinated by the lives and deeds of people whose exceptional courage had been recognised through the award of the Victoria Cross (military) and the George Cross (civilians). These are still without equal when it comes to people who went way beyond what most of us could imagine doing in situations of grave danger. The Victoria Cross was established by Queen Victoria in 1856 and since then only 1358 have ever been awarded, to a total of 1355 individuals. Those of you with a quick mind will realise that this means three people have received the award twice – which is almost unbelievable. Having been given the Victoria Cross for one act of bravery, a second occasion meant receiving 'a Bar' to the medal. One of the three was Captain Noel Chavasse, a doctor in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and an Olympic athlete. Acts of heroism in civilian life are similarly recognised through the George Cross medal.

Anyway, to return to Lord Ashcroft. So fascinated was he that he began to research the stories of recipients of the Victoria and George Crosses. As a successful businessman, he had funds available to purchase medals when the families of those who'd received them put them up for auction. He never pursued anyone or persuaded them to sell – for various financial and other reasons families offered them for auction. He built a considerable collection and a number of years ago funded a special gallery at the Imperial War Museum in London to put them on public display. Lord Ashcroft wanted to share the stories of these amazing people. I have visited on several occasions and found myself wondering where individuals found the courage and resolve to enable such courageous acts. To see the medals and read the personal profiles was inspiring – awe-inspiring.

Now, the Trustees of the Imperial War Museum have decided that this collection is no longer of significant interest to the public and have closed the gallery. Quite what the space will be used for is undecided. Understandably Lord Ashcroft is not happy and is currently seeking an alternative venue where the collection can be exhibited and accessed by the public. Perhaps this is a sign of our times. One of the more recent recipients of the Victoria Cross is Warrant Officer Johnson Beharry who received the medal in 2005 for his actions in saving other soldiers in Iraq. He is still serving in the British Army. So often, when informed of such an award, the individual will say "I was simply doing my duty" or words to that effect. Trained and ready, when the unthinkable happens they were able to respond selflessly.

For some, duty is not a very popular word these days because they feel it somehow goes against their personal freedom. Of course, this is nonsense. A dictionary definition of 'duty' is: a moral or legal obligation; the binding force of what is right." - or we might just say: 'being bound to do what you know to be right.' In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes it crystal clear that this is what he expects of his followers: knowing what is right to do and then doing it. No ifs, no buts, this is our duty as Christians.

Fr John


#### REQUIEM MASSES



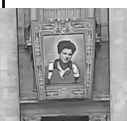
For Fr. Bernard Charles SJ RIP will be here at 12.30pm on **Monday 6th October.**

For Lindsey West RIP will be here at 12.30pm on **Tuesday 7th September.**

For Maria Barbosa RIP will be here at 12.30pm on **Friday 10th 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 this Friday 10th October.** *No late forms will be accepted.*

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST** Thank you to those who participated in the Family Fast Day last Friday. Donations can still be made using the CAFOD envelopes in church, donating online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 or scan QR code



**ST CARLO ACUTIS RELICS** On Friday 17th October, the relics of our newest saint, St Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the children of Corpus Christi school. Parishioners are also invited to venerate St Carlo Acutis' relics in the school chapel at 1030am. If you would like to participate please meet at the school reception after morning Mass

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children on 12th and 26th October 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.**

**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.*

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 this weekend (4-5 Oct)**

**DAY FOR READERS** 18th Oct 10-2pm St Bede's Basingstoke by Liturgy Project. **See poster for details.**

**ADORE DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL 25th October.** You are invited to a special celebration of 50 years of ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, who will start the day with Holy Mass, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. Face to face meeting at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX 9.30-15.30 including prayer for healing. Theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025](http://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025) Morning 10.00-1.00 will also be live-streamed at: [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/) Further information at [www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](http://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

**RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE SUPPORT** - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: +44 7887 296 983



**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 you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. 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 those discerning their vocation, that they may grow in faith and courage, seeking to do God's will in their lives. 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.**



**BOURNEMOUTH FOOD BANK HARVEST APPEAL** Please see poster attached to this newsletter - it gives a shopping list of wanted items and how to donate to their Harvest crowdfunder.

**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

