



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: Wed 15: St Teresa of Avila Fri 17: St Ignatius of Antioch Sat 18: St Luke

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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

28th Sunday of Year C 12th October 2025



A fragile Ceasefire

I usually write my words for the Newsletter on Thursday morning. I mention this because at this moment there are very positive signs of an agreement having been reached to halt the conflict and bloodshed in Gaza, coupled with the release of the Israeli hostages so that they can be returned to their families. In some cases that will involve laying them to rest. Everyone who has followed events in the Middle East will breathe a sigh of relief that – finally – progress is being made. This is only a ceasefire, but it should lead to a more permanent solution. These are early days. There is no doubt that the involvement of President Trump and his officials has made a difference and helped to push things forward. Experts on the region say that, for the President, what caused him to exert extreme pressure on the Prime Minister of Israel was the bombing of a building in Qatar, a country closely allied to the United States. That may have been a step too far by the Israeli government.

We have been praying earnestly for a stop to the violence and killing in Gaza. The figure reported is of over 69,000 Palestinians who have died, plus countless injured. Never forgetting the families traumatised by the attack launched by Hamas on mainly young Israelis two years ago. The scars run deep, the lack of trust and hatred is palpable. But, in the end, no one could continue to live with conflict permanently and it had to stop. At this delicate and finely balanced stage of the process, we must not let up in our prayers for those negotiators and leaders who must now continue the momentum towards stabilising that part of our world.

Our local Community

This weekend we reach out, in a tangible and practical way, to those who have less than we do and who are struggling to make ends meet. There are those who lament the fact that Foodbanks have become a fact of life in our country and, indeed, it is disgraceful that in one of the wealthiest and most developed parts of the world these centres are necessary. But there is no question that they provide a lifeline to hard-pressed families and enable them to receive the basics to feed themselves and their children.

As I said last weekend, Corpus Christi Parish is one of the most generous church communities when it comes to supporting our local Foodbank. So, 'thank you' to everyone who places items in the baskets in the entrance area of the church week in, week out. This weekend we link our donations of foodstuffs to thanksgiving at harvest-time. Last Wednesday Corpus Christi School celebrated the same moment in our calendar, and we thanked God for those who grow our food, those who transport it from other parts of the world, and those who ensure we have what we like when shopping for food.

We have so much to give thanks for and this weekend we thank God for what we receive – and too easily take for granted. At the same time, we must never forget those who, right alongside us, are finding life tough. Receiving a helping hand, a bag of food items from the Foodbank, not only gives them what they need but also assures them that they are not alone – that there are people who care.

Fr John



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026** The opportunity to apply is closed, as the deadline has now passed.For all those who have applied - the first Parent's Evening is **Wednesday 15th October** in church at 7pm.

~~~ If paying the fee on the night, please bring cash. Thank you.

**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 today (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.****ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING – Tuesday 14th October 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.***REPOSITORY:** Sunday Missal, Weekday Missal, Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, candles etc. 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. The first Sunday of every month, before & after the 5pm Mass.**DIGNITY CENTRE BOURNEMOUTH** is very grateful for your continuing contributions of new underwear, socks and T-shirts for the refugees, asylum seekers & homeless men. Put in box in porch or call **Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034.****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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| 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 |

**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:** "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;" Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. 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, that we may support those called to the diaconate and priesthood, providing prayer and encouragement for their journey. 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.***PARISH OFFICE** will be closed **Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th October.** (Not open on Tuesday's).**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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