



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 28: Ss Simon and Jude

BAMENDA SUNDAY is next weekend.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The lowly one called and the Lord heard him.

30th Sunday of Year C 26th October 2025

A lack of trust in our Institutions

This week tensions came to a head concerning an Inquiry the government announced months ago into Grooming Gangs. In recent years several court cases have revealed shocking and widespread abuse by men of vulnerable young women – many of whom were in Local Authority Care. It appears that in a number of instances the police failed to take seriously those girls who approached them for help. In addition, social workers and those responsible for the care of children from dysfunctional homes failed to act on reports of abuse. As a result, thousands of young women were trapped in a cycle of abuse which devastated their lives. One factor which has already emerged is that authorities were reluctant to act because a much of the abuse was perpetrated by men of Pakistani origin but to name this reality could have caused unrest and accusations of racial targeting.

Despite numerous calls for a National Inquiry, the government resisted. However, earlier this year the Prime Minister announced that there would be an inquiry and that survivors of the abuse would have a part to play. The furore this week came about because a number of those survivors have resigned from an Advisory Panel saying that they felt things were (a) moving far too slowly; (b) that their voices were being ignored or silenced and (c) the candidates to Chair the Inquiry had a background in two of the institutions which themselves failed, that is, the police and social work. It is difficult to understand what has brought about this breakdown, but one thing is clear: suspicion of the motives of large bodies which are there to serve the community is significant. Or, to put it the other way around: there is a real lack of trust in many parts of the State and Government.

This has come about as the result of huge scandals in recent decades. One example was Hillsborough where the truth was subverted. Another is the ongoing scandal of the injustices done to Post Masters and Post Mistresses. Yet another concerns the terrible impact of infected blood products given to patients. In all these cases there is a belief that the Government is deliberately dragging things out in the hope that more and more of those affected will no longer be with us. That is probably not a true reflection of what's happening but the very fact that people believe it demonstrates the low level of trust in our State Institutions.

Of course, we also must acknowledge that the institution of the Catholic Church has lost the trust and confidence of people who suffered abuse. In places where the rights of every individual should have been especially protected, we failed. And to make matters worse, some of those in authority who were aware mishandled situations or deliberately covered up abuse of minors by clergy.

This all matters because institutions [including the Monarchy in our country] should provide those fixed points of trust in a world where we can feel buffeted and battered, pushed and pulled in all sorts of directions. We ought to be able to trust the organs of government to be on the side of the people. Mistakes will be made; individuals and organisations get things wrong. But refusing to acknowledge the fact only compounds the hurt and deepens that lack of trust. This may all sound above and beyond most of us – but it really should concern us because it is eating away at the fabric of our society. And that will affect us all. **Fr John**

CAFOD THANKS Our Parish raised **£1,541.81** from the recent Harvest Fast Day event. Many thanks for your continued generosity.



FUNERAL for Liz Simonis RIP will take place at All Saints' Church, Southbourne, BH6 5EH, on Wednesday 29th October at 12.30 pm. **All are welcome.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (26th) 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 meeting is on 27th October 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.

RED MISSION BOXES It's time to empty your red boxes. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to **6pm mass on Saturday 1st November or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 2nd November** so that we can empty them. I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. Thank you in advance, **Sharon McAndrew**

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored the walkers in this year's Brother Lionel Sponsored Walk in aid of **Reaching the Unreached.** So far, we have raised over £3,000 from the churches in Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch. You still have time to donate to help their wonderful work in India so please leave any remaining donations in the parish office. Your generosity will make a huge difference to the lives of orphaned and abandoned children living in their Children's Villages out in South India. **Thank you again.**

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.*
Parables in St Matthew Mr Tony McCaffery 31st October
St Matthew's Passion Narrative Father Alex McAllister SDS 7th November

ST PETER'S SCHOOL VACANCY for an Assistant Chaplain with wider student support responsibilities (a full time position) Further details can be found by going to: <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/jobs>
The closing date for applications is 8am on 4th November 2025

REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOVE – St Peter's school Once again, the Chaplaincy Team at St Peter's School would like to warmly invite you to join them for their annual prayer initiative running this November. "Remembering Those We Love" is an opportunity to pray, light a candle and write intentions for those that we love, both living and deceased. We know our students greatly benefit from the witness of local parishioners who come and pray alongside them in the School Chapel so we hope you can join us. The event is running on **Tues 11th, Weds 12th and Thurs 13th Nov** in the Chapel at our secondary site, St Catherine's Road, Southbourne BH6 4AH between 3pm - 4pm. Please come for as little or as long as you can. We will also be celebrating a Memorial Mass for all of our deceased friends and relatives at **3.45pm on Wednesday, 12th.** Everyone is very welcome. For more information email chaplaincy@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE INVITATION "Rosebery Park Baptist church will be showing the movie 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.' It's 1:39 long, PG, IMDB 6.8, very suitable for children, very Christmassy, and it definitely has a Christian message. We'll be showing it on **Friday 21st November** starting at **6pm**, interval at about 6.50 p.m. for some supper (pizza etc & dessert!). We will resume after we've cleared up, probably finishing at about 8.45 p.m. **It's completely free.** You don't need to register, you just come. It would be lovely to see anyone who would like to join us. But be warned: the children in the movie are VERY naughty!!"

VOCATIONS: "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God what His plan is for you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that we may foster an atmosphere of humility and prayer, encouraging those called 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 & Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in 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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