



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 3: All Souls Tues 4: St Charles Borromeo Next weekend is Remembrance Sunday

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

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November – a month for Remembrance

This month begins with the Feast of All Saints: men and women, young and old, bishops, priests, members of Religious Orders, lay people, martyrs, doctors of the church, ordinary people from every corner of the globe and every walk of life, who we believe are with God in heaven for all eternity. It's an important way to start November as it sets before us our goal, what God wants for us, and it encourages us to have hope and believe that we will join them when the time comes.

Then, in the light of All Saints, we commemorate All Souls: those we have known, family members and friends, parishioners, and all those who have no one to remember them and pray for them. We include **All** Souls in our prayers. To help us focus we have a Book of Remembrance near the altar in which you are welcome, once again, to record the names of those for whom we should pray. This is our duty as members of the church – just as those who have gone before us prayed so often for others, now we do it for them. Please note the date of our parish **Act of Remembrance** on Sunday 16th November at 3pm. At that time, we will recall those who have died, especially members of our parish who have left us in the past twelve months.

Then, set within the context of November as a month of remembrance, there are the events next Sunday and on Tuesday 11th November when the whole nation takes time to stop and remember the sacrifice made by so many in war. Whilst many will pause and rightly show respect, we as Catholics have a particular understanding of the need to pray for those who have died. Not all Christians share our theology about praying for the dead. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that praying for the dead is an act of communion with those who have died in God's grace but are still imperfectly purified. These souls undergo a final purification called Purgatory to achieve the holiness needed for heaven, and prayers can help them attain this. Therefore, our practice of praying for those who have died is rooted in the belief that all who die in God's friendship are on their way to heaven and that our prayers are a way to assist them on that journey.

Guiding us through this month, the Church puts before us in the Readings several passages which focus on what can be described as 'the last things'. All of this culminates in the great feast of Christ the King on 23rd November. Reflecting on death, it's meaning and the need to be prepared, is not morbid or depressing. It is reality and not something we should be anxious about or fear. It was Benjamin Franklin, writing to Jean-Baptiste Leroy in 1789, who came up with the famous line: "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." When something is certain, a definite, then the sensible approach is to do what we can to be prepared. The month of November is a good opportunity to think more deeply about the preparations we can make. **Fr John**

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN NOVEMBER There will be a remembrance book to the side of the Altar for you to enter names of loved ones. They will be remembered daily at Mass during the month.



A BEREAVEMENT SERVICE will be held on **Sunday 16th November 3.00pm** in Church. We invite all those who are recently bereaved or bereaved longer ago to come together to reflect, remember and pray for the departed in the month of November. **All welcome.**



FUNERAL: For **Maureen Besant-Jones RIP** will be here on Thursday 6th Nov at 12 noon. *May she rest in peace.*
For **Angela Hagley RIP** will be at 10am on Friday 14th Nov. *May she rest in peace.*

BAMENDA SUNDAY. Each year on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, & support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter at: <https://portsmouthdiocese.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/SitePages/BAMENDA-SUNDAY-2025.aspx> **There will be a second collection today - thank you in advance for your generosity.**



YOUTH MASS today (2nd) at 5pm. Come and join your friends with refreshments afterwards. *All welcome.*

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!"

"CELEBRATING ADVENT *This short season of preparation and reflection passes so quickly.* Join us for four Tuesday evening gatherings, **Nov 25th and Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th**, from 7.30-9.00 pm, in **St Joseph's Parish Centre, Purewell**. [Refreshments from 7pm.] Each session will focus on the readings of the following Sunday, with opportunities for silent reflection, sharing in groups and prayer. Join others from our local parish communities as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. This is not a course or series of talks and you do not have to sign up beforehand."

IN THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS; DAY RETREAT at St. Joseph's Branksome. Join us on Saturday 22nd November, for a day of prayer, leaning and encounter with the Holy Angels. Through inspiring talks, we will discover how these heavenly companions guide us closer to Christ. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a packed lunch. Visit St. Joseph's website for more information. www.catholic-parkstone.org

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR - YULETIDE VOICES Sunday 30th November at 3.00pm in the De La Salle Theatre St Peter's School, Southbourne. With choirs from 3 Primary Schools; Avonwood, St James' and Malmesbury Park. Also Hyde Brass Band. Pre-booked tickets only £8 (under 12's £5) from Ticketsource at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-community-choir/> or scan the QR code. Limited tickets on the Door £10 (cash only). Don't miss out on our AMAZING raffle prizes - so please bring cash! Profits to our chosen charities including RTU (Brother Lionel). All welcome. **See poster**



VOCATIONS: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." The lives of the saints inspire us to holiness. Could God be calling you to a path of sanctity through the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that many may respond to the call to serve as priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples, living out their vocations with joy and purpose. 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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