



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 3: St Francis Xavier

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 30th November 2025

The Season of Advent

Around the world, Christians mark the Advent Season with meaningful traditions that prepare the heart for Christ's coming. Customs include the lighting of Advent Wreaths and the use of Advent Calendars to count down the days until Christmas. In different cultures, unique practices bring added richness to this time of year: Italian shepherds play joyful tunes on bagpipes; families in Germany open daily doors on Advent Calendars; the faithful in Ethiopia observe a special fast. No matter how it is celebrated, Advent invites all believers to pause, pray, and reflect as we await the coming of our Saviour with renewed hope and joyful anticipation.

The Advent Calendar. Originating in Germany, the Advent Calendar has become a beloved tradition around the world. Each day of Advent, a small door is opened to reveal a surprise, often a treat or picture – but in its earliest form, these calendars contained Scripture verses to help families reflect on God's Word as they prepared their hearts for the coming of Christ.

The Advent Wreath. Made of evergreen branches symbolising eternal life, it holds four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent, representing hope, peace, joy and love. Each week, a new candle is lit as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ's birth. Many families and parishes also include a fifth candle, the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world.

Christingle. Originating from the Moravian Church, the Christingle is a symbolic tradition that reminds us of Jesus who is the Light of the World. It consists of an orange representing the world, a red ribbon symbolizing the shedding of Christ's blood in redeeming love, and a candle placed at the centre to signify His light shining in darkness.

Reflection and Charity. During Advent, many Christians take time to reflect on their faith and the true meaning of Christmas. It is a season of spiritual renewal – an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ through prayer, repentance, and acts of love. Many parishes and charities also offer ways to put faith into action during this holy season, such as fundraising and supporting food banks. These all remind us of our mission to share Christ's light with those in need.

Advent is a Season rich with opportunities to grow in faith, in hope and in love. Let's make the most of these few weeks in whatever way we can as we move towards Christmas.

Fr John



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas card that gives dates and times of services over Christmas and New Year. Available from back of Church. Services can also be found on our website.

Christmas time: **Wednesday 24th December** – Christmas Eve: Mass 9.00am; 6.00pm Blessing of the Crib with First Mass of Christmas 8.30pm Carols & Readings 9.00pm Christmas Night Mass

THURSDAY 25th December Christmas Day Morning Mass at 10.00am (No other Masses today)

STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE APPEAL Thank you to all those who have already donated to this appeal, that the Port Chaplains will pass on to seafarers during the Christmas season in the ports of Southampton and Fawley Refinery. Christmas can be a very lonely time for seafarers, as they are far from home and their loved ones. **See poster. Please bring donations to Parish Office by next Sunday 7th Dec.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children **every Sunday during the season of Advent** to help with their preparation for Christmas, at 10am Sunday Mass. As a guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in. **CLOW team.**

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday 11th December **1.45pm - 3.30pm** (note the earlier start time) in the Memorial Room. All welcome. *SVP Team*



REPOSITORY: We now have the New Daily Missal (£70), Weekday Missal (£55) & Sunday Missal (£20) in the Repository. We also have Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, candles etc. So 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.**

THE DIGNITY CENTRE BOURNEMOUTH A vibrant community hub in the heart of Bournemouth, offering material support and a range of activities for refugees and people seeking asylum. It is very grateful for all your kind donations, - with the approach of winter, they are asking for winter jackets, jumpers, hoodies, men's jeans (30-34 inch waist). Also Primark vouchers are very welcome. Clothes should be new or used good quality (would you lend them to a friend?) There is a box in the porch for donations or contact Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint;

- ♦ **Fixed term Catering Assistant** to join our team which provides pupils with well presented, quality meals January to 31st August 2026. Term Time only. Closing date **midday Monday 1st Dec.** Interviews will be held Tuesday 2nd Dec 2025.
- ♦ **Early years (including Pre-school) & KS1 SEND Teaching Assistant.** Closing date **midday Monday 1st Dec**
- ♦ **Fixed Term Classroom Teacher to 31st August 2026 (potential to become permanent)** who is passionate, highly motivated, enthusiastic and hardworking. **Closing date is midday Monday 12th January 2026**

If you are interested please go to the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk under key information, vacancies or telephone the school office on 01202 427544 to request an application form.

"CELEBRATING ADVENT Tuesday evening gatherings, **Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th**, from 7.30-9.00 pm, in **St Joseph's Parish Centre, Purewell.** [Refreshments from 7pm.] This is not a course or series of talks and you do not have to sign up beforehand."

RETREATS ON ISLE OF WIGHT **Advent Retreat** (5-7 Dec) and **New Year Retreat** (31 Dec - 4 Jan) - "He is our Peace!" (Eph 2:14) - at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. These retreats want to give space for us to be and contemplate the Peace that Christ wants to give us. If you are interested to join it or want to know more information about it, please contact us: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com, www.uk.verbumdei.org

ST PETER'S SCHOOL CONSULTATION OF ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2027/28 Consultation runs until 22nd December 2025. Please see the poster at back of church that gives all details, copies can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (Admissions/Appeals page). Any comments should be sent to Mrs S Wallace-Abbott, Clerk to the Governing Body, swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

JESUITS & FRIENDS MAGAZINE The new winter edition is now available at the back of church. Articles include stories of lost families, rediscovered art, Satellites Festival in Somerset and a new book about Jesuits in the Second World War. Please take a free copy home and take one for a neighbour or friend.

VOCATIONS : "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. 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 cultivate a community that helps young people listen attentively to God's voice, 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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