



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

CONFESIONS: 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 29: St Thomas of Canterbury Thurs 1 January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Tues 6: The Epiphany of the Lord - There will be Mass here at 10am and 7pm on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: 28/12 - He, the Lord, is our God; he remembers his covenant for ever.



4/1 - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

DOUBLE NEWSLETTER Also please take the Bishop's Pastoral Letter home.

The HOLY FAMILY & 2nd Sunday after the Nativity Year A

28th December 2025 & 4th January 2026

One year ends – another begins!

In July I celebrated Mass with Corpus Christi School when we prayed especially for the Year Six pupils as they prepared to leave Primary School and move on to a number of Secondary Schools. Going from Year Six into Year Seven is a big step: being the responsible oldest children you transition to being the youngest. The new school is that much larger in terms of numbers – you have subject teachers instead of one teacher guiding you through most of your lessons. But with the change comes a range of opportunities designed to allow lives to flourish, to further unlock potential. The key is building on what has gone before. In my Homily at the Leavers' Mass, I suggested the children look back with gratitude and look forward with hope and excitement.

As we come to the end of 2025 the same theme can apply. We'll all look back and reflect on what the past twelve months have brought us. Some of us have faced challenges, perhaps the loss of a loved one, maybe difficulties in our work or personal life which have been hard. But I think that we will also be able to identify the good which has come our way because most people experience a combination of the enjoyable and the tough. And then we turn our attention to the year about to begin: 2026. Some of what the year ahead we can already predict. But it would be unusual if the next twelve months didn't also bring the unexpected. As they say: 'that's life.'

It's no coincidence that on the last Sunday of the year we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Families can be complicated and even challenging – but members of a family have a unique bond which can be life-giving, relied upon, trusted. Within each family unit every member – young and not so young – has a part to play, a contribution to make. As we look forward to the year ahead, we must value our families and commit to deepening the bonds between us. Mary and Joseph provided the home where Jesus would develop, grow, and prepare for adult life. His family were crucial in helping him be ready for what his Father sent him to do.

On a Personal note. As ever, I am very grateful for your cards, good wishes, gifts and the offerings I received over Christmas. It is humbling to read the comments many write – not just at this time of year – and they mean a lot to me. On the evening of Sunday 4th January I leave for Australia and New Zealand to spend time with my sister and nephew in Queensland and then my brother and his family on the South Island of New Zealand. Whilst I'm away, Monsignor Paul Townsend will cover weekends and some weekday Masses, with Father Denis and Father Brendan once again providing valuable support. I am deeply grateful to all three for their help. Father Paul was Parish Priest in Ringwood and Fordingbridge until he retired in the summer. He lives within reach of Boscombe and is already in great demand to help in parishes. I know he'll receive a warm welcome.

I wish you all, and your families, a happy New Year, filled with peace.

Fr John

NEW YEAR'S DAY Please join us for a gathering with coffee/tea on 1st January 2026 after the morning Mass in the Coffee Lounge. We envisage sharing cake and hopefully some impromptu carol singing!! *All welcome.*

PARISH OFFICE will re-open on Monday 5th January 2026.



PLEASE CHECK The Christmas Card Exchange Box!! It will be emptied 1st week of January.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year, 2025, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the **Christian Communities in the Holy Land**, via the charity **Friends of the Holy Land**. Their vision is for Christians to remain and thrive in the Holy Land so they may build just and lasting pathways to peace in the land where Jesus walked, serving the common good of the entire region. Their mission is to secure and sustain the Christian community in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Jordan and Israel and they help our brothers and sisters who endure extreme suffering and injustice, by directly providing practical support with everyday living costs. They also invest in their future by providing access to education and by backing small businesses. The need to help this year is still hugely urgent, thanks to the ongoing crisis in the Holy Land. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS Your Offering at Christmas time is for the personal use of the Parish Priest.  Together with the Easter Offering, this forms a significant part of his annual income. It can be Gift-Aided by those who pay income tax. **There are yellow envelopes available on the shelves at the back of the church for this purpose.** Also there is a online donation page for Corpus Christi, go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-christmas-collection-2025> Or you can scan the QR code. **Thank you for your support and generosity.**

NEW PASTORAL FACEBOOK PAGE Our new Pastoral Area now has a Facebook Page, called "Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch", to share information across our area. Please visit it, like it and share with others. You can access the page via this link: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583334070125 Or search Facebook for **Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch**

 **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children on **11th & 25th January 2026** at Sunday 10am Mass. As a guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 & 7 years of age. Wishing a happy New Year to all our children and families. **The CLOW team.**

 **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING** The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th January** 7pm - 9pm in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543.

ACI (LINKS OF LOVE) The next meeting of the morning ACI group will be on Monday 26th January at 11am in the Meeting Room as usual.

YOUTH MASS starts up again at Corpus Christi, **Sunday 1st February, at 5pm** followed by refreshments. *All welcome*

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (Carlo Club) **New Year Meal on Thursday 29th January.** Contact Nicola on 07932 142594 for further details



CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint a **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.

 **THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2026** For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

VOCATIONS: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week. ~~ "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." How is the Lord calling you to be light for the world that is cloaked in darkness? If you feel called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that the prayers and encouragement of their families may strengthen their resolve to follow God's call, let us pray to the Lord. ~~ For the Church, that Mary, Mother of God will intercede for a new outpouring of vocations in this new year, let us pray to the Lord. ~~ For those discerning their vocation, that the Word made flesh may illuminate their hearts, calling them to share His light, 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

