



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 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sat 13: St Lucy

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 7th December 2025

Standing With Giants

Last week I visited Fort Nothe in Weymouth. The Fort itself is an interesting place to visit, built to protect Portland Harbour it was constructed between 1860 and 1872. But my main reason for going was to see the *Standing With Giants Tribute* to those who lost their lives in the Falklands Conflict. Many of us will remember the invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentina and the decision [which some thought impossible] to send military personnel to retake the islands. The operation succeeded but with the loss of 255 people, including three Islanders. Many young Argentinian soldiers also died.



The *Standing With Giants Tribute* was an outdoor display of life-sized silhouettes, each one representing one of the fallen. Ranged around the battlements, and the inner courtyard, it was a moving experience to stop, remember the sacrifices made. A priest I know was a military Chaplain who served during that conflict in the South Atlantic and ministered to a number of those injured in horrific fires aboard navy ships. The name given to this display reflects the recognition that those who died in service of their country, doing their duty, were indeed remarkable individuals 'Giants'.

In the Scriptures too we come across 'giants'; figures who had such an important role in the story of salvation. This Sunday the Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist. He's a key figure in Advent as his message is proclaimed loud and clear: repent and believe. He uses baptism to mark the choice people made to leave old ways behind and get ready for the arrival of the Messiah who, we should remember, had been longed-for, waited for, hoped for, over centuries.

But just like so many in history who have left their mark, who have made a unique and powerful contribution, John the Baptist was typically self-effacing. He had a job to do, his duty, and he remained focused on what he had to do. His task was to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah – and he pointed them towards Jesus. As he said himself, 'I'm not worthy to undo the strap of his sandal'; and 'he must increase as I must decrease.' John never wanted attention or to create a cult-following. He knew Jesus was the One coming into the world to save us. That was all that mattered and anything he could do to ready people for this event he would do. It led to his death in a prison cell at the hands of Herod. But by then this 'giant' had done his duty. **Fr John**



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE - CAROL SINGING IN BOSCOMBE PRECINCT Saturday 13th Dec at 11 a.m. near the Sovereign Centre (In the event of bad weather please check the Rosebery Park Facebook page: [facebook.com/roseberyparkbc](https://www.facebook.com/roseberyparkbc)) **Come and join in the fun!**

THANK YOU Corpus Christi Primary School and the Mini Vinnies are very grateful for your generous donations that raised **£860.59 for MARY'S MEALS !!**



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please take home a copy of our Parish Christmas card, from the back of church, that gives times of services over Christmas & New Year. Services can also be found on our website.

STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE APPEAL Thank you to all those who donated to this appeal, it was an **amazing response** and will bring some Christmas joy to the seafarers in our local ports of Southampton and Fawley Refinery. **Many thanks once again.**



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.**



ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING – Tuesday 9th December 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. Come and see, all are welcome.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th December 7pm - 9pm** in the Memorial Room and then back on **7th January 2026**. For enquiries, please contact Jack on **FELLOWSHIP 07710306543**.

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



VITA NOVA CLESTE GROUP - REFUGEE NATIVITY 12th & 13th Dec 6.30pm at Rosebery Park Baptist Church. Tickets £6. Visit www.vitanova.co.uk/events or pay on the door or call 01202 309999. See poster.

REPOSITORY: We now have the New Daily Missal (£70), Weekday Missal (£55) & Sunday Missal (£20) in the Repository. Also Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, candles etc. Come in & have a browse. Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after 10am Mass & first Sunday of the month, before & after the 5pm Mass.

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.

CONSULTATION PROCESS for Corpus Christi Primary School Admissions Policy commences on Monday 8th December 2025, with a proposal to include the Pre-School within our oversubscription criteria. The consultation closes on 24th January 2026. We are interested to hear the views and gather feedback from all interested parties. If you wish to respond to this consultation, please do so in writing via email: susan.solly@cccpschool.com

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

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

VOCATIONS : "The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that as we prepare for Christ's coming, we may joyfully support and encourage vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, 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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