



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/>

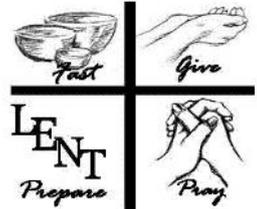
Royal Bournemouth Hospital/Christchurch Hospital For Chaplaincy call 03000194221
(Catholic Mass - 1st Wed of month at 6pm)

Poole Hospital For Chaplaincy call: 0300 019 2167 (Catholic Mass Thurs 6.30pm)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 1st week of Lent

CAFOD fast day is Friday 27th Feb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.



First Sunday of Lent Year A - 22nd February 2026

The Season of Lent

So, Lent is underway. Many of us were able to receive the mark with ashes as this Season of opportunity began. We were reminded in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday that, whatever we decide to do as part of our Lenten practice, we don't do it to impress others – it is a matter between us and God. He knows what we are doing, and why we are doing it. The intention behind our actions is very important. I remember a Parish Priest I worked with having a conversation with some young Mums over coffee after Mass. They said that they were going to give up desserts for Lent in order to lose weight. His reply was: 'Ladies, fasting is not the same as dieting!' Why we do things is the key, what lies behind our choices and decisions. If that has some desired side-effects, all well and good.

Last weekend the new Archbishop of Westminster, Richard Moth, was installed. He became a bishop fifteen years ago spending five years as Bishop of the Forces followed by ten as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton. Richard is sixty-seven years old so being asked by Pope Leo to take on this important leadership role is a challenge. The Archbishop of Westminster has a huge diocese to care for (all of London north of the Thames, plus Hertfordshire) and in addition has a national role in speaking on behalf of our bishops and the Catholic Church of England & Wales. We should keep him in our prayers as he begins this new phase in his ministry and life of service.

Archbishop Richard was interviewed on the Sunday Programme the day after his installation. The interviewer asked about the rumours that, amongst young adults, there has been an increase in interest about the Church. He noted that this is certainly the experience in many parishes where people are seeking something (they may not always know what) beyond their day-to-day lives. They are seeking meaning to life, something which can give them hope for the future. Could it be that the message we are called to proclaim is stirring interest in younger members of our society who have never been attached to a church or faith community? We should keep our ears and eyes open – and welcome anyone we see coming to church who is just tentatively exploring a way forward.

The Chapter of Canons

A few months ago Bishop Philip invited me to become a Canon. The Chapter of Canons in our Diocese number twelve, plus a Provost [currently Mgr David Hopgood]. It is largely down to the Bishop how he chooses to use the Canons as a group, but they can provide a useful 'sounding board' for him in administration of the Diocese. Additionally, the Canons have a particular role when it comes to liturgical celebrations in the Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. The Mass during which I shall be installed is on Thursday, 26th February, at 12.15pm in Portsmouth at the Cathedral. If anyone is at a loose end and would like to come along – you'd be most welcome!

Fr John



LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO There are a few printed copies at the back of church or it can be found at <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>



ON FRIDAYS IN LENT there will be **Stations of the Cross at 7pm** followed by **Mass at 7.30pm**.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE. On **Friday 27th March** there will be a Penitential Service at **7pm**. There will be a number of priests available for individual Confession. *All welcome.*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Here are some upcoming dates for your diary:

- ◆ Mother's Day: 15th March
- ◆ **Penitential Service for Lent (with Confessions): Friday 27th March at 7.00pm**
- ◆ Palm Sunday: 29th March: Weekend Masses at the usual times with Blessing of Palms at each mass including Vigil.
- ◆ Blessing of the Food Saturday 4th April at 11am
- ◆ The Solemn Easter Triduum: Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th April
- ◆ First Holy Communion Mass: Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am
- ◆ Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday 7th June following the 10am Mass.



LENT BOOKLETS 'Walk with Me' adult booklets now available at the back of Church. **Only £1.00** Please put money in the basket provided or the pamphlet slot.

~~The CHILDREN'S LENT BOOKLETS are free gifts from the parish to our children~~



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (22nd) at Sunday 10am Mass. As a guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 & 7 years of age. **The CLOW team.**

CARLO CLUB (YOUNG ADULTS) . Meeting for a walk in Lymington on **Saturday 28th February** in the afternoon. Please contact Nicola on 07932 142594 for final plans (weather dependent) and to arrange lifts.

YOUTH MASS on **Sunday 1st March at 5pm**. Come and join your friends with refreshments & pizza afterwards. All welcome



ACI (LINKS OF LOVE) The next meeting of the morning ACI group will be on **Monday 23rd February** at 11am in the Meeting Room. *All welcome.*

SVP TEA GATHERING **Thursday, 26th February 2pm - 3.30pm** in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY **Friday 27th February**. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table - donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. CAFOD envelopes available in church & on this newsletter.

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old and priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6 April. For more info, scan the QR code or email: KeziaH@svp.org.uk.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS in March will be on **Wednesday's 4th and 18th March at 7pm - 9pm** in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543

MARCH FOR MEN 2026 – "On Saturday 28th March, I am taking part in a 5km walk to raise money for the men's health services at our local hospitals. This year it is to support people with Prostrate Cancer. If you would like to sponsor me, you can use the following link - <https://uhdcharity.enthuse.com/pf/14382f/fundraiser#!/> or put the money in an envelope with your name & message, I will then enter it for you. The envelope can be left at the office, or handed to me at the 10am Sunday mass or in the coffee room after mass. Thank you. All details are on a poster at the back of the church." – **Liam Foy**

VACANCIES: The Governors of **Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School** are looking to appoint:

Lead (Senior Leadership Team) - Closing date: midday Monday 9th March.

Pre-School Teaching Assistant (Early Years Foundation Stage (yrs 2-5)) Closing date: midday Monday 23rd March.

Pastoral Support Worker - Closing date: midday Thursday 16th April.

More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk

VOCATIONS: "I did not come to abolish but to fulfil." Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that this holy season of Lent may renew our commitment to prayer and sacrificing, awakening many to God's call to serve, 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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