



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: Tues 10: St Scholastica Sat 14: Ss Cyril & Methodius

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Fifth Sunday of Year A - 8th February 2026

Bournemouth & Christchurch Pastoral Area

Recently Bishop Philip announced that the three smaller pastoral areas in Bournemouth should be combined into just one Pastoral area and will consist of all the parishes in Bournemouth and Christchurch. Corpus Christi, Boscombe, The Annunciation, Charminster & St Edmund Campion, Castlepoint, The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph, Christchurch with Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe, St Thomas More, Ilford, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne, The Oratory, Sacred Heart, Bournemouth Town Centre, Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne.

Over the next few months each parish will be looking for volunteers to form the new Pastoral Area Team along with the clergy, to follow the Diocesan Mission plan 'to bring people closer to Jesus'. Specific areas to look at will be: a) how we can all go out on Mission to our communities and beyond in Bournemouth and Christchurch. b) To help people grow closer to Jesus through evangelisation and involving everyone in outreach. Sharing resources and skills to expand and develop. c) That we grow to be people shifting from maintenance to mission guided by the Holy Spirit, with new and innovative ways so all ages can hear the Good News of Christ. d) To become more outward looking as beacons of mission, dialogue and service to everyone around, especially the poor, the homeless and those in need.

Please I ask everyone to pray for this new initiative, pray for your Priests and Deacons, pray for our young people also pray for the laity who will volunteer to serve on this new team, and pray especially for all our parish communities that we may grow together, work together and pray together as we all grow closer to Christ.

Fr Anthony Ikhenoba Pastoral Area Co-Ordinator

Comment from Father John

Bishop Philip published a *Vision Plan* for the Diocese over a year ago. It must be said that we had a false start here in the Bournemouth area – but things are now on track. At its heart, the Plan is designed to harness resources between parishes (both people, buildings and finance) so that we can better achieve the mission of the Church. Our aim is to bring more people to a knowledge of God and a personal relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Inevitably this will require changes to how we organise ourselves, how we work together and the priorities we set ourselves.

In principle, the idea is for us to do those things as a parish community is best placed to do and then coordinate with neighbouring parishes to engage in those activities and programmes which work much better on a larger scale. There will be much more on this subject in the weeks and months ahead. For now, please re-read Father Anthony's message above and bring this into your prayer.

Fr John

LENT IS COMING - Ash Wednesday is on 18th February Mass and distribution of ashes will be at **10am** (*please note change of time due to it being the school half term*) and at **7pm**.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, (20th Feb to 27th March) we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do to the Parish Office. ***Thank you in advance.***

On Fridays in Lent there will be Mass at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (8th) and 22nd February at Sunday 10am Mass. As a guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 & 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in. **The CLOW team.**



ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING – Tuesday 10th February 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.*

MARRIAGE WEEK 7-14th February 2026. Here is a simple prayer of thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage:

Loving Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together to make a family.

We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and to holiness.

We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage, that they can make it through this tough time and find hope and consolation in You.

We pray for grace and hope and kindness in for all marriages, and that your gentle guiding hand will be in each action, decision, discussion and event.

We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

A LENTEN GROUP will be starting in the Parish. **Sycamore** (catholic faith explained) video presentation. Help is required to support this group. It will run either on Friday mornings after mass or on a Tuesday evening. For further information, please ring Nicola on 07932 142594

REPOSITORY: The Repository has various Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation & Wedding gifts available. If you are looking for something special then please browse 'cbcdistributors.co.uk' If you write down your Name, a Contact Number, Description & Code of the item, put the info in an envelope & place it under the Repository gates, I will then text you a price before I order. Thank you.

NATIONAL MILL HILL NOVENA to ST JOSEPH 10th - 18th March. See poster.

LITURGY PROJECT - DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS 9th May Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and 17th October Day for Readers. 9am to 1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Please RSVP to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk See poster.

DCN RICHARD'S "MASS OF JOYFUL HOPE" A Mass setting composed by Dcn Richard Martin has now been approved for liturgical use by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department for Christian Life and Worship. Originally completed in 2014 and it has been used very successfully since then in St Joseph's, Christchurch. The Mass is written for Melody/Guitar, but not full piano/organ score. The sheet music, which you can download and use FREE of charge, as well as basic audio files to help with learning, are now available on Richard's website RM Creative (www.rm-creative.uk). Richard is willing to hold a session locally to teach the music in person if that is helpful – please contact him if you would be interested - email: rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ESCORTED TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO, 08th March 2026. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions & transport included. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

VOCATIONS: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) On World Marriage Day, we honour couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

INTENTIONS: For married couples, that their love may reflect God's grace and radiate Christ's light to the world, strengthening them in their vocation, let us pray to the Lord. /

For those preparing for marriage, that they may root their relationship in Christ, and build a strong foundation of faith, love, and lifelong commitment, 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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