



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 18: Ash Wednesday

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Sixth Sunday of Year A - 15th February 2026

Preparing for Lent

Next week Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Season of Lent. As the schools are on half-term break, Mass will be at 10am (not the usual Wednesday time of 9am) and 7pm. At each Mass ashes will be distributed as the ancient sign of us wanting to repent, needing to change. If at all possible, do come along to pray, to receive the mark on your forehead with ash and begin the journey through Lent once more. Whether you are able to come to Mass, Ash Wednesday is always marked as a day of fasting and abstinence (not eating meat – and keeping meals simple). Also, as in previous years, on Fridays in Lent we add Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by Mass at about 7.30pm.

In days of old, people who wanted to be baptised as Christians spent a long period in preparation – often years. At that time, infants were not baptised; that tradition developed later in the history of the Church. Imagine if you had been on a path of looking forward to being baptised for months, probably years, and the end was in sight: Easter night. Those final few weeks were a precious time in which to make yourself as ready as possible for this momentous step. We can't recreate precisely that sense of excitement, yet we should use these weeks as a time in which to reflect and prepare for the great celebrations of our Christian faith in the events of Holy Week.

The Gospel passage for Ash Wednesday never varies: it always comes from St Matthew's account and encapsulates the three-fold practice of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Not just one or two but all three. We hear Jesus encourage his disciples to embrace and use these methods – not to gain credit with others but within that intensely private relationship each of us has with God. Only he needs to know what we are doing, and why. Fasting clarifies the mind and reveals those limitations on our liberty which self-indulgence imposes. Almsgiving makes us more available to others through sharing what we are fortunate to have received. Prayer makes us more open to God and more aware of that fundamental dependence of all creations upon him. All three are interconnected. Through self-denial we have surplus to share with others. In responding to practical need we are led to pray for others. And so on – fasting, almsgiving and prayer are woven together in the life of the Christian who strives to move just a little closer to that challenge we have been set by Jesus 'to be perfect as my heavenly Father is perfect.' We may not achieve that this Lent, but we can move forward and nearer to our goal.

'When he sees all that is done in secret, your Father will reward you' says Jesus. Lent is when we join this chorus of hope and belief in God's promise. God himself is the reward of the just – even here on earth. More so, when we leave this world, the 'Lent' of this life, then we meet him face to face in his light and in his peace. **Fr John**

LENT IS COMING - Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday 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**. Other local Ash Wednesday services can be found on our website or on the Facebook page of 'Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch'

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~~



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, (20th Feb to 20th 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 Mass will be at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross & Penitential Service 7pm on 27th March

EASTER FOOD There will be a Blessing of Food service here on **Saturday 4th April at 11am. All welcome.**



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

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**

TIME AT THE OASIS Corpus Christi memorial room, **Saturday 21st February**, 11am to 1pm, or on Zoom. Join us for refreshments after 10 o'clock Mass. A monthly meeting of prayer and contemplation in the Ignatian tradition, using imagination to seek a closer union with God. All welcome, no experience needed **For further information or Zoom link please contact Jackie on 07948516854**

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.

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 will also be available in church.

VACANCY Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School: Lead (Senior Leadership Team) The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint an outstanding practitioner who is passionate, highly motivated, enthusiastic & hardworking and who will support the future development of our much loved school. As a member of the school's leadership team, you will be someone who has high expectations of yourself and others, a co-operative approach and is passionate about inclusion and providing the highest quality education. More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk **The closing date is midday Monday 9th March 2026**

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**



EMBRACE YOUR LIFE TOGETHER IN LOVE Invitation to Couples to get away together and join us for a weekend to discover ways to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage and a happier life! The weekend draws on Marriage Encounters' 50 years of wisdom and experience, based on scriptural truths, and might just be the gear change you didn't know you needed or thought possible. Couples welcome whether married or in long term relationships, with faith or no faith. ME Weekend **27th Feb - 1st Mar** in Holiday Inn Express West, Swindon. For more info go to: **wwme.org.uk**

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

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.



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: "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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