



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: 4th week of Lent Tues 17: St Patrick Thurs 19: St Joseph

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A - 15th March 2026

Reconciliation – to be at peace

The Gospels contain a number of examples where Jesus heals an individual. Some are suffering loss of sight, inability to walk, possession by evil spirits. Often the physical, mental and spiritual are mingled together. Perhaps the best example that springs to mind is the episode where four friends carry a man who cannot walk to where Jesus is. Unable to gain access to the house they dismantle the roof and lower him down right in front of Jesus who says: 'your sins are forgiven'. Probably not what the four stretcher-bearers had hoped for. But then, for the benefit of his critics, Jesus says: 'to prove to you that I have the power to forgive sins, I say to you: get up, pick up your bed and go home.' Which immediately, before their eyes, the man does. On another occasion, presented with a young man who is possessed and self-harming, Jesus casts out the devil and the young man calms down and is able to return to his family who previously couldn't cope.

We shouldn't be surprised at this intertwining of the physical, mental and spiritual. A human being is a complex, amazing combination of body, mind and spirit. Just think about it. If we are feeling tired or not very well, how much easier it is to snap at someone else – to take out our low ebb on others. On the other hand, if I'm feeling buoyant, fully fit and healthy, I'm more positive about everything. Those who suffer from mental health issues are advised to exercise, to get out of the house and experience the outdoors. Of course it doesn't solve the problem on its own, but it helps to put things in perspective; tending to the physical puts us in a better place to deal with other challenges.

In Lent, one of the areas we look at is reconciliation. On Friday 27th March we have a **Penitential Service** when eight priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I hope you will come and take the opportunity to celebrate the impact of God's forgiveness in our lives. Again, if we can acknowledge and welcome the forgiveness God offers us then we are more likely to go out and deal with other people with kindness and generosity. The parts knit together. As we hear those words of absolution, praying that through the Church we may receive pardon and peace, a weight lifts and we leave feeling different. Spiritual healing and peace has a knock-on effect and impacts all other aspects of our lives.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we focus in particular on our relationship with God. But at the same time we reflect on our relationships with family, friends, colleagues and others. We ought also to grasp the opportunity to consider reconciliation within ourselves. In other words, am I at peace with myself, who I am, what I do and how I live? If I'm not truly at peace within myself, can I truly be peace with others? The parts are all connected. **Fr John**

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND This weekend there will be a second collection for the The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals. Go to <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/diocesan-clergy-assistance-fund> or scan QR code.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all mums, soon to be mums, stepmums, grandmas, mothers-in-law, mother figures and more. **Thank you for your love, patience and dedication.**



SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING after 10:00 Mass, Palm Sunday 29 March for a parish celebration in honour of Fr John being installed in the Chapter of Canons. (More details available from Sunday morning music group) **See you there.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 22nd & 29th March at Sunday 10am Mass. As a guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 & 7 years. **The CLOW team.**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS Next ones will be **Wednesday's 18th March and 1st April, at 7pm - 9pm** in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543



CANCELLED SVP TEA GATHERING There will be no tea on 26th March due to a school event in church.

CTIB FREE MOVIE NIGHT at "Rosebery Park Baptist Church 814 Christchurch Road, BH7 6DF on **Friday 20th March** Movie starts at 6pm, break off for dinner at 7pm, resume after we've cleared up, and typically wrap up at around 9pm. It's entirely free! Our next movie will be 'The King of Kings' – a movie that's ideal as we approach Easter, and which is suitable for families. The producer's description is, 'A father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice' On Rotten Tomatoes' 'Popcornmeter', a measure of how audiences enjoyment, the film scored 97%. *That's a good score!*" See poster.

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS VISIT of the RELIC ends today (15th) Sacred Heart, Bournemouth.

PURPLE DAY (OR EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY) will take place on **Thursday 26th March**. Visit purpleday.org

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. See poster." – **Liam Foy**

THE DIGNITY CENTRE is very grateful for all your kind donation, of new underwear, socks, Primark vouchers and nearly new coat, hoodies and fleeces. The refugees and asylum seekers starting out with nothing are thankful for your practical help. **There is a box in the porch**, which is emptied regularly. Please leave envelope with vouchers in the office marked 'Dignity Centre'

VACANCIES - Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School Information available at www.cccpschool.co.uk

- ◆ **Pre-School Teaching Assistant** (Early Years Foundation (yrs 2-5)) Closing date: midday Monday 23rd March.
- ◆ **Pastoral Support Worker** - Closing date: midday Thursday 16th April.



ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT 'Spring Sounds' Sunday 19th April at 2.30pm in St Immanuel URC Church, 120 Southbourne Road BH6 3QJ. **Tickets £12, includes refreshments & cake**, from **Ticket Source** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-community-choir> or scan the QR code. **Please bring cash for our fabulous Raffle. Monies to go to 3 charities, Bournemouth Hospital BEACH appeal, Quilts for Care Leavers and Reaching the Unreached.**



TREK26 WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY – 'On Saturday **May 2nd** I will be doing the 13 mile walk to raise fund on behalf of Parish families and their relatives that are experiencing this terrible disease. Your contribution doesn't just fund groundbreaking research but gives support to people who need it most. If you, or anyone one on your contact list, would like to sponsor me, please use the following link – www.justgiving.com/page/allan-wheeler-1 or put the contribution in an envelope, with your name & message and I will enter it for you. Leave the envelope at the office or hand it to me at end of 10am & 5pm Sunday Mass. See poster on notice board. Thanking You, Allan - 07782968593'

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight - 2nd - 5th April 2026 - It wants to help us explore the depth of the Easter Triduum and live it in a prayerful way. If you are interested to join it or want to know more information about it, please contact us: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

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

VOCATIONS: "I am the light of the world." Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive & serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love & grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

INTENTIONS: For families, that by their example of faith and love, they may lead their children to hear and follow God's call, let us pray to the Lord

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS are Friday mornings 10.30 -11.30am & 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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