



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/](http://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: See Easter card or overleaf for services

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.



## Palm Sunday of Lent Year A - 29th March 2026

### Celebrating Holy Week

This week is the high point of our Christian calendar because we mark the events which are the reason Jesus came into the world. He accepted suffering and death in order to rise again – and to give us hope of everlasting life. This is at the very heart of our faith. To be accurate, the liturgical celebrations of Thursday, Friday and Easter are really three parts of one great liturgy.

**Maundy (Holy) Thursday.** At the Mass of the Last Supper we commemorate that moment when Jesus gathered with his disciples to mark the Jewish Passover. At supper he took bread and a cup of wine and offered them to his friends as his own body and blood. He also wrapped a towel around his waist and washed the feet of his friends as a sign of service. The Mass on Maundy Thursday teaches us that Christian discipleship must result in action. The institution of the Eucharist and the example of loving service given by our Servant King are bound together.

**Good Friday.** At 3pm we gather in silence; the priest and deacon prostrate themselves and others kneel as a sign of the awe we feel before God. We listen to St John's account of the passion of Jesus and we pray for all people. Then we focus on the wood of the cross upon which hung the Saviour of the world. In procession we come forward to venerate the Cross, perhaps with a kiss, a bow or genuflection. We also have the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ, broken for us on the cross, through Holy Communion.

**Easter Saturday and Sunday.** The Easter Vigil on Saturday night begins with the blessing of fire. From it, the Easter (Paschal) Candle is lit and carried in procession. The 'light of Christ' is shared with all present and fills the church. The Easter Song (*Exsultet*) is sung which proclaims the power of Christ's light overcoming darkness – the triumph of life over death. We listen to Readings from the Old Testament, read 'in the light of resurrection', which give them new meaning. The story of Jesus' resurrection is the gospel this night and at Masses on Easter Sunday. We renew the promises made in baptism. Then we gather at the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, connecting with what happened on Thursday evening when Jesus gave himself, and enacted in the events of Good Friday. This 'new and everlasting covenant' lies at the heart of our relationship with God: he is always with his people and so we sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!

*Come and join us for these parts of the Easter Triduum.*

*Fr John*

**URGENT - READERS CAN YOU PLEASE SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER. Sign up at back of church.**

*Thank you*

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP** on the vote in the House of Lords on the Crime & Policing Bill. Copies available to take at the back of church. **Please take one home.**

**YOUR OFFERING AT EASTER** All donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, given at Masses on Easter Sunday (including Easter Vigil), other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest appointed to the parish. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of church. You can also donate on our website or at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/bournemouth-corpus-christi-boscombe-easter-second-collection>

**SAVE THE DATE! 'ITALIAN EVENING'** on Friday 24th April (6.30pm for 7pm) to raise funds to help two young parishioners take part in a Pilgrimage to Lourdes with a group from St Peter's. Tickets available soon at £15 to include pasta (**cooked by Father John!**), dessert, wine.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2026

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** Mass 10.00am

(**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** 11.00am Chrism Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** Mass 9.00am

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – MAUNDY THURSDAY** 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Blessed Sacrament Procession to the Altar of Repose Watching until 9.30pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – GOOD FRIDAY** 10.00am Stations of the Cross (**especially for children**)  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – HOLY SATURDAY 11.00am Blessing of Food (all welcome)**  
**8.30pm EASTER VIGIL and First Mass of Easter**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER SUNDAY** Masses: 10.00am, 5.00pm

**Bournemouth & Christchurch Pastoral Area services** can be found on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583334070125> or on poster at the back of church.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** If you would like to volunteer to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, **please sign the sheet at the back of church.**

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION HOLY PLACES COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This collection is the main source of support for the activities and life that take place around the Holy Places. Thank you for your support. Donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-places> or scan QR



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

**ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE)** The next **Monday meeting is 30th March at 11am in the Memorial Room.** The ACI Family - a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved through the Eucharist. *All welcome.*

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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** at St John's Cathedral will be on Friday 17th April at 6:30pm. This month's speaker will be Professor Maurice Whitehead MBE, emeritus professor of History at Swansea University & emeritus director of Heritage Collection at the Venerable English College, Rome. The topic will be Martyrs, Music, & Mission: Richard Dering (1580-1630), a Hampshire Composer in Baroque Rome. Professor Whitehead's lecture, will be accompanied by live performances of a selection of Dering's music. All are warmly invited to this special evening.

**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.**



**CAFOD LADIES CLOTHES SWAP** Sat 25th April in Immanuel Church, Southbourne 10.30 - 12 noon £2 entry. **For those who would like to give good quality clothing but can't attend, there is a box at the back of church for donations. See poster for more details.**



**VOCATIONS:** "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" As we enter Holy Week, we honour Christ's sacrifice. Priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others. Could God be calling you to serve? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS:** For the Church, that Christ's sacrifice may strengthen priests and religious in selfless service, 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.**

**GIFT AID DECLARATIONS NEEDED** If you Gift Aid your donations could you please complete a new GA form - this can be done online by scanning the QR code or there are some forms at the back of church (once completed give into Parish Office). *If you are unsure if you need to, please do one anyway!*



**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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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