



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: 3rd week of Easter Thurs 23: St George Sat 25: St Mark

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Third Sunday of Easter Year A 19th April 2026

Our World of Today

For about half of my life we lived with what was referred to as 'The Cold War'. East and West Europe were divided: the east dominated by the Soviet Union and communism. In the west most countries came under the heading of 'liberal democracies'. There was, in effect, a stand-off between east and west. The United States of America was clearly aligned with the west (not least through NATO). Leaders respected each other and, although the situation was not ideal, it did produce stability. We knew where we stood.

In the 1990's communism collapsed across the Eastern Bloc; the Soviet Union was broken up and independent countries were established in the fall-out. People relished and valued these new freedoms which they had been denied for decades. [Incidentally, it is generally accepted that Pope John Paul II had an important role in the changes which took place as communism collapsed]. Perhaps the most visible sign of this new age was the reunification of Germany which had been divided, east and west, and the breaking down of the wall which ran through Berlin. These were heady days which encouraged great hopes for a new part of history – especially in Europe.

But that uneasy stability of the Cold War was replaced by something new: terrorism on a huge scale, some of it sponsored by nations. The destruction of the twin Trade Towers in New York in 2001, the influence of Osama Bin Laden and the growth of ISIS were all signs of a new challenge which has continued and is very difficult to control. Regimes such as the one dominant in Iran for almost forty years have supplied weapons to groups who do their bidding. The Middle East has long been a tinderbox and recently, once again, has exploded.

Then, added to the mix, is a US President who takes decisions which are ill-conceived and not thought through. His comments about Canada and Greenland have been absurd. He has removed the leader of Venezuela from power (although most have been content to see him gone), renamed the Gulf of Mexico and is now embroiled in a war with Iran which is proving to be much more complicated than President Trump had anticipated. The President surrounds himself with people who have little experience [his 'Secretary for War' was previously a host on Fox News]. No one seems to know what Donald Trump will say and do today or tomorrow and this feeds the increasing sense of instability and insecurity. Without doubt, we will all be living with the financial and other consequences of the war in Iran in the coming months and years.

As a world we are very fortunate to have Pope Leo. His calm, clear and moral statements need to be heard. No wonder he has come under attack from Washington. The US Vice-President suggested this week that the Pope ought to "consider his theology" and "stick to questions of morality". These are extraordinary comments from people working alongside President Trump and demonstrate the fact that they have little understanding of the role a Pope exercises. Pope Leo will not be deterred and I'm sure will continue to 'speak truth to power'. Our world must listen and hear him.

Fr John

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your kindness to me personally at Easter. Your cards and messages of support mean a lot to me, alongside your generosity expressed through your Easter Offerings. I do appreciate and value the message behind them all. *Father John*



'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 now available** from Fr John or the Parish Office - £15 to include pasta (cooked by Father John!), dessert and wine.

TOM HAYES, MP FOR BOURNEMOUTH EAST, is holding a meeting, one of a series of community listening events across the constituency, to give local residents the opportunity to meet their MP, raise concerns, and discuss local issues, in **Corpus Christi Church on Friday 24 April 2026, from 18.00 until 19.00. All welcome.**



REMINDER: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FINAL PARENTS' EVENING Wednesday 22/04/2026 7:00pm in Church. Celebration of First Holy Communion is on Saturday 23/05/2026 at 11am.

RED MISSION BOXES "It's time to empty your red boxes. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to 6pm mass on **Saturday 25th April or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 26th April** so that we can empty them. I will be at the back of church before mass. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 01202 426779 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. Thank you in advance, Sharon McAndrew"



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 26th April at 10am Sunday Mass. As a general guide this Liturgy is for children between 4 & 7 Parents please sign in. CLOW team.

YOUTH MASS Sunday 3rd May at 5pm. Come & join your friends with refreshments afterwards. *All welcome*



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.**



SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 30th April 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome*



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 would like to sponsor me, please use the following link – www.justgiving.com/page/allan-wheeler-1 or leave your contribution in an envelope, with your name & message in the office and I will enter it for you. *See poster.* Thanking You, Allan - 07782968593'

CROWNING OF MARY Sunday May 3rd at 11.15am. We will be having a special celebration to honour Our Lady, as we enter the month of May. We'll start with prayers and songs in the church, ending at the Mary grotto outside the church. *Do bring some flowers if you would like, and stay for a slice of cake afterwards!*



"One of our Fellowship member, Nico Da Silva, is embarking on a 10K Race For Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK, on Sunday 14th June, a charity he has a personal commitment to. To donate go to: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nicos-race-for-life-20625200>"

The next meetings will be **6th & 20th May and 3rd June.** 7-9pm in Memorial Room. *Info from Jack on 07710306543*

DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - 7 sessions starting on Thursday 23rd of April, in the evening 7.15pm to 9pm, online via Zoom. *See poster for more details.*

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 25th April 10.00-13.00 online or attend in person at **St. Joseph's, Christchurch.** . "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

STAY AWAKE 2026 – our 8th all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference with music and worship on **2nd May** at the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester, DT1 2ET from 10am to 6pm. The theme this year is: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.' (Ps 51:10). Book at www.stayawakejc.com **Free for children and £12.50 for the rest of us! See you there!**



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

VOCATIONS: "Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy. Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For families, that they may pray for their children & help them be open to God's call, we 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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