



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 29: St Catherine of Siena Sat 2: St Athanasius

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 26th April 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally given the title of 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. When you listen to the Gospel passage it is clear why this is. The image of Jesus as the one who tends, cares for and guides his flock [that's us!] is powerful and rich in meaning. The Good Shepherd is one who watches over those entrusted to his care and for whom he is prepared to lay down his life.

This Sunday is also the day when we focus our prayer on vocations to priesthood and offer practical financial support. Bishop Philip told us recently that we have a real challenge facing our diocese when it comes to the number of those coming forward to explore the vocation to serve God's people through the ministry of a priest. However, we do have a number of students currently training and studying in Seminary. Each of these costs around £30,000 per annum for their fees and support. Just to put the issue in context, the annual second collection for our Clergy Training Fund raises just over £32,000 – enough to train one student. So, this weekend please support the Second Collection as generously as you can. Just imagine how difficult it would be for our diocese if students had to be turned away due to a lack of funds to train them.

You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-2026>

At this time of year there are plenty of things to look forward to, including:

Sunday 3 May: Crowning Mary. Next weekend, after the 10am Mass, we will honour Mary in prayer and with a short procession to the Grotto beside the church as the statue of Mary is crowned. May is one of two months when our devotion to Mary as the Mother of God is expressed in a particular way (October is the other). Everyone is welcome to join us after the Mass next Sunday when we begin at the Lady Chapel before moving outside. Coffee and cake will be served afterwards!



Saturday 23 May: First Communion Celebration. This year we have 58 children preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. They and their families have been on a journey of preparation – guided by Deacon Greg and a team of Catechists and Helpers – and now the day they have been looking forward to is drawing near. The First Communion Mass is on a Saturday morning but on the Sunday before [17 May] we look forward to formally welcoming the children and presenting them to the parish community at our 10am Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers as they get ready for this special and very memorable moment in their young lives.

Sunday 7 June: Corpus Christi Procession. A bit of advance notice! As in recent years, and to mark our Parish Feast Day, we plan to have a short Procession after the 10am Mass. Please make a note in your diary and join us that morning if you are able to.

Fr John

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.

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 today 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*

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'

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) The next **Monday meeting 27th April 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.*



"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*



VACANCY Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, Pre-School Teaching Assistant The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint a Pre-School Teaching Assistant to help us achieve our aims of getting the best from all our children, aged 2 to 5, in their learning and personal development. More information available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk Closing date: **midday Thursday 14th May 2026**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL VACANCY FOR GOVERNOR Are you passionate about making a positive contribution to children's education? Then St Peter's would love to hear from you. We are now looking for new trustees who strongly identify with our School's purpose, ambitions and values to join our governing board. With full support and training provided, if we have inspired you to find out more, please contact Mrs S Wallace-Abbott, Clerk to the Governing Body on swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk with your full contact details and a brief explanation of why you are interesting in joining our governing body. *See poster for more details.*

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!**

SAYING GOODBYE, (part of Mariposa International) are returning to **Wimborne Minster on 17th May at 3pm** with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service. Mariposa International's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, also anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children, everyone is welcome to attend. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org



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: "I am the door...go in and out and find pasture." Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that priests and religious may shepherd God's flock with dedication; For those discerning their vocation, that they may recognize Christ's voice and follow Him with generous hearts; For our parish, that we may commit to praying for an increase in all vocations on this special day, 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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