



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: Octaves of Easter**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Easter Sunday - This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice in it and be glad. 2nd Sunday of Easter - Give Praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**



## DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

**EASTER Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter Year A**  
**5th & 12th April 2026**

**He is risen – alleluia!**



Today we celebrate the most important event in human history – for those who believe and those who don't. When Jesus rose from the dead, when he demonstrated his power over death, he opened the way for the whole of humanity to believe and hope in eternal life. Salvation, being in a right relationship with God, is available to all. As Christians our faith is confirmed and our hope strengthened. This is it. What we focus on today, and in the days ahead, lies at the very heart of our faith – it makes sense of our lives and all that we do. It is why every Sunday is a new celebration of Easter, the day of the Lord's resurrection.

On Saturday night the big Easter candle was lit from a fire which had been blessed. Everyone present was invited to light their candle from the Easter Candle, which stands as a sign of Christ our Light. We were invited to renew the promises professed at baptism: what we reject and what we believe, in a series of simple but profound questions. This is all about our belief that this life leads us towards a better, eternal life with God in heaven. But it carries even more significance because our hope in what's to come shapes what we do here and now. Resurrection and eternal life means that we make choices and decisions in this life which are shaped and determined by what lies ahead.

There are times when we can feel despondent, helpless, even hopeless. Watching the destruction across the Middle East and the hatred that lies behind it – including the very place where Jesus lived on earth - is painful for all of us. But not nearly as painful and devastating as it is for the families and individuals forced from their homes by bombs dropped from the sky, or who have lost children, brothers and sisters, parents and friends who are innocent victims. Jesus' resurrection assures us that ultimately good will triumph over evil; light will break through the darkness; love will master hate; hope will win over disbelief. We may struggle to find evidence of all this, it can be hard to see beyond the bleakness. But as followers of Christ we must hold on to that hope Jesus has given us.

And it isn't just on the international stage that our faith and hope is tested. In our personal lives, within families, there can be heartbreak and sadness – times when we wonder how much more we can take. In those times too we must remember that Christ's light shows us a way forward, how to cope. Jesus never once suggested to those who followed him that discipleship would be easy, or that it was a way to avoid the complexities and challenges of life. But what he did say was that, with him the Way, the Truth and the Life we can have confidence that in the end all will be well. This is why we rejoice, we give thanks and say 'alleluia, alleluia, alleluia' [God be praised]!! **Fr John**

**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 your parish priest. 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.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** 10th April (inc) - reopens Wed 15th April. Joy & Easter wishes from Sandra and Georgie

**GIFT AID DECLARATIONS NEEDED** The Diocese has informed us that many Gift Aid declarations have not been updated. 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!*



**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



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



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children on 12th & 26th April at 10am Sunday Mass. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 and 7 years of age. Parents please sign in. CLOW team.

**THANK YOU** "Thank you to everyone who has given me a donation and wished me Good Luck for my 5km walk. I raised **£685**. The NHS Staff were very pleased with the money I raised this year." **Liam Foy**

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD** Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at [cafod.org.uk/](http://cafod.org.uk/) **thankyou**. To donate – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)  
~~ **Corpus Christi Lent Family fast day update - Over the past few weeks, there has been a total of £2,331.33 gifted to CAFOD - thank you for your generosity.**~~



**VACANCY - Pastoral Support Worker** for Corpus Christi Primary School - Closing date: midday Thurs 16th April. Info available at [www.cccpschool.co.uk](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk)



**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.**



**SAVE THE DATE:** Open 'taster' evening for **Basses and Tenors** on Tuesday 22nd September to join St Peter's Community Choir. Email [stpccchoir1@gmail.com](mailto:stpccchoir1@gmail.com) or call Terry on 07979591410

**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. See poster for more details.**



**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](http://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'

**VOCATIONS:** "He is not here; for He has risen." Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation?

"Peace be with you." We pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honouring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you.

**Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869**

**INTENTIONS:** Easter Sunday - For those discerning their vocation, that Christ's triumph over death may fill them with hope and confidence in His call, let us pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - For those discerning the priesthood, diaconate and religious life; that they may respond with compassionate hearts, 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)*  
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