



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: Mon 4: The English Martyrs

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 3rd May 2026

Elections – an opportunity to be heard

Next Thursday many of us have the right to vote in local elections. In Wales and Scotland people will be choosing members of their national Assemblies. Here in Bournemouth we vote for those who put themselves forward to serve our local community. For most of my life, when it came to elections, there wasn't really much choice. Labour and Conservative dominated; then there were a few smaller parties: Liberal, SDP, Green, UK Independence, (even the Monster Raving Loony Party!) so on. But today the picture is much more varied and complicated. It isn't always easy to work out the differences between what Candidates are putting forward. I find it takes more work and time to get a grasp of the issues before deciding who to vote for.

We should acknowledge the selfless dedication shown by those who put their names forward to give us choice. They are often busy people with families and jobs so taking on the role of a Councillor is a real commitment. Being available to help sort out issues that people are struggling with is an act of true service. My own feeling is that this willingness deserves a serious response from us voters. We should explore the issues, we should read the material which comes through the letterbox, we should consider carefully, weigh up and decide. And then we should do our civic duty and make the effort to vote. If we don't, we can hardly complain or moan when we don't see things happening which we think ought to be done. A democracy only works properly if citizens play their full part and make their voices heard by casting their ballot.

If we feel ambivalent, or lukewarm about voting (and many do, judging by the percentages recorded) then it is worth reflecting on the many countries where citizens never have the chance to vote. People in those places would give anything to be able to share in choosing who makes their laws and key decisions. Perhaps we take such things for granted a little too easily.

Italian Evening. A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the fundraising event last Friday. It was great to see parishioners socialising and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to those who bought tickets and came along and a good number of people who weren't able to attend but donated. We raised a total of £1200 towards the cost for two of our young parishioners to take part in a Pilgrimage to Lourdes with a group from St Peter's School. We will hear back from them after they have been to Lourdes in May.

Bank Holiday. May is always a good month for those who enjoy an extra day off! With one Bank Holiday on Monday and another towards the end of this month, both provide an opportunity to rest. But maybe they also give us a chance to do something different – perhaps as a family. Something we don't usually get to do. Or we could just watch the final of the World Snooker Championship! It is often pointed out that in this country we have less Bank Holidays than most others, so we need to make the most of them when they come.

Fr John

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from 11th - 15th May inc. Also to remind you that the parish office is closed on Bank Holidays. Next week it will also be closed on 7th May, the Polling Day for local elections.



CROWNING OF MARY TODAY Sunday 3 May after the 10am Mass - we begin at the Lady Chapel before moving outside. Coffee and cake will be served afterwards!



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

YOUTH MASS TODAY(3rd) at 5pm. Come & join your friends with refreshments afterwards. *All welcome*



“HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER” – a prayer tradition at St Peter’s school Exam season can be a challenging time for many of our young people and, once again, St Peter’s school would like to invite you to help support their exam students through your prayers please. **How? It’s easy: look out for a bowl with slips in, each with the first name of either a Year 11 or Year 13 student on it then please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your prayers.** The written exams start soon and finish on 18th June. We’d also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student (or to them all collectively) – just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in the second bowl. The school will then come and collect these messages and display them for all the students to read and see that you are praying. **Thank you for ‘Holding Our Young People In Prayer’ at this very important time in their life. God bless from St Peter’s Chaplaincy team**



“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*

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) The next **Monday meeting 29th June at 11am in the Memorial Room.** (No meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday) 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.*



CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children 10th & 24th May at 10am Sunday Mass. General age guide for this Liturgy is children 4 to 7yrs. Parents please sign in. CLOW team.

BOURNEMOUTH AND CHRISTCHURCH PASTORAL AREA SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Saturday, 9th May 10 - 1pm at St Edmund Campion church, Bournemouth You need to register and confirm your attendance. Training must be renewed every 3 years in accordance with the national safeguarding standards. **See poster**

TIME @ THE OASIS: Mary, Cause of our Joy. Please join us on **Saturday 9th May @ 11am**, Corpus Christi memorial room. Teas and coffees served after 10am Mass. For further information or Zoom link contact Jackie or Roger on 07948516854. Monthly meetings on 13/6 & 11/7. Break in August.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS MASS Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration in St Bede’s church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 20th June at 11am**, followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form to complete & return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in Bishop’s Office.

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**

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

WESTMINSTER ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL HAS FALLEN To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

VOCATIONS: "Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God’s call. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that all who live out their vocation as priests, consecrated, and married couples lead others to know and love Christ, 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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