



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: Thurs 14: The Ascension of the Lord (This is a holy day of Obligation).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Cry out with joy to God, all the Earth.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A 10th May 2026

Ascension Thursday

'Adult Orphans'. This term was new to me just a few years ago. It describes the situation when a grown-up loses their second parent. In the natural course of events, most of us expect to be there for our mothers and fathers until the Lord calls them to let go of this life and move on to the next stage of their journey to God. Of course, it doesn't always happen in this order and one of the most painful experiences for any parent is losing a child: it just doesn't seem right and is the wrong way round. But when you lose the second parent there is a sense that now we are the 'senior relatives' in the family tree. Perhaps we also begin to take the lead on issues which our parents would have decided or guided.

Next Thursday, forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. Having risen from the dead, Jesus appeared on several occasions in different locations. Sometimes this was in Jerusalem, sometimes in the Galilee area. Some of these encounters were one-to-one, others involved a pair of disciples (on the road to Emmaus) and then to the whole group. On each of these occasions Jesus brought the gift of peace to his disciples and then encouraged them to believe that what he had said would happen really had taken place. He was alive and real.

When Jesus disappeared from their sight on the Mount of Olives he left behind a group of disciples whom he had instructed and with whom he had shared so much. He was relying on them to now get on with the task of spreading the Good News he came to proclaim. He needed them to 'grow up' and devise ways of carrying out the mission he had given them as adults. Of course, he was still with them in spirit, the Holy Spirit, but it was to be the start of a new phase in their lives as well as the life of the Church. Perhaps we could describe them as 'Adult Orphans' but gifted with the power of God's Spirit to enable them to do what he had commanded. Just as we might find ourselves thinking 'what would my Mum have done in this situation' or 'what would my Dad have said about this', so too the disciples had that inspiration to guide them.

Next Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation which means that, if at all possible, we should take part in a celebration of Mass. **Here at Corpus Christi we have Mass as usual at 10am and then at 7pm.** Other nearby churches have Mass at various times and these can be checked on their websites. But we don't just come to Mass out of obligation: we come because it is a Feast of Joy marking a crucial stage in the story of Christianity. Jesus, who had lived on earth as one like us, returns to his Father and thereby encourages his followers to take on adult responsibilities. He entrusts the building of the Kingdom of God on earth to his disciples – to us.

Fr John

"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**

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from 11th - 15th May inc. Reopens Monday 18th May.



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



ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the Memorial room. We are a local lay group who interact with other ACI groups in many different countries. We come together once a month. We support each other through friendship and union. With our interaction with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we share their charism and deepen our spirituality and understanding through Saint Raphaela Mary. Come & see, all welcome. **ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) No Monday meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday.** The next Monday meeting will be on **29th June at 11am in the Memorial Room.** . 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 **20th May and 3rd June.** 7-9pm in Memorial Room. Info from Jack on 07710306543

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 21st May 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. All welcome.



THANK YOU for your sponsorship / donation to my 13-mile fund raising walk for Alzheimer/Dementia. The following link is open till August 1st for donations - www.justgiving.com/page/allan-wheeler-1 Or if you prefer to donate in cash call me on 07782968593. **Thanking You, Allan**

MANY THANKS to our Cafod supporters for your donations in aid of the Clothe Swap Big thanks also to the helpers. We raised £ 265. We could not have done it without you and this money will change lives . **The Cafod team**

FOOD BANK THANKS "Dear Corpus Christi Parish, Thank you for your continued support of the YMCA Stourvale Centre's food bank. Your generosity plays a vital role in helping families in our community access essential food supplies. We would like to share a brief update on the impact of recent contributions. Summarised extract: "For the period January 2025 to April 2026, the YMCA Stourvale Centre distributed 498 food parcels to: Bournemouth foodbanks; families; BCHA/night shelter/hostel; preschools; BCP centres; and YMCA." 95% plus of the food donations received, has come from Corpus Christi Parish. We are sincerely grateful for your commitment in allowing us reach families who rely on these services. Thank you. **The Stourvale Centre**" More Information can be found on the notice board at the back of the Church.

VACANCIES Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint the following;

- ◆ **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. Closing date: **midday Thursday 14th May**
- ◆ **Classroom Teacher** who is passionate, highly motivated, enthusiastic and hardworking and who will support the future development of our much loved school. This role begins as a fixed term contract position with the potential to become permanent. **The closing date is midday Monday 18th May 2026**

More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk

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

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.



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.

VOCATIONS: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that their love for Christ may open them to the Holy Spirit's voice and reveal the path He has prepared for them, let us pray to the Lord.

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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