



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: Tues 19: Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A 17th May 2026

Celebrating with joy!

At the 10am Mass this weekend the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will be presented to the Parish. Their photos are currently on display next to the Easter Candle and we should keep them and their families in our prayers ahead of the First Communion Mass next Saturday, 23rd May. We have 58 children who have journeyed together since last autumn to reach this point which is always a memorable and happy step in becoming fully part of the Catholic Church community. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are the three Sacraments which bring an individual into full and complete membership of the Church. No matter how long ago, most of us can still remember our First Communion Day – the excitement and joy at being able to receive the gift of Jesus in this Sacrament. We congratulate all the children involved.

In a few weeks' time, on Sunday 7th June, we celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. As in previous years, we will welcome back the First Communion children in their special clothes and invite them to join us in a Procession at the end of the Sunday morning Mass. On that day children from Corpus Christi Primary School will take the lead by proclaiming the Readings and leading the Bidding Prayers. The connection between our Catholic Schools and the Parish is a bond we value and continue to develop. Related to that, thank you to every parishioner who wrote a message of prayerful support for those sitting important exams, and who are continuing to hold those students in their prayers during what can be quite a challenging time.

Improvements in the Church. You may have noticed, after many months when the bell was silent, that it is back and ringing the Angelus at noon and 6pm. Local people as well as parishioners had said how much they missed the sound and it has taken a lot of work to get it functioning. The cost was covered by part of a legacy received by the parish. Some people had also commented about the poor state of the lighting on the Crucifix behind the altar. Most of the spotlights had ceased to work so two new sets of lights have been installed, as well as a new light shining on the martyrs panel next to the Lady Chapel. Also replaced are the mats near all the doors of the church – the old ones having become extremely worn and shabby. In the near future we expect a significant bill for repairs and maintenance of the Organ which needs to be done by specialists. In a church as large as ours, work often comes at a significant cost, but the building is part of our heritage and we must do our best to maintain it and even enhance it when the opportunity arises.

Fr John

Please Note: Because our First Communion Mass is at 11am next Saturday 23rd May, there will be no 10am Mass that morning and no Confessions at the usual time.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 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 (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**

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.

VACANCY Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint a **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 midday 2026** More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk

STELLA MARIS MASS for seafarers and fishers in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth, on **Monday 8 June** at 12.15pm, followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by emailing roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org by Tuesday 28 May 2026.

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.

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT run by the Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight, **13th - 15th June.** It wants to explore how Catholic families are called to be "...like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season." (Ps 1:3) Our couples' retreats want to give space for the couple to nurture their relationship in the love of God, to grow in their communication and explore their renewed purpose and mission. For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS (use the small brown envelopes) Please clearly state the intention and if the person is **deceased (RIP) or living.** Can you also please **put a telephone number on the envelope.** ~~ Please note, that **If the preferred date is not free then the Mass intention will be put on the nearest date available.**~~ The envelopes can be put in the Offering baskets at Communion, given to the Priest or dropped into the Parish Office. Donation can also be made online - CDP BOURNEMOUTH CORPUS CHRISTI Sort code **30-93-04.** Parish Account number: **01786041** Please put MASS INT & SURNAME as the reference.

VOCATIONS: "All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them." Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that we may strengthen vocations dedicated to spreading God's Word throughout the world, 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 Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

