



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:** (Ordinary Time now resumes)

Mon 25: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church    Tues 26: St Philip Neri    Wed 27: St Augustine of Canterbury  
Thurs 28: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the Earth.



## PENTECOST Sunday of Easter Year A 24th May 2026

### The Significance of Pentecost

Marking fifty days since Easter, we now celebrate the inpouring of the Holy Spirit which enables disciples to fulfil the task we have been given: 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.' The apostles had been commissioned to tell all people everywhere about Jesus; the magnificent sign of being understood by everyone without a language barrier serves to encapsulate this task given to the apostles and their successors.

As time passes initial fervour usually fades, but since this fervour is stirred up by the power of a living God, it continues to burst out in every generation of believers. People still find their lives drastically transformed through an encounter with Christ; many still find the Spirit so invigorating that sacrifices are undertaken with joyful serenity; individuals stand firm to witness in a corrupt society, and countless numbers spread love and peace daily among those around them. But there is still much to be done. Living in the Spirit we can work as harvesters and play our part in establishing God's kingdom on earth.

Praying to be filled with the gifts of God's Holy Spirit is not something separate from our daily lives – in fact quite the opposite. It is precisely *through* receiving these gifts that we are able to live our lives in the way that Jesus asks us to. Remember the list of those seven Gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord [*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.1831.*] Just imagine if these took hold to a greater extent in the hearts of all believers: what a world it would be. As many of us pray so often: 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.' The results can be wonderful, marvellous, as the Spirit then prompts a response and we produce the fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity. [*Catechism, n.1832.*]

There is no 'minimum age' to receive the gifts of God's Holy Spirit. It begins with baptism and is sealed in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Saturday this weekend we welcomed lots of children to the Eucharist and to share with us for the very first time the Body and Blood of Our Lord. First Communion Day is always a special moment in someone's life, and in the life of the wider community too because it is a sign of life, of growth, of the future. We pray for these children and their families as they continue their journey in faith.

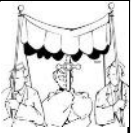
'Come Holy Spirit, fill; the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit that they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.' This is what our world needs – nothing less.

**Fr John**

**OUR PARISH URGENTLY REQUIRES Readers for the Saturday Vigil 6pm and the Sunday 5pm Masses.**

We have plenty for the Sunday 10am Mass. But we only have 3 readers on the monthly rota for Saturday Vigil and 4 for the Sunday 5pm Mass (2 of these people are also reading at other masses). **If you can please help in spreading the word of God in this important Ministry**, email your details (inc which mass you can read at) to Sandra in the Parish Office on [office@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk](mailto:office@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk) or call 01202 425286 or speak to Fr John. **The next rota is going out soon (mid June), so please reply asap. Thank you.**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** on **Sunday 7 June**. 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. *We especially hope that our First Holy Communion children and families will be able to join us for the procession.*



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

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** "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 meeting** will be **3rd June**. 7-9pm in Memorial Room. *Info from Jack on 07710306543*

**YOUTH MASS** Sunday 7th June at 5pm. Refreshments served at a beach hut in Boscombe afterwards (20 minute walk) weather permitting. Please bring snacks & drinks to share. If there is anyone who feels they could help (maybe a young adult) with the youth mass, please contact Nicola on 07932 142594



**YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING** for year 5 families considering St Peter's for Year 7 entry in September 2027. On **Tuesday 9 June 2026 6pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)** at ST PETER'S SECONDARY SCHOOL St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH. Join us to learn more about St Peter's • Discover what makes St Peter's unique • Learn about the admissions process and key deadlines • Find out how places are allocated • Enjoy a short tour of our outstanding facilities. *See poster.*



**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY** The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint an **Early years & KS1 SEND Teaching Assistant** to help us achieve our aims of getting the best from all our children in their learning and personal development. More information on school website [www.cccpschool.co.uk](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk) **The closing date is midday Wednesday 17th June 2026.**

**STELLA MARIS MASS** for seafarers and fishers in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth, on **Monday 8 June** at 12.15pm. RSVP by emailing: [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto: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](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) in Bishop's Office.

**ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR** concert with Bournemouth Concert Brass on **Sat 4th July at 7.30pm** in St Peter's church, PARKSTONE, BH14 0NN. Tickets £12, £10 or £5 - scan QR code. *See poster.*



**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, TURIN & ASSISI 2026** with Portsmouth Diocese. **Lourdes dates are 6-10th July** and **Turin & Assisi dates are 20-26th July**. Cost and more information can be obtained by emailing Canon PJ Smith on [Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) or [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org).

**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. To find out more, please contact Mrs S Wallace-Abbott, Clerk to the Governing Body on [swo@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**VOCATIONS:** "Receive the Holy Spirit." On the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of love, truth, and service. In priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, the Holy Spirit strengthens hearts to answer God's call courageously, guiding, inspiring, and sanctifying their work in the world. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, that more men and women may be filled with His grace and step boldly into their vocations.

**INTENTIONS:** For our parish, that we may be a spirit-filled community, nurturing vocations through prayer and joyful witness, 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](mailto:accounts@corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk)  
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