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"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: Thurs 11: St Barnabas Fri 12: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Sat 13: St Anthony of Padua

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord.



## CORPUS CHRISTI Sunday Year A 7th June 2026



### Corpus Christi – our Parish Feast

This Feast was instituted in 1264 by Pope Urban IV. It was heavily inspired by the Eucharistic visions of a 13th-century Belgian nun, St Juliana of Liege and the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena [worth googling for the full story]. It commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It puts a joyful focus on the Sacrament, affirming the belief that the bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Christ [transubstantiation]. From the start, the 'HOW?' of the Eucharist has been a source of difficulty for that earthly individual each of us has within. 'How can this be?' (John 6:52). The fact is that the Eucharist will never be a means of spreading the faith, which is the very reason the early Church reserved it teaching about it to the baptised only. It cannot be a starting point on the journey of faith but comes further along that path.

A gift made to a friend contains something of the donor. In the lowliness and weakness of the eucharistic bread Christ gives himself totally. As we experience our hunger and want each day, as Israel did in the desert, so too from one eucharist to the next we journey towards our final dwelling where the banquet God has prepared will last forever. God's plan is to draw people to himself; to be present in their daily lives, to dwell in their midst, in living communion. Finally, there is the mind-stretching expectation of the coming of God for which we hope, without being able to imagine it. The mystery of the Eucharist is both a challenge and a reassurance that God is with us.

Last Wednesday all the children at Corpus Christi School celebrated this feast. At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession around the church, through the midst of the pupils, staff and parishioners as a sign of the close presence of Jesus. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather we couldn't process around the road to the school playground (which we've done in previous years) but, nevertheless, this was a special moment for the whole school. This Sunday, after the 10am Mass we will again process with the Blessed Sacrament carried in our midst. Some of us might remember taking part in such processions when we were young: I can well remember walking around the streets in Brockley, London, with girls scattering rose petals (boys didn't get to throw them!). It is a sign and witness to the faith we share in the Eucharist - which for us as Catholics is absolutely central.

**Fr John**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHARD ARTHUR** who was recently presented with a Papal Blessing from Pope Leo XIV, by Fr John & Andrea Hoyland, a CAFOD representative, in recognition for his work with CAFOD and his unwavering commitment to service to his community for over 25 years. Richard said "It was an honour and privilege, but in receiving it I want to share it with all of the parish who have supported me and CAFOD in the past 25 years, in particular my team members." Read the full article at: <https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/26158113.pope-leo-xiv-honours-boscombe-resident-award/>

*Richard with Fr John & Andrea Hoyland from CAFOD, Portsmouth.*



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE** For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**THE DIGNITY CENTRE, BOURNEMOUTH HAS NOW CLOSED.** Therefore, there will no longer be a collection box in the porch. **THANK YOU** for all the clothes and vouchers donated which have helped so many people in need.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children 14th & 28th June at 10am Sunday Mass. General age guide for this Liturgy is children 4 to 7yrs. Parents please sign in. CLOW team.

**YOUTH MASS TODAY (7th) 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, contact Nicola on 07932 142594



**ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING Tuesday 9th June at 7pm** in the Memorial room. We are a local lay group who interact with other ACI groups in many countries. We come together once a month & support each other through friendship & union. With our interaction with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we share their charism, deepen our spirituality & understanding through Saint Raphaela Mary. Come & see, all welcome.

**SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 25th June 2pm - 3.30pm** in the Memorial Room. All welcome.



**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 or scan QR code to book..



**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY** for an **Early years & KS1 SEND Teaching Assistant.** To get more information go to school website [www.cccpschool.co.uk](http://www.cccpschool.co.uk) **The closing date is midday Wed 17th June 2026.**

**DISCOVERING CHESTERTON CONFERENCE** London Sat 13th June. Learn about life and work of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Catholic journalist, novelist, lecturer, playwright, poet, beloved husband, even potential saint! Booking Required Ticket Price: £15. To book, email [catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel, 07795205114. Light Lunch provided! [www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk](http://www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk)

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



**A DAY WITH MARY Sat 18th July 9.30am - 4.30pm** in Bournemouth Oratory, Richmond Hill Bournemouth. See poster for more details.

**ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 27th JUNE** "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to share Christ's love with others. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker **Jenny Baker**, National Leader of Celebrate Trust and Conferences Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJUN2026](http://bit.ly/ADOREJUN2026) Details at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

**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)

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**, 21st - 28th August 2026 See poster on noticeboard for further details. Come in procession and respond to Our Lady's son to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves. Contact: [frances@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto:frances@catholicassociation.co.uk)

**WHAT IS CARITAS PORTSMOUTH?** Caritas Portsmouth is a social action team within Portsmouth Diocese who help parishes to support their local community, to support the vulnerable, & address issues such as poverty, homelessness, isolation, domestic abuse, modern slavery, migrants & refugees Go to: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/caritas/>

**LEAVE YOUR MARK** We all would like to leave a legacy, to make a mark, to make a difference in the lives of our families and friends, and within our communities. A gift in your will to the Church, no matter how big or small, is a wonderful way to support your Catholic community, ensuring your faith lives on. For more help, including a Will Planner, scan the QR code or contact: [legacygiving@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:legacygiving@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**VOCATIONS:** "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Priests spend their lives praying for us, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding us closer to Christ. Take time to pray for them, asking God to bless their ministry and grow their holiness as they continue to serve the Church with love and dedication. Consider offering your prayers, sacrifices, or acts of service in gratitude for priests today.

**INTENTIONS:** For the Church, that priests who feed us the Body of Christ may inspire others to follow His call to priesthood, 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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