



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

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: Wed 22: St Mary Magdalene Thurs 23: St Bridget of Sweden Sat 25: St James

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

16th Sunday of Year A 19th July 2026

Change for the sake of change – or a new direction?

Just imagine if you were looking at Secondary Schools for your child. You research results and check websites for a feeling of what makes the school unique. And then you would probably want to visit and take part in an Open Evening or something like that to see for yourself because this is an important decision and choice in the life of your son or daughter. How would you react if you were told that the School you were considering had had seven Headteachers in the past ten years? Alarm bells would surely ring. 'What on earth is the problem' you'd wonder before – probably – crossing that school off your list of possibles.

Or imagine if our Diocese of Portsmouth was on its seventh bishop in ten years! Whoever was being considered for the role would have serious questions about what was going wrong. Or seven Popes in ten years. Impossible to comprehend because the lack of continuity would stop any real progress and development from taking place. People need time to achieve a change of direction.

You may think this all sounds ridiculous – and you'd be absolutely right. But this is precisely what's about to happen in our country with the arrival of yet another Prime Minister in 10 Downing Street. I wonder what the past six PMs are thinking as they watch this changing of the guard? David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss (!), Rishi Sunak and Kier Starmer must be wishing Andy Burnham good luck but at the same time wondering whether this is now an impossible job. As some commentators have asked: are we now an ungovernable country? Can anyone lead us forward to better days? Or do we just expect far too much for the taxes we pay? Andy Burnham strikes me as a decent enough man, with experience of government in Westminster and a track record as Mayor of Manchester. The signs are good although we have yet to hear his vision for our country. One of the criticisms of the Starmer era was that, with a large majority after the last General Election, he and his Chancellor constantly talked things down, telling us how terrible the economy was and failing to enthuse and give people hope.

We need a message and vision of hope. There are massive challenges facing this country – not least of which is national security and defence. The new Prime Minister will find an in-tray piled high when he moves into Downing Street in the coming days. He'll need a good team around him because no one individual could possibly deal with everything that will quickly come his way. Inevitably, as he makes decisions, some people will be disappointed and feel let down. Popularity usually takes a dip when responsibility requires tough choices. Andy Burnham has said that one of the figures who inspired him as a young man was Archbishop Derek Worlock, when he was in Liverpool having moved from Portsmouth Diocese. Interesting. We should wait and see what unfolds with an open mind. And we should pray for our new Prime Minister because the job he is taking on has so many consequences for so many people. He'll need time to make a difference.

Father John



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE FREE event - 'King's Praise in King's Park' on Saturday 8th August 4 - 7pm. Come and join us. Next to King's Park Leisure and Learning Centre. An evening of praise and fun with activities for children. Bring a picnic! Bring a friend! **All welcome.**

SUMMER CHANGE OF MASS TIME - from 22nd JULY, WEDNESDAY Mass will be at 10am until the end of August - it will go back to 9am in September.



STELLA MARIS Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. **Our parish raised £594.47.** Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

RED BOX 2025: THANK YOU! In 2025, Corpus Christi Parish raised **£1983.63** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Corpus Christi Parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 23rd July 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



ALLEGIANCE - FANNING THE FLAME Catholic Mission Summer Camp Age range: 11-17 Monday 17th 3pm – 5pm Friday 21st August (Parents are welcome to join us from 3:30pm for our final mass) in **St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury**. Cost: £195 Details/booking form from www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk Limited spaces - Book Now.

CHAPLAINCY ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT VACANCY **St Peter's school** are looking for a part-time admin assistant to work alongside the School Chaplain. 18 hours a week; term time only. More details on the school website: www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk (look at 'school information...staff vacancies'). **Closing date 8am 3rd Sept.**

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

WEEK SILENT RETREAT at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the **Isle of Wight - 21st - 28th August 2026**. Time to be renewed, empowered, re-energised by being with and listening to God. "Come to Me and you will live..." (Is. 55:3) For more info, please contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: **2nd - 4th Oct.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

A PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation: "The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on **11 September**. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.

"The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. "I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." **ACT NOW – Contact your MP**

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition.

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. Go to: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

VOCATIONS: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a priestly or religious vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that priests may sow seeds of faith throughout God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord. We pray for Fr Jack Ryan ordained to the Sacred Priesthood yesterday. We also pray for Dcn Ryan Hawkes, who was ordained as a Deacon earlier this month. **May they be strengthened in his love for the Lord and His flock and blessed in their future ministry in our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.**

JESUIT & FRIENDS Please take a copy of the new edition of Jesuit & Friends. It includes articles on 20 Years of Pray as you Go and the Wisdom of Bees! There is also obituaries of Fr Paul Hackett SJ and Fr Gregory (Rory) Geoghegan SJ. **May they both rest in peace.**

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**

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