



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 29: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus Fri 31: St Ignatius of Loyola Sat 1: St Alphonsus Liguori
Tues 4: St John Vianney Thurs 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord Sat 8: St Dominic

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: 17th: O Lord, how I love your law!
18th: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.



**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS &
A HAPPY & SAFE JOURNEY TO PARISHIONERS TRAVELLING AWAY**



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

17th & 18th Sundays of Year A 26th July & 2nd August 2026

Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Cardinal Kevin Farrell is the Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life [the Department in the Vatican which leads on these issues]. He sent a letter to accompany a message from Pope Leo on the theme for this year's special Day which focuses on Grandparents and the Elderly. In his letter, the Cardinal has written:

"The theme chosen by Pope Leo for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, including through the frailties of old age. Since it was established, this day has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures but as a permanent central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

This year there is a special emphasis on closeness to others. Parishes are asked to reach out directly to those who live alone, are staying in care homes, or have no visitors. This Day is a tangible opportunity for everyone – especially young people – to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly those who are completely isolated. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is a beautiful highlight, a privileged moment of the Church's broader ongoing pastoral care towards our older brothers and sisters, and is not designed to replace the continuous, rich pastoral life that must animate Christian communities throughout the year."

There are copies of Pope Leo's message for this Day available at the back of the church so please take a copy to read and reflect upon its contents.

A personal note. I never got to meet my grandfathers but did have the blessing of both grandmothers living to a good old age. The relationship between grandparents and grandchildren is unique. I can remember seeing my father interact with his grandchildren and it was different from the way he related to us, his children. As some grandparents like to observe: 'you can enjoy the grandkids – and then they go home!' The sad fact is that I visit people in Care and Nursing Homes who never see their children or grandchildren for months on end, even though a number live within easy reach. It is sad, and a disgrace. Contact with younger generations can make such a difference to an elderly person who has an abundance of time on their hands. They don't ask for much and a visit shouldn't be a chore. In the Ten Commandments we are taught to honour our fathers and mothers. Surely that must extend to our grandfathers and grandmothers - not as a duty but purely out of love.

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. See poster.

~~~**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 27th - 31st July and 24th - 28th August (also 31st August Bank Holiday).**~~~



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

**ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE)** The next **Monday meeting 27th July at 11am in the Memorial Room**. The ACI Family - is a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved through the Eucharist. *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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) or [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org)

**ADOREMUS 2026** in London on **Saturday 10th October 2026**, with Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. DAY TRIP FROM SOUTHAMPTON - Book your place on the Adoremus Pilgrimage by **3rd August, 2026** to travel by coach, departing **St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, Southampton**.



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

**BISHOP PHILIP STATEMENT ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X (SSPX)**. "It is with sorrow and a heavy heart that I write to you today. On 1st July, against the express directive of the Holy Father, and so without a papal mandate, four priests of the Society of St. Pius X, the SSPX, were ordained bishops at Écône in Switzerland. By this defiant act, the two consecrating bishops & the four new bishops incurred excommunication *latae sententiae*, the most serious penalty of all. The SSPX and its members reject teachings of the Second Vatican Council & many of the developments since. With this ordination, they have formally broken away from the Church. Please pray for them and for all involved. In response, the Vatican has declared the ordinations a 'schismatic act.' Sadly, this means that all the bishops and priests who belong to the SSPX and the laypeople who exclusively attend their services are now excommunicated. The Masses they offer are illicit. Attendance at them does not fulfil the Sunday obligation. The sacraments they celebrate - of marriage and confession - are invalid." <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue541?e=bc006c9601>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST** For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**VOCATIONS**: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. "You give them something to eat." Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your parish priest or call 01329 318 869 or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**INTENTIONS**: **For the Church**, that priests, consecrated, and married couples may seek God's treasure above all else and serve with joyful hearts, let us pray to the Lord. **For families**, that they may encourage children to recognize and respond to God's prompting, 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) Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No.1199568

