



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: Mon 10: St Laurence Tues 11: St Clare Fri 14: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.



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



19th Sunday of Year A 9th August 2026

Some time off – and maybe a change of scene

I read this week that our new Prime Minister is taking a two-week summer break. One newspaper commented that this was ridiculous given he has only been in the job for a few weeks. Of course, this conveniently ignored the fact that Andy Burnham was doing a big job in Manchester in the weeks before he was elected to Parliament and moved into Downing Street. Why on earth shouldn't he – and his family – have some time off? To suggest otherwise is ludicrous and forgets that the Prime Minister is a human being who needs to try and switch off now and then.

Pope Leo has just returned to the Vatican after spending much of July at the Papal summer residence in Castelgandolfo. He didn't switch off completely and continued meeting people, leading the Angelus and visiting places of interest. It was good to see that one of his brothers joined him and they went to see Subiaco and other sites. We shouldn't forget that the Pope is a member of a family and is a human being like the rest of us. Unlike Pope Francis who chose not to use the Summer Residence, Pope Leo values the peace and tranquility of Castelgandolfo and tries to get there on Monday evening to spend Tuesday reading, reflecting and preparing Homilies and Talks. He is only seventy years old and could well be our Pope for years to come. Pacing himself, keeping physically fit (he swims and plays tennis) and looking after his mental health and spiritual well-being are all sensible and essential. If he doesn't recharge his batteries, he'll have less to give or offer in his ministry.

When looking at the balance in our own lives it isn't easy for everyone to take time off, or to get away to somewhere different. Not everyone can afford a holiday but what we can all do is try and protect some space in our busy lives to enjoy with family and friends, perhaps a walk along the seafront or in the New Forrest. With children off school at the moment there are opportunities which don't exist normally. But the reality is that parents still need to work which is why, if available, grandparents and others step in and help out.

So, watching out for each other's well-being, making space in time and place, is just as important as looking after ourselves. If we don't, before you know it September will be upon us, school uniforms prepared and we get back into the usual loop – with the next stop Christmas! Finding even a little time in the coming month isn't really a luxury, it is essential.

Talking of which, I shall be away from this Tuesday, 11th August, for a couple of weeks. Once again, I am truly grateful to Father Denis and Father Brendan for ensuring that Mass is offered during my absence. On one weekend Canon John Kavanagh will be celebrating the Masses, and on some days Deacon Greg will lead a Service of Word & Communion in place of the Mass.

Father John



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.

Papal-Inspired Thought (Paraphrased from Pope Francis) "Holidays are not a luxury — they are a time to rediscover the beauty of creation, of family, and of God's quiet voice."



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

MANY THANKS for all your support. The Wellness Group Boscombe raised **£3222.20** for Macmillan on the Mighty Hike on 4th July. *Tina Reidy.*

YOUTH MASS on Sunday **6th September** at 5pm. Come and join your friends with refreshments afterwards. 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 on 3rd Sept.**

VACANCIES CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BH5 2BX The Governors of our friendly and successful school are seeking to appoint:

- **Midday Supervisor** - to join our team who will be responsible for supervising pupils during the lunch break and maintaining a safe, secure, clean and hygienic environment in which to eat food for the children, staff and visitors at all times. Closing date is midday **Thursday 3rd September 2026.**
- **SEND Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor** - to help us achieve our aims of getting the best from all our children in their learning and personal development. Closing date is midday **Thursday 7th September 2026.**

More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk

CLEANER VACANCY Sacred Heart Bournemouth - go to <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about/careers/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – POOLE PORT AND POOLE HARBOUR FISHING FLEET Stella Maris, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers and fishers, is seeking volunteers to join our ministry at Poole Port and among the fishing fleet in Poole Harbour.

As a volunteer, you will accompany the Port Chaplain or experienced volunteers in visiting merchant ships and fishing vessels, offering a warm welcome, practical support, and a listening ear to those who work at sea. This is a rewarding opportunity to live out the Church's mission to people of the sea and make a real difference to seafarers and fishers, many of whom spend long periods away from home.

No previous experience is necessary, and full training will be provided by the Port Chaplain.

For more information, please contact Luke Phillips at luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY **Saturday 10 October 9:30am –1:30pm** at St Bede's, Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGY PROJECT - DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS on 17th October Day for Readers - 9am to 1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Please RSVP to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 22nd August 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "LOVE MERCY" - Responding to God's mercy to us by forgiving others. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Fr Gareth Leyshon, Leader of the Sion Community. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2026

VOCATIONS: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For those discerning their vocation, that they may find courage and confidence in God's call, 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
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