



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: Thurs 20: St Bernard Fri 21: St Pius X Sat 22: The Queenship of Mary

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength



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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A 16th August 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Gospel for the Mass of the Day puts before us an exchange of blessings and praise between the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. It is chosen for reading on this solemnity because it lights up the privileges of Mary, who is so closely connected with the glory of her risen Son.

'Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb.' If the Virgin's child is blessed, how could she not be so herself? The foundation of all Mary's privileges is her divine maternity. Linked so closely to the redeeming incarnation of the Son of God, Mary can hardly not share in his resurrection.

But her true greatness is to be found even more in her faith, which caused her 'to conceive first of all in her heart, before ever in her womb' (St Augustine). 'Blessed is she who believed ...' Indeed, she accepted the message given her by the angel Gabriel and, as well, all the consequences it implied. A vocation is always a journey of discovery. The act of faith asked of Mary at Nazareth had to be renewed, filled out, constantly deepened, taken right to the very end: to the cross itself, where Jesus asked her to receive John (representing the Church) as another son.

Only then could Mary really sing the Magnificat which St Luke puts on her lips on the day of the Visitation. Elizabeth praised Mary, Mary praises God: he who looked down upon his lowly handmaid, his mercy which reaches from age to age for those most in need of salvation. In the last analysis, the explanation of the mystery of the assumption is in that unique love of God for his own which makes him do such great things.

At different times throughout the year we celebrate aspects of Mary and her role. We remember her Immaculate Conception, her Motherhood of the Church, the Annunciation, and her sorrows too. Each feast brings an aspect of Mary, her calling and her life into focus. Taken together they give us a complete and well-rounded appreciation of the unique part she was asked to play in God's Plan of Salvation. In the Feast of her Assumption into heaven we concentrate on that time when, having faithfully fulfilled all that God had asked of her, she was received into the fullness of his presence where she remains for all eternity. Far from distancing Mary from us, this feast spurs us on, to imitate Mary in faith – filled with the belief and hope that we may one day join her.

Father John



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – POOLE PORT AND POOLE HARBOUR FISHING FLEET Stella Maris, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers and fishers, is seeking volunteers to join their 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

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 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.

REPOSITORY: The Repository will be closed Sunday 30th August.

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 6th September at 5pm. Come and join your friends with refreshments afterwards. All welcome



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/>
Applications close today (16th August)

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

LAMPS AND SALT LIGHT presents SHANTIES, STORIES. SPOKEN WORD TALES OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES **Wed, 2 September 2026 at 7pm in St. Joseph Catholic Church**, Pure well, Christchurch Adult £15 inc a glass of wine and small selection of cheese afterwards. Meet the cast afterwards Purchase tickets online at Ticket Source using QR code or contact Felicia on 07982776923 Under 16 tickets available for £10



A PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE 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**. "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 can help with this - Go to: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY? Here are some sites to help you stay connected with your faith.

- ♦ Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. Go to <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/>
Or email: universitychaplaincy@rcaos.org.uk
- ♦ Find your local parish church at: <https://catholicdirectory.org/>
- ♦ Find your local Christian Union - Go to: <https://www.uccf.org.uk/christian-unions>
- ♦ Take Pray As You Go with you! Go to <https://prayasyougo.org/> 10/13 minutes, of music, scripture & reflection.



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: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary's faith is a model for consecrated life, trusting God's promises completely. Is there an area of your life where you could trust God more? Might He be calling you to follow her example? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that we may celebrate consecrated life in prayer and praise, following Mary's example, 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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