



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, 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/

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 24: St Bartholomew Thurs 27: St Monica Fri 28: St Augustine of Hippo Sat 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist Thurs 3: St Gregory The Great

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: 21st: O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. 22nd: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.



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



DOUBLE NEWSLETTER

21st & 22nd Sundays of Year A 23rd & 30th August 2026

Called to be Saints

Whilst on holiday in Italy, this week I spent a day visiting Assisi – set on a hill in the Umbrian countryside. In August it can be very busy as pilgrims and visitors fill the car parks and crowd the streets as they spend time looking but also 'soaking up' the feel of the place. I'm always struck by the groups of young people attracted by the example of simplicity and poverty embodied in St Francis who was at peace within himself and at ease with the natural environment around him. This year is the 800th anniversary of Francis' death (1226-2026) and so even more people are making the trip to spend time in Assisi, including a visit to the Basilica di San Francesco where his body can be venerated in the crypt.

I also made my way into La Basilica di Santa Chiara (the Basilica of St Clare) who founded the Poor Clares alongside her brother who established the Franciscan Order. Housed in this church is the original crucifix through which Christ spoke to Francis commanding him to 'rebuild my church'. This was meant as an instruction to help renew the spiritual building of the Church, which to an extent had lost its way in the 13th Century. Wending my way down into the crypt to venerate the body of St Clare I was struck by the many nationalities and languages of the people queuing to spend a few moments before the tomb of St Clare.

The third saint who many are now venerating in Assisi is Carlo Acutis. His body lies in La Chiesa di Santa Maria Maggiore (the Church of St Mary Major) although given the numbers queuing he may need to be moved to a larger church. You may remember that Pope Leo declared Carlo to be a saint last year (along with St Giorgio Frassati). Carlo died at the age of just fifteen after a sudden illness which meant he had only days to prepare for his death in 2006. Born in London but brought up in Milan, an interesting fact is that his parents were not really practising Catholics back then. It is said his faith was nurtured by his Polish nanny. Carlo's faith impacted and strengthened that of others, including his parents. It is a story of how, living faithfully, an individual can help the faith of another grow – we are instruments of the Lord in the world in which we live. That Polish nanny was evangelising, sharing the Good News, with the child entrusted to her care.

Saints come from very age, grow up in every part of the world, and are from all walks of life. Our Catholic Church has an immensely rich history of saints and martyrs (not least in this country) and it is something we should treasure and celebrate. Whether it be St Francis and St Clare eight hundred years ago, or St Carlo Acutis just twenty years ago, they stand before us as witnesses and examples of how it is possible to live the Gospel, serve others, and stay close to Christ as members of his body, the Church. Doing so takes us to that place which God has in mind for each of us:

Father John



FUNERAL FOR RICHARD ARTHUR RIP will be on Wednesday 26th August at 11.30am. May his soul rest in peace. **Please note:** there will be **no 10am Mass** that day.

SERVICES OF WORD & COMMUNION will be led by Deacon Greg on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th August at 10am.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 24th - 28th August (also 31st August Bank Holiday).



MASS TIME - WEDNESDAY Mass will go back to 9am on 2nd September.



CONGRATULATIONS.

to all our young people who have recently received their exam results.
Whatever your future holds, God will always be there to help and guide you. Just ask!



24 HOUR FAST Father Denis will be doing another 24 hour water-only fast in church to pray for an end to the killing in the Holy Land. It will take place from the **10am mass on Friday 11th September until the 10am mass on Saturday 12th September.** Church will be open all night. You are invited to come along at any time to pray silently along with him, and maybe even fast with him.



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



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, who had good reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe last year. Purchase tickets online at Ticket Source using QR code or contact Felicia on 07982776923 Under 16 tickets available for £10



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 3rd September 2026.**

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

A PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE 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! Archbishop Richard Moth. Go to: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

DOREST POLICE - TOP TIPS FOR SAFE ATM USE Be aware of your surroundings; Protect your PIN; Be wary of distractions; If something doesn't seem right, trust your instincts; Use indoor cash machines where possible

If your card is not returned immediately, contact your bank straight away on 159, the national hotline that connects you safely to your bank's fraud team. **Do not leave the location without reporting the incident if you believe your card may have been retained.** Ask your bank to block or freeze the card until the situation is resolved.

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.

VOCATIONS: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our parish, that our gratitude for the gift of the priesthood may inspire more men to hear and respond to God's call, let us pray to the Lord. For those discerning their vocation, that they may follow God's call with selflessness, 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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