



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: Tues 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: O that you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.

23rd Sunday of Year A 6th September 2026

A collection of thoughts

In my work as an Army Chaplain, I encountered Gurka soldiers on many occasions. They were always extremely respectful, quite reserved, dedicated and demonstrated incredible resilience. These are all qualities the British Army values and lie behind the reason that each year more young men from Nepal are recruited to join Gurka Regiments. Historically there has always been a strong bond between Nepal and this country. But no matter how tough, how physically and mentally robust people are, the devastation which has been wrought on their mountain kingdom is almost impossible to imagine. The loss of hundreds of lives, with thousands more missing – many of whom must now be presumed to be dead – will take years to recover from. Families, homes, whole village communities were wiped out in a matter of minutes following the collapse of a chunk of the glacier high in the mountains. The pictures and reports which have emerged from that part of the magnificent Himalayas are heartbreaking. We must keep all those impacted in our prayers.

Here things are returning to 'normal' as our schools have returned and people adjust back to the weekly routine of work and home life. It has been an unusual summer as far as the weather was concerned, creating real issues for farmers (which are likely to have repercussions into the winter when it comes to food prices) but also allowing people to enjoy being outside, including at the beach. Beginning my fifth year here at Corpus Christi I now find myself taking for granted the beautiful part of Dorset in which we live. Being on the coast with cliff and seaside walks on the doorstep is not available to many people. We are very fortunate.

Every few years the Bishop authorises a Religious Order to come and appeal for our support. It is at least two years since we last had a visit here. In two weeks' time, on the weekend of 19th/20th September we will welcome Father Damian Martell from the St Patrick's Missionary Society (often known as the Kiltegan Fathers). He will speak at the three Masses that weekend and will ask for our help with the work his Order is doing. I mention this now because it isn't fair to ask contributions to a Special Collection without prior notice – so you might keep this in mind as cash or cheques will be very welcome I'm sure!

A good number of parishioners give regularly through their bank accounts to support Corpus Christi Parish. Others like to use the envelopes we make available. An increasing number choose to donate via the machines at the back of the church. For some time we have been having problems with those machines and are in the process of organising replacements which can be relied upon. I know it can be very frustrating when you wish to give and the machines are not working. Please, bear with us as we sort the problem. I am always keen to make it as easy as possible for people to make their donations – because without them the parish would grind to a halt.

Father John



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027

The application forms for next years First Holy Communion are now available at the back of church. Please take one, complete and return it to the Parish Office by **SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER at the latest**. NO late applications will be accepted. Only original applications will be accepted (no photocopies). **Please complete all sections of the form.**

We will need to see original baptism certificate, and obtain a copy, asap but it is more important to get the application form in before return date. The first parents evening will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in Church.

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.



YOUTH MASS on today (6th) at 5pm. Come and join your friends with refreshments afterwards. All welcome



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 13th and 27th September, for children between the ages of 4 - 8, where the gospel of the day is proclaimed and explored at a more age appropriate level.

We would like to register the children attending each session, before the beginning of mass, so please look out for our Children's Liturgy sign and come and say hello as you arrive at church. This will be very helpful, thank you. CLOW team.



ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING – Tuesday 8th September at 7pm in the Memorial room. We are a local lay group who interact with other ACI groups in many different countries. We come together once a month. We support each other through friendship and union. With our interaction with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we share their charism and deepen our spirituality and understanding through Saint Raphaela Mary. Come and see, all are welcome.

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) The next **Monday meeting 28th September at 11am in the Memorial Room**. The ACI Family - 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.



WHO COULD YOU INVITE? Most people who come to Alpha have received a personal invitation from someone they know. Who could you invite to the no-commitment Alpha Taster Evening, Tuesday 15th Sept, 7.30-9.15pm at St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch? Perhaps you could offer to come along with them... Or maybe you are interested in coming for yourself. Alpha is a great way to explore life's questions, develop your own faith and get to know more people on a similar journey. For full details visit our webpage: www.bccatholics.uk/alpha

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>

ADORE ONLINE MINI-RETREAT Saturday 19th September 10.00-13.00 Zoom session focusing on the theme: "HEALING - LOVE IN ACTION"- stepping out in love and faith to pray for people. ADORE leader Alastair Emblem explains: "Jesus performed many miracles of Healing and, through these signs and wonders, many believed in Him and His message of salvation and love. God still heals through His people today. The same authority and power to heal that Jesus gave to His disciples is given to us through the same Holy Spirit. This month's guest speaker is Ros Powell, a Catholic Evangelist with a healing, deliverance and prophetic ministry. Anyone can attend free of charge, but they will need to register in advance here: bit.ly/ADORESEP2026 to participate in the next Zoom meeting. A reminder invitation email will also be sent out a week before the meeting.

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 SEPTEMBER For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

VOCATIONS: "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for 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 the Church, that married couples, priests, and religious may actively cultivate reconciliation in their hearts and communities, 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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