



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 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Tues 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed 16: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

24th Sunday of Year A 13th September 2026

APPEAL BY ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY [THE KILTEGAN FATHERS]

Next weekend we welcome Father Damian Martell, a priest of St Patrick's Missionary Society. He will preach at each of the Masses, sharing news of the work his Order is doing and asking for our support - in prayer and financially. As a parish community we are always encouraged to look outwards and so it is good now and then to hear news about the life of the Church further afield.

St Patrick's Missionary Society was founded on St Patrick's Day 1932 and for 94 years has continued the work of spreading the Gospel, following the words of Jesus: 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And remember, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' [Matthew 28:19-20].

The Society had its origins in Nigeria in the 1920s when Bishop Joseph Shanahan, a member of the Holy Ghost Order, was running a huge diocese of 8 million people. He had just 23 priests to help him, so he appealed to students about to be ordained in Maynooth, the National Seminary in Ireland, to give the first five years of their priesthood to Nigeria. This marked the beginning and the Society was formally established in the 1930s. In the 1950s its work moved beyond Southern Nigeria to Kenya. With increasing numbers of young men in Ireland looking to become priests, a college was founded in Kiltegan and a House of Studies expanded in Cork. By the end of the 1950s there were nearly 200 Kiltegan priests working in Africa. Later, they moved outwards to Brazil and the West Indies, Malawi and Zambia. As recently as 1983 priests have gone to work in Sudan, Cameroon, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Times change and today all those seeking to join St Patrick's Missionary Society come from the African continent. Houses of Formation were opened in West and East Africa in 1997 and later in central Africa. After two years in their own country, students travel to South Africa for university studies in philosophy. Thereafter they move to Nairobi, Kenya, for training in theology at Tangaza College. These young men stand in the same tradition of generosity and courage which led young men to leave Ireland almost one hundred years ago to proclaim the Good News in Africa. They have the same enthusiasm and the same faith.

In this part of the world we can sometimes become dispirited as congregations shrink and we feel that growth is a thing of the past. However, taken as a whole, the Catholic world-wide is still gaining new members. Pope Leo believes that the time is ripe for a rebirth of Catholicism in Europe (hence his visits to Spain and France). Celebrating with the Kiltegan Fathers the work they have done, and continue to do, to spread the Gospel gives us a sense of energy too. We look forward to hearing Father Damian.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (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.

ANNUAL BROTHER LIONEL SPONSORED WALK in aid of **REACHING THE UNREACHED**, will be on **Sunday 4th October** in Poole Park, leaving St Mary's at 11am and the Ark at 11.30am. We thank everyone for their generosity as last year we raised £5,300 across local churches. **John Duffy will be collecting sponsorship here this weekend.** For further information contact John on 07746169601 or Mo Houlden on 01425 657321.



SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 24th September 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All 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.*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS Next ones will be **Wednesday 23rd September and 14th October, 7pm - 9pm** in the Memorial Room. For enquiries, please contact Jack on 07710306543

CAFOD FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - VOLUNTEERS/HELPERS NEEDED! Living our faith in action can be as simple as giving a few minutes of your time. **We are looking for volunteers/helpers to help** with our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal by welcoming parishioners, handing out envelopes, supporting the collection, or giving a short talk at Mass. None of the roles are time-consuming, but each one helps make a real difference for communities facing poverty and climate challenges. If you can help in any way, however small, please speak to our CAFOD volunteer, **KEVIN FLYNN on 01202 429034 or email kflynn1946@gmail.com**



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? For full details go to: **www.bccatholics.uk/alpha**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR ENTRY TO Y7 SEPTEMBER 2027 We are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 18th September from 5pm – 8.30pm at the Secondary site in Southbourne, for Y6 families who are currently making decisions about entry to Secondary school in September 2027. *See poster on board.*

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. . 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.



ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? Open 'taster' evening for **Basses & Tenors** on Tuesday 22nd September 6.30pm. Email stpcchoir1@gmail.com or call Terry on 07979591410

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH on the 25th Dec - with serving the lunch etc **for those adults who are on their own.** Please call/text Allan at 07782968593 and leave a message.

IMMANUEL CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE VACANCY - MEMORY LANE LEAD Do you have experience and a heart for working with people suffering from memory loss or dementia? We are looking for an experienced, proactive and empathetic person for this role, to start Tuesday 1st December 2026. Due to the nature of this role, there is a need for the post holder to be a practising Christian. Pay: £11,310 p/a Hours: 15 p/w. **Closing date for applications: 5pm Wednesday 30th September** Interviews: Thursday 8th October For a full Job Description and application form please contact: pastoral@immanuelssouthbourne.org - see poster on board.



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: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? 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 support all vocations through prayer, encouragement, and faithful example, letting God's generosity shine through our lives, 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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