



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 21: St Matthew Wed 23: St Pio of Pietrelcina Thurs 24: Our Lady of Walsingham

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is close to all who call him.

**NOTE: DIOCESAN COUNT OF WEEKEND MASSES from this weekend until 11th Oct. Thank you to the Count Volunteers
Please count each congregation and fill in the relevant column on the sheet in the SACRISTY. *Thank you.***

25th Sunday of Year A 20th September 2026

Fairness and Generosity

First, and very importantly, we welcome Father Damian this weekend. He is a member of St Patrick's Missionary Society (the Kiltegans) and is going to speak at each of our three weekend Masses about the work of the Society. It is good to have him with us.

Second, today's Gospel throws up a dilemma for us as we listen to the parable of the workers going into the Master's vineyard. Instinctively we can feel that the workers who started at the beginning of the day have a point when they complain about the late-comers receiving the same wage as them. After all, the employees there from the start had put in a hard day's graft whilst the others had barely lifted a finger. 'It isn't fair' is a cry you hear so often – and not just from children. People feel that there is an order, a pattern that events should follow. But then our concept of fairness is based on standards and values which draw lines, lines of equality. We feel there must be a balance, otherwise it is unfair.

But then look around the world today. Is it fair that people living in the Himalayas should suffer so much when the glacier broke away, flooding their towns and washing away people, houses and livelihoods? Of course not. Is it fair that Palestinians are being hounded out of their homes on the West Bank in the Holy Land? No, by any measure of decency it is not. Is it fair that two billionaires (having made a fortune from cryptocurrency) have so much spare cash that they can afford to donate thirty-two million pounds to a political party whilst other people struggle daily with the cost of living? Is it fair that pensioners are expecting to see their State Pension rise by 3.9% in April whilst young people can't get a foot on the housing ladder? [And I speak as one getting very close to pensionable age!] Well, people have various views on that one.

But the parable has a stark message: God is not bound by human concepts of 'fairness'. If he chooses to forgive one person a huge amount, then that's his right. He can be bounteous and generous in any way he chooses – and we have no place offering a critique of his actions. In fact, we should rejoice. In the parable, instead of whinging and complaining, the early workers should have been happy that the others received a decent wage at the end of the day. It wasn't their fault that they hadn't been picked up first.

If we spend our lives comparing what we have with what others have – especially those who have more – then we are doomed to be dissatisfied because there will always be someone with more than me. Recognising the generosity of God in our lives leads to contentment and acceptance. Or, as an older generation (perhaps our grandparents?) used to put it: 'there is always someone worse off than you.' It's true. Rather than worrying about 'fairness' we ought to be thankful.

Father John

A FULL-SIZE COPY OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS SHROUD OF TURIN is coming to **CORPUS CHRISTI MEMORIAL ROOM**, from the **evening of Fri 2nd to Sun 11th October** and will be available to view outside of service times. Many people believe the Shroud was the actual burial Shroud of Jesus Christ and the exhibition aims to tell the Gospel story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. There are original Roman nails, a replica whip, a crown of thorns and a spear, together with information boards about art, history and scientific research on the Shroud. The latest tests suggest the material dates to the first century cloth. It is possible to get an idea of the Shroud from television pictures and books but seeing it in its entirety is very challenging and moving.



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 on **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.

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

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.*

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**

CAN YOU HELP WITH ORGANISING A CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH on the 25th Dec and with serving lunch etc for those adults who are on their own. Thanking you, Allan 07782968593

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. For further information contact John on 07746169601 or Mo Houlden on 01425 657321

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE CATECHISTS' FORMATION DAY on Saturday 10th October, 9:30am–1:30pm at St Bede's, Basingstoke. Come and be refreshed, inspired, and equipped to form disciples who make disciples. To register your interest please email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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

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 - se poster on board.

VOCATIONS:

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. 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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