



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: Thurs 15: St Teresa of Avila Sat 17: St Ignatius of Antioch.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

NOTE: DIOCESAN COUNT OF WEEKEND MASSES LAST COUNT THIS WEEKEND. Thank you to the Count Volunteers
Please count each congregation and fill in the relevant column on the sheet in the SACRISTY. *Thank you.*

28th Sunday of Year A 11th October 2026

Parish Meeting

I invite all parishioners to a meeting to be held on **Friday 6th November at 7pm**. The venue is yet to be fixed but I wanted to publicise the date now so that as many as possible will be able to organise their diaries to enable you to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the financial position of the Parish and to answer questions relating to the Parish Centre. The reason for these two topics being brought together is because the first must inform the second. So, please try and keep this evening in November free and come along.

Our Catholic Schools

Parents give careful thought to where they would like their children to be educated – at Primary and Secondary level. We are blessed to have excellent Catholic Schools in this part of the Diocese where everything that happens is guided by Gospel values and underpinned by Catholic Social Teaching. It is a cause of regret that not all families whose children are baptised Catholics give detailed consideration of what our Catholic Schools have to offer or go to visit them. I'm aware that other schools have many good qualities – but our Catholic vision sees each child as uniquely created by God and held in his love. Over the decades in this country people toiled and fund-raised to build Catholic Schools: it is sad when this legacy is not used as fully as it could be.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

At this time of year, we invite families who come to Mass to enrol their children for preparation so that they are ready to receive Holy Communion or to be confirmed after Easter next year. The Forms for First Communion have been available for some weeks and the last date on which these will be accepted is Sunday 18th October. However, it would be helpful if Forms were not delivered to the Parish Office at 11pm on that day – as has happened in previous years.



Confirmation

There are Application Forms now available for young people in Year 8 and above to complete if they would like to be considered for inclusion on this year's Confirmation Preparation Programme. There are three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Confirmation completes the process of becoming a full member of the Church - but only makes sense if the young person is coming along to Mass on a regular basis as a member of the community of faith. Confirmation is not just something to 'do' or a 'box to tick'. It requires reflection and commitment expressed in being part of the Sunday Mass celebration. If this describes you and you'd like to take part, speak to me, Father John, as I have the Application Forms.

Father John

PETER'S PENCE The Apostolic Nuncio thanks our Diocese for the donations for the Peter's Pence collection which totaled **£21,799.66. Thank you.**



FUNERAL for Jo Arthur RIP will be on **Wednesday 14th October at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.**

NOTICE

USE OF TOILETS DURING MASS Adults are requested to use the facilities before Mass, not during Mass, if possible.

PARENTS: If a **child** needs to use the toilet during Mass they **MUST be accompanied by an adult**. We had a recent incident that highlighted the need for this supervision.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries, candles etc. are now available in the Repository. Please come in and have a browse. **The Repository is open Friday & Sunday mornings, before & after the 10am Mass & the first Sunday of every month, before & after the 5pm Mass.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027 The application forms for next years First Holy Communion must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by next **SUNDAY (18th) at the latest**. NO late applications will be accepted. Only original applications will be accepted (**no photocopies**). **Please complete all sections of the form**. The first parents evening will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in Church.



ACI FAMILY EVENING GROUP MEETING – Tuesday 13th October at 7pm in the Memorial room. We are one of two local ACI lay groups 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.

SVP TEA GATHERING Thursday, 22nd October 2pm - 3.30pm in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children on 18th & 25th October. For children between ages 4 - 8, where the gospel of the day is proclaimed and explored at a more age appropriate level. **Please register the children before mass - look out for our Children's Liturgy sign and come and say hello as you arrive at church.** CLOW team.

TIME AT THE OASIS – October Interior Freedom: Letting Go of Burdens. A quiet time of guided prayer and meditation in the Ignatian tradition, offered either online or in person. All are welcome. Friday 16 October, 7.00pm (on Zoom) Contact Jackie & Deacon Roger (07948 516854) for the link and materials, or in person Saturday 17 October, 11.00am Corpus Christi Memorial Room (following the 10.00am Mass).

DAY FOR READERS - LITURGY PROJECT DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY on 17th October 9am to 1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Please RSVP to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT – *I will give you hidden treasures* (Is 45:3) – 16th – 18th Oct. – at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com, www.uk.verbumdei.org

CARITAS Charity Mass and Networking Event **Sat 14th Nov** 10.30am - 3pm in St Bede's Church Basingstoke. For more info email caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - see poster.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY - DISCERNMENT - SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 10.00-4PM

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, **Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DN** Babes in arms welcome. Feel free to bring a highchair if you require. Bring and share lunch. £25 per person (concessions £12). All funds go to hall hire, our speaker and a donation to the priest. We wouldn't want this to stop anyone attending; please get in touch if payment is an issue. For more info and reserve a place contact: catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

VOCATIONS: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." We thank God for our priests, deacons and religious who have responded to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank and pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage others to consider answering God's invitation to service.

INTENTIONS: For the Church, that all the clergy may serve with dedication and inspire others to discern their God given vocation, let us pray to the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "*You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people.*" (Blessed Fulton Sheen)



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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