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: Wed 28: Ss Simon & Jude

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: I love you, Lord, my strength.

30th Sunday of Year A 25th October 2026

Do we ever learn from the past?

During the week a Commemoration was held in Wales, remembering the terrible disaster at a place called Aberfan. Sixty years ago, a spoil tip linked to the coal mines collapsed and sent an avalanche of coal and mud over the village, engulfing a Primary School and leaving 144 dead, including 116 children (mostly aged 7 to 10). People struggled to believe what had happened but what made it worse was the attitude of the National Coal Board (NDB) and its leaders. No one wanted to accept responsibility even though the risks had been known about – no one was ever prosecuted or even lost their job.

To rub salt in the wounds, the Coal Board refused to deal with other spoil tips in the vicinity. Incredibly, the fund set up to help those who were affected had to be used to partly cover those costs – which should have been borne by the NCB/Government. But the villagers were resilient and did everything they could to rebuild their lives. Many have given years of service to the community. It was moving to hear two of those who were children in the school, and who lost friends that day, talking about their lives since. One lady said she always wanted to have a family and bring children into the world to build the next generation. In contrast, a man who was interviewed said he could never face having children as he wouldn't want them to grow up in a society that treated people in this way. The Aberfan disaster affected many, many lives and still does.

The acceptance of responsibility when things go wrong is a vital step. Yet again and again we see how big institutions, and worst of all government, fail to accept responsibility. In fact those in authority will often go out of their way to blame others or block inquiries when they are set up. Think of the infected blood scandal, the Post Office debacle, Hillsborough, the endless deaths of vulnerable children at the hands of adults – the list goes on. What a sorry state of affairs when Parliament has to pass a law (with the requirement of candour) to force public officials to tell the truth! When did we need a law to force those employed by the State to tell the truth? That it has come to this is a shameful indictment of our society and those in charge.

Disasters happen. Sometimes they could have been avoided if people had done things differently, acted with more foresight. Sometimes they cannot be predicted. But whatever happens, the impact on people caught up in such events is harsh, especially when those who carry responsibility in their jobs fail to tell the truth when the causes are investigated. Aberfan happened sixty years ago. Has our society learned from that tragic day, or will we continue to make the same mistakes?

Parish Meeting All parishioners are invited to a meeting on **Friday 6th November at 7pm** which will take place in Corpus Christi School Hall. Parking is available in the playground (as on weekends). Please make every effort to come along as this meeting is about important matters such as the financial position of our parish which affect everyone now and in the years ahead.

Father John

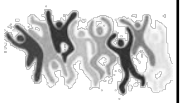
CONFIRMATION
Application Forms now available for young people in Year 8 and above to complete if they would like to be considered for inclusion on this year's Confirmation Preparation Programme. There are three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Confirmation completes the 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, **then please see Fr John, as he has the application forms.**

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.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD We look forward to meeting with the children today (25th) 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.

YOUTH MASS SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER at 5pm Refreshments served in the Memorial Room. We have a great youth musicians' group. Please do go and thank them after mass, for all their singing, and ask about joining if you play an instrument or are musically inclined. We also have a WhatsApp group for parents of Youth Mass. Please ask to join. We hope to organise further events. Pop in to find out more.



CARLO CLUB is a young adult's group for those 18+ for social events & enjoying the Alpha course at St Joseph's. Contact Nicola on 07932 142 495.

ACI FAMILY (LINKS OF LOVE) Next Monday meeting is 26 October at 11am in the Memorial Room. ACI Family is a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and committed to making Jesus known and loved though the Eucharist. *All welcome.*

FISH & CHIP SOCIAL in the Memorial Room after 6 pm Mass on Saturday 21st November. ***Save the date.***



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE PARISH EVANGELATION FORMATION DAY Saturday October 31st, 10am – 1:30pm, Christ the King, Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR Last chance to sign up! You are warmly invited to join us for a morning as we explore how parish groups, one of our Diocese's Six Holy Habits, can deepen our faith and impact our parishes as they become welcoming places for all. The "Parish Cell System" (often called PECs) focuses on transforming parishes into active, missionary communities through small, home-based groups (cells) focused on fellowship, prayer and scripture. Join us on Saturday 31st Octoberfor an inspiring day of teaching, prayer, practical formation, and fellowship at the Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day. Lunch will be provided as part of the day. Please register by email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or using the link: https://forms.office.com/e/JGgE7zeuun as this helps us with ensuring we have enough food and have catered for people's needs. We ask people to register by **Tuesday 27th October.**

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.*

REACHING THE UNREACHED (RTU) Thank you to everyone who sponsored the walkers in this year's Brother Lionel Sponsored Walk in aid of RTU which took place on 4th October. You still have time to donate to help their wonderful work in India so please la=eave any remaining donation in the Parish Office. Also Thank You for all the support form Corpus Christi School.
Your generosity will make a huge difference to the lives of orphaned and abandoned children living in their Children's Villages our in South India. *Thank you*.

VOCATIONS "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbour as yourself." Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

INTENTIONS: For our Parish, that our life together in faith and service, may awaken new vocations among us, 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, or scan 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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