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 2: All Souls Wed 4: St Charles Borromeo**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**

## ALL SAINTS Sunday of Year A 1st November 2026

**Bamenda Sunday**

Today we celebrate Bamenda Sunday and our special link dating back to 1974. In the early years priests from here helped a new diocese to set down strong roots enabling it to grow and flourish. Now Bamenda priests serve in parishes across our Diocese of Portsmouth.

An important part of the link has been the practical support we have given over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact in the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda and is deeply appreciated by them. Last year, your support has, amongst other things:

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- allowed 13-year-old Stephen to attend school. Fighting forced his family to abandon their home and flee to a safer town. Stephen's family barely manage to survive from day to day and so could not afford to send him to school. But through the Archbishop's Education Fund which helps children orphaned or displaced by the conflict, you supported him and 250 other children like him to attend school;
- gave Caroline Lum, a 37-year-old single mother the ability to provide for her children. The stigma of being a single mother makes finding work hard for Caroline and other women in the same position. But through your help she received support to set up her own clothes-making business and so build a more secure future for her and her two children.

The conflict in Bamenda continues to blight lives. Across the region the only available education and health services are those provided by the Archdiocese supported by your generosity. We know that times here at home are not easy, but whatever you can give goes a long way. The cost of a child attending primary school for a year is £67, and £113 will allow a child to attend secondary school. There are various ways you can give, including using the new donor machines at the back of our church. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continuing support.

**Parish Meeting**

All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting next **Friday 6th November at 7pm** which will be held in **Corpus Christi School Hall**. Parking is available in the playground (as on weekends). Please come along if you can as this meeting is about important matters such as the financial position of our parish which affect everyone now and in the years to come. Related to parish finances is the situation of the Parish Centre (on St James's Square). ***Father John***



**BAMENDA SUNDAY** as we celebrate the link between the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth and Archdiocese of Bamenda, a partnership that allows us to stand together as one family in Christ, we ask people in our diocese to give generously to support our brothers & sisters in Bamenda. There are lots of different ways to donate including setting up a monthly direct debit.

To find our how donations impact lives, some copies of the Bamenda Newsletter are at the back of church or go to:
h***ttps://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Bamenda-Sunday-Newsletter-2026.pdf***

***We also ask for your prayers, that a peaceful end to conflict might be reached. Thank you for your support.***

**FUNERAL** for **Angela Finn RIP** will be on **Tuesday 3rd November at 10am Mass**. *May she rest in peace.*

**CONFIRMATION** Application forms 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.

**Application deadline is Sunday 15th November.** Confirmation completes the process of becoming a full member of the Church (after Baptism and Eucharist) – 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 celebrations. ***If this describes you then please see Fr John, as he has the application forms***

**YOUTH MASS SUNDAY today** (1st) 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.

**HARVEST FOOD BANK DONATION**. **Thank you** for responding to the Harvest appeal to support those in need within our local community. Your very generous food bank donations amounted to fifteen large heavy-duty bags of food, which was gratefully received by the YMCA Families Centre, Stourvale Road.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** here at Corpus Christi will be on **Friday 18th Dec at 7pm** in Church. A service of Reconciliation and there will be an opportunity for individual confessions. *All welcome*.

**REPOSITORY**:2026 Calendars, Diaries, Christmas Candles & various Christmas items are now available in the Repository. Please come in and have a browse. In additional to the normal Friday & Sunday morning opening times, I will also be in the porch on the following evening weekend Masses:

Sat 31st October & Sun 1st November
Sat 14th & Sun 15th November
Sat 28th & Sun 29th November
Sat 12th & Sun 13th December
Sat 19th & Sun 20th December

***Fiona Foy***

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We look forward to meeting with the children on 8th 22nd Nov. 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

**RED MISSION BOXES** It's time to empty your red boxes. Please can you bring your red mission boxes to 6pm mass on **Saturday 21st November or either 10am or 5pm mass on Sunday 22nd November 2026** so that we can empty them. I will be at the back of church before mass to empty your box. If you are unable to bring it on that day, please could you contact me on 07743537604 to arrange a convenient time or leave in the parish office. ***Thank you, Sharon McAndrew***

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

**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.*

**HOSPITAL MASSES** There will not be the regular monthly Mass in November at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Also, there are not currently regular Masses in Poole Hospital but there is a prayer session with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary from 3pm each Friday. *All are welcome to come and pray for patients and staff etc.*

**LAY LEADERS CONFERENCE** - Saturday 21 November Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses at Solent Hotel, Whiteley 9.00am - 3.30pm. Whether you are involved with liturgy, catechesis, pastoral councils, outreach or any other aspect of parish life, this conference is for you. There is no charge for attending though you will need to register in advance. *See poster . Scan QR code for application form*

**WAR & PEACE** Karl Jenkins **The Armed Man** by University Music Choir & Orchestra, in Christchurch Priory on Wed 11th Nov at 7.30pm. Tickets £20/£16 www.christchurchpriory.org/services-and-events. *See poster.*

**ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR - MERRY & BRIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday 29th Nov at 3pm** in De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's school Southbourne site, with children from 3 schools and Hyde Brass Band Tickets £8 (under 12 £5) Go to https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st- peterscommunity-choir or scan QR code.

**VOCATIONS** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. We pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTIONS**: For those discerning their vocation, that they may follow the saints' example of holiness and respond courageously to God's divine invitation, 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. Account number: 01786041 or donate on our website. http://www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/ or Donate via Give As You Live, scan the QR code or use the DONA machines in the church.**

**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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