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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: Tue 24: St Andrew Dung-Lac & comps

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want



CHRIST THE KING Year A 22nd November 2026

Conclusion of the Church's Year
Today's great Feast of Christ the King marks the end of another liturgical (church) year. Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent. Before the revision of the Roman Missal, one of the Acclamations after the Consecration was this: 'Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.' This statement of faith is captured in today's Feast as we proclaim Christ as our King who demonstrates a style and way of being King which contradicts everything people had assumed. Jesus comes among us as one who serves and he calls us to imitate him.

'NEETS'
We've been hearing more and more about this with reference to young adults: those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training. We're told that there are almost one million young people in this group who are not in a learning environment, are not on training courses (eg. apprenticeships) and cannot find a job to get them started in the world of work. Whether you have a young person in your family who comes under this heading or not, it is easy to see them on the streets and around the shops on weekdays. It is very sad to see and hear because it has a huge detrimental impact on the young adults themselves, their families and society as a whole.

This week a Report was published (authored by Alan Milburn) which tries to discern a way forward to tackle a crisis which is the second worst in Europe (only in Romania is there a greater problem). I'm sure there will now be debates about what resources are required, the cost, timeframe and so on. Nothing ever seems to happen quickly. In the meantime, the human cost to individual young people is huge, and long-lasting. I was fortunate to be in the generation when we could get Saturday jobs whilst at school and summer jobs as students. All that has changed and it is tough for young people just to get a first foot on the ladder. Without that chance, that opportunity, self-worth takes a dive and can leave those in their late teens and early twenties feeling that they have nothing much to offer. For the situation to have reached the point where one in six young people is now NEET is an indictment of our society, and it should worry us all.

Bishop Crispian Hollis
Not everyone will have known Bishop Crispian, who for twenty-three years was our Bishop in the Diocese of Portsmouth. He was succeeded by Bishop Philip in 2012 and so holds the title Bishop Emeritus of Portsmouth. When he handed over the reins, Bishop Crispian retired to Mells in Somerset (near Frome) where he still lives. Last Tuesday, 17th November, he celebrated his 90th birthday. Ad multos annos! ***Father John***

ADVENT STARTS NEXT WEEK - 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS for Adults now available still **only £1**. You can now pay on the DONA machine in either the porch or the back of church or put cash in the safe slot marked 'Pamphlet'

FREE GIFT for the children of the Parish of a "My Day by Day" Junior/Infant booklets. *Please take a copy*.

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*.

BROTHER MICHAEL – CAUSE FOR CANONISATION Michael Strode - Doctor, Pilgrim, Brother. Brother Michael founded HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust), the Lourdes pilgrimage charity, 70 years ago. A man of great faith, insight, and humility, his life touched countless people and continues to inspire many today. Plans are now under way to seek his canonisation. There are a few free pamphlets at the back of church. Do please take one and pray for the cause of this remarkable man. More information can be found at: **https://www.brothermichaelstrode.org/**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will next be at 10am mass today (22nd) For children between ages of 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. This weekend **Saturday 21st Nov 6pm mass or 10am/ 5pm mass on Sunday 22nd Nov,** please bring your red mission boxes to be emptied. 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***





STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE APPEAL Can you help us give a Christmas chocolates to Seafarers in Southampton this December? What do you want for Christmas? Whatever it is it's highly likely it will have come to this country by sea. Did you know there will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends? Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. We need to prepare now. See poster.

Please bring donations to Parish Office by Sunday 13th Dec.

CLASSROOM TEACHER VACANCY in CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL The governors of Corpus Christi wish to appoint a **Fixed Term classroom teacher** who is passionate, highly motivated, enthusiastic and hardworking and who will support the future development of our much loved school. This role begins as a fixed term contract position with the potential to become permanent. *More information is available on the school website www.cccpschool.co.uk* **The closing date is midday Monday 30th November 2026**



SVP CHRISTMAS TEA GATHERING **Thursday, 10th December 1.45pm pm - 3.30pm** in the Memorial Room. *All welcome.*



SAVE THE DATE: Please support the **ACI Family** who will be holding a cake sale and tombola on **Sunday 13th December** in the church porch **after 10.00am Mass**. All proceeds will be going to **our local foodbank** for Christmas.



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) Scan the QR code or go to https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peterscommunity-choir

REPOSITORY: 2027 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 28th & Sun 29th November Sat 12th & Sun 13th December Sat 19th & Sun 20th December ***Fiona Foy***

BAMENDA COLLECTION Updated amount (now includes money from DONA machines) is £888.21 (inc Gift Aid). *Thank you again for your donations*

VOCATIONS "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Christ, the King of kings, calls us to serve Him through our care for others. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, is an opportunity to answer His call by loving and serving those in need. How is God inviting you to live out this service in your life, bringing Christ's mercy and compassion to the world? 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 foster vocations and work to advance Christ's kingdom through prayer and example, 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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