

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE
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THE RITE OF ELECTION: Was celebrated at the Cathedral yesterday during which a hundred or so people from around the diocese were presented to Bishop Philip with a view to them receiving the Sacraments over Easter. From our parish, Victor and Elvis were enrolled in the *Book of the Elect*, the diocese's official register of those about to be baptised. Also, Edgar and Rosemary were formally accepted as candidates to become Roman Catholics. Please pray for them and their sponsors and godparents.

HALL VOLUNTEERS MEETING: calling all volunteers. The next volunteers meeting is on **Monday 2 March at 11am**. We have a number of activities planned and would like to share these with you. Please do attend if you are able.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS: Two future events have been suggested. Before proceeding we would like to ascertain whether the events are of interest. The first suggestion is a Dinner Dance to be held in a local hotel, the anticipated date would be in May with an approximate cost of £40 per person which would include a welcome drink followed by a 3 course meal and entertainment. The second suggestion is a whether we meet at a local hotel during the Bournemouth Air Show which is held in August. An **interest only** sign up sheet is available on the notice board. If you would be interested in either of these events please sign up asap to enable us to decide whether to proceed with final arrangements.

OBSERVING LENT 2015 AT OLI
Here are some ways you might observe Lent this year

Tuesdays	Stations of the Cross	11:30am
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	5:30pm
Wednesdays	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	10:30am
Fridays	CAFOD Lent Lunches	12 noon

Tuesday 7th March, 2.00pm and 7.00pm Film: The Passion of the Christ

CHURCH CLEANING: 23rd Feb. and 9th March at 2.30pm. All volunteers are welcome

SECOND COLLECTION: No collection today but there will be a collection for CAFOD next weekend.

GRASSROOTS TANZANIA: Charlotte Hopley will be returning on **Sunday 8th March** to update us all on the progress of their construction of a school house for the local villagers, and the difficulties they have encountered so far. She will be speaking over coffee at the 9.00am Mass and after the 11.00am Mass.

SCHOOLS NEWS

ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL: are providing an Easter School for children aged 3 – 11 years from **Monday 30th March until Thursday 16th April 2015**. Full day sessions are available 8.30am – 5.30pm plus half day sessions. The cost is £25 per day and £12.50 half day. For booking form contact the school office on 01202 420172 or email enquiries@stthomasgarnets.co.uk

DIOCESAN INFO

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from **21st to 28th August**. For information and a booking form, please contact Kathy Franey 01202 394159.

PRAYING FOR THE EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM: During Lent, Fr Bill will meet with possible team members for the Evangelisation Strategy Team. Please continue to pray during this time, that those with gifts and skills to serve on this Team might come forward, and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the process.

YOU ARE CALLED & GIFTED: The Diocese of Portsmouth is the only Diocese in the country to be investing in the training of every member of every parish who wish to discern how they are uniquely gifted, & being uniquely called to channel God's love into the world. We are taught that we are the Body of Christ. Have you ever wondered whether this 'Body' is still lying inactive in the tomb or whether, fully risen, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. it is making a real difference in the world? How

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
 Prayer of the Church: **1st Sunday of Lent - Psalter Week 1**
 Cycle of Prayer: Candidates for the Sacraments

TODAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B	9:00AM	11:00AM	People of the Parish Patricia Kowalewska w/b
Mon 23rd	Of the 1st Week of Lent	<i>No service</i>		
Tues 24th	Of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am		James O'Dea
Wed 25th	Of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am		Brian Marlow
Thurs 26th	Of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am		Holy Souls
Fri 27th	Lenten Fast Day	11.00am		Special Intention (MM)
Sat 28th	Of the 1st Week of Lent	<i>No service</i>		
SUNDAY 1ST MAR	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B	9.00AM	11.00AM	Derek and Lise w/b Dennis Owen

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Rosemary Baker, Win Sheridan, Christopher Browne, Lise van der Syde, Felicity Whitehead, Naiada Blunden, Margaret Barkway, John Leebody Christopher Fordham-Hall, Louise Borber, Ian Dolman, Alan Franklin Barnes, Alix Norris, Patricia Dewar, Natalie Gale, Joan Guyomarch, Lorretta Domanska and James Richards.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: All mentioned in our Book of Remembrance.

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues	24	11.30am	Stations of the Cross	OLI Church
		5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	OLI Church
Wed	25	4.00pm	Clergy/Heads school cluster meeting	St Peter's School
Fri	27	Noon	CAFOD Lenten Fast Lunch	OLI Hall
MARCH				
Mon	2	11.00am	Hall activities Volunteers Meeting	OLI Hall
Tues	3	11.30am	Stations of the Cross	OLI Church
		5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	OLI Church
Fri	6	Noon	CAFOD Lenten Lunch	OLI Hall
		2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Westcliff Baptists
Sat	7	10.30am	1st Holy Communion Session/RCIA	OLI Hall/Church
Sun	8	9.00am	Grassroots Tanzania—Talk over coffee	OLI Hall

much harmony would be created if we were able to recognise, appreciate and call forth in others their unique gifts rather than viewing people from our limited perspectives? If any of this interests you, why not take the next step & look at The Called and Gifted page on the Portsmouth Diocese website or email:

calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to find out how to book on the next workshop (**Winchester 29th Feb**). Alternatively, come and chat to Anne-Marie Fletcher after 11am Mass.

CAFOD NEWS

CAFOD LENTEN LUNCHES & AID MATCH FUNDING: Every **Friday** at noon throughout Lent. This year the UK Government has promised to match every pound and every penny given to CAFOD's Lenten Appeal from **18th Feb. to 17th May**, up to the value of £5M Please give generously for those living in extreme poverty, and for fasting in solidarity with them on Lent Fast day (27th February). Thank You.

CAFOD LENT CALENDAR: Check out the online CAFOD Lent Calendar 2015 at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar-2015> Commencing on Ash Wednesday, this will guide you through the daily scriptures of Lent and inspire you to give, act and pray for the world's poorest people.

CAFOD SPANISH EVENING: A big thank you to everyone who attended as well as those who helped at the Spanish evening last Saturday. Together we raised £389.72 for the CAFOD West Africa Ebola Crisis Appeal, which was set up to help the men, women, families and orphans who have been affected by this terrible disease.

YOUTH NEWS

FLAME 2, CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL, WEMBLEY ARENA: March 7th. Tickets are still available for Flame 2. Open to young people and young adults, Year 10 upwards. For a full programme and booking details, check out <http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2>

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

NURTURING THE SEED: Using Ignatian Spiritu-

ality the gift of Baptism will be explored in a series of 5 meetings to be held fortnightly at **7.15 pm. on Thursdays, 26th February, 12th March and 26th March** in Corpus Christi Parish Hall, finishing no later than 9.00pm. For further details, please contact Paula or John Fallon on 01202 426072 or johnfallon1@msn.com.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year the Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at Westcliff Baptist Church at **2:30pm on Friday 6 March**. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 26th to 28th June 2015 Bournemouth Ordinariate Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Fr. Darry Jordan. Cost £170 (adult), £118 (children under 16), Please book by **28th February** - contact Madeleine Hemsley on 01258 480778.

LOCAL INTEREST

GERRY COATES TOUR 2015: Friday 20th February at the Annunciation large hall, from **7.00 to 9.00pm**. Heavens Road Catholic Radio announces a UK tour entitled "**God's Gift of Love**" Please contact Gerry on 07906 073376 or email: gerrycoates@blueyonder.co.uk For more information and to reserve your free tickets, visit: www.gerrycoates.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA: say "Come walking with us!" on our 31st. Annual Sponsored Walk on **Sunday 8th March**. We will be walking **five miles** to raise money for Dorset Childrens Foundation, Clinicare (Medical Supplies to Bamenda), and the Knights Local Charities. Sponsor forms are at the Church entrance.

MITOCHONDRIAL DONATION REGULATIONS: specifically with reference to three-parent IVF, were authorised in the House of Commons last week, but now are to be voted on in the House of Lords this Tuesday **24th February**. To Lobby your Peers on this please go to www.stopgm3parentbabies.com and click on the 'Email a peer' link to have your say.

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If you have anything of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please email: olinewsletter2@virginmedia.com

Welcome to all our visitors today.

Dedicated bays for wheelchair and buggy users at the front and back.

Please remember: mobile phones off.

Just moved in? Please give us your details.

If you need any assistance, please ask one of our welcome team, who will be happy to help.

Church Cleaning alternate Mondays at 2:30pm.

SVP Society meets alternate Weds 11:30am in the Hall.

Rosary in church each Wednesday, 10:15am.

Benediction and Confessions: Fridays 11:30am.

We are part of Bournemouth Pastoral Area. For details of local parishes, schools, and chaplaincies, please ask a welcomer for a leaflet.

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