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CONGRATULATIONS; to Sebastien Roux who is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.00am Mass today. Please join us afterwards for some gâteau!

PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH: A wonderful occasion. Special thanks to Pam, Phillip and others who made this lunch happen and to all who came.

EF MASS: Sadly, this evenings EF Mass has been cancelled. Fr. Anthony is unable to come.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Is the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God. There will be Mass at noon that day followed by a sherry reception.

CRIB COLLECTION FOR THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS IN THE HOLY LAND: Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and today the Christians in the Holy Land, including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers. They are being marginalised in both Palestinian and Israeli society, with the lack of peace, stability and the absence of justice. Education is one area that is severely affected by the situation and is getting worse. Freedom of movement is very difficult, sometimes causing families to be separated. The inability of many to find employment means children's education is drastically affected and equipment for schools is always needed as is financial assistance for their education. Please be generous with your prayers and money to help the children in the

Holy Land this Christmas, through the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Please don't forget that the collection on Christmas Eve and Day goes directly to Fr. Bill and makes-up a substantial percentage of his annual income.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: Our free diocesan magazine is available today and can also be found online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: Available for sale today at £5. Full of information about the parishes of our diocese.

2015 MISSALS: Now available for sale, at £8. Free for Sunday Readers.

FOOD BANK: Please continue to do all that you can to help keep the Food Bank topped up, with. Many thanks.

CHURCH CLEANING: A Christmas clean will be carried out tomorrow (22nd December) at 2.30pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PARTY: Sunday 4 January 3.00pm to 5pm - all children and parent volunteers

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OLI

Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Children's Crib Service 7.30pm Carols 8.00pm Mass during the Night
Christmas Day	9.00am 11.00am	Morning Mass Morning Mass

welcome. Sign up sheet now available.

SVP

SVP MEETINGS: Will be held on alternate Wednesdays from now on. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th January at 11.30am.**

SCHOOLS NEWS

ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN 2015: Parents who would like their child/children to be admitted to one of Bournemouth's five Catholic Schools in 2015, please take an A5 leaflet, available in the entrance vestibule for details of the admission procedure.

DIOCESAN INFO

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST NEWS: The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Prayer of the Church: **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 Cycle of Prayer: For a deeper love of Holy Scripture

TODAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	9:00AM	People of the Parish
21st DEC	<i>EF Mass Cancelled</i>	11:00AM	Christopher Ager
Mon 22nd	Liturgy of the Day	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 23rd	Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Special Intention (MM)
Wed 24th	The Nativity of the Lord	8.00pm	Special Intention (MM)
Thurs 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00am 11.00am	Noon Family dec mem No Special Intention
Fri 26th	St Stephen (Protomartyr)	<i>No service</i>	
Sat 27th	St John (Apostle)	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR B	9.00AM	Derek Lygo
28th DEC		11.00AM	Fr. Antolin

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

DECEMBER

Sun	21	11.00am	Confirmation of Sebastien Roux	OLI Church
Wed	24	3.00pm	Children's Crib Service	OLI Church
		7.30pm	Carols	OLI Church
		8.00pm	Christmas 'Mass During the Night'	OLI Church
Thurs	25	9.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church
		11.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church
		1.00pm	Parish Christmas Lunch	OLI Hall

JANUARY 2015

Thurs	1	Noon	Mass for Mary, Mother of God	OLI Church
Sat	3	Noon	Mass for First Saturday	OLI Church
Sun	4	Noon	Reception for someone's VERY special birthday	OLI Hall
		3.00pm	Children's Epiphany Party	OLI Hall
Wed	7	7.00pm	PA Pastoral Council	Charminster
Thurs	8	2.30pm	PA Clergy Meeting	Sacred Heart
Sun	11	12.15pm	Baptism of Megan Williams	OLI Church
Thurs	15	6.00pm	Parish Finance and Property Committee	OLI Church
Sun	25	9 & 11am	Fr Kevin Fox to offer Masses	OLI Church

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YOUTH NEWS

FLAME 2: Biggest Catholic Youth Event in the country at Wembley. **Saturday 7th March 2015.** In 2011, 8000 young Catholics gathered at Wembley Arena for Flame. Next March, CYMFED is building on this success by running Flame 2. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. 5000 tickets have been sold, and the young Catholics of Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! **For more information and to book a place, contact Will Hince whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780221686.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: The next World Youth Day will be from **21st July - 2nd August 2016.** We are delighted to announce that we will be taking a coach of young people from our diocese to Poland for the next World Youth Day in 2016 with Pope Francis. We'll be travelling across Europe with Bishop Philip to join with over a million young Catholics. With accommodation in the heart of Krakow, facilitating full participation in the whole event, this is going to be EPIC! Guide price £995.00. If interested please apply online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/world-youth-day-2016.php Limited places.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE: A Candlelit Advent Taize Meditation Service will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglass Road, Southbourne on **Monday 22nd December at 7.30pm.** Come for an hour of peace in candlelight, with music, silence and prayer. Mince pies and mulled wine/soft drinks will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre.

BOURNEMOUTH PASTORAL AREA SERVICE OF HEALING AND FORGIVENESS: with Anointing on Thursday 1st January at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth.

LOCAL INTEREST

VOLUNTEERS FOR BOURNEMOUTH CHRISTIAN HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER URGENTLY REQUIRED. Do you have a heart for helping those who are vulnerable this winter? A Sleep Safe Shelter will be at St Swithun's Church, Gervis Road starting this weekend. It will be open 7 days a week until the end of February. Key times when help is needed is from 8-11pm and then 6.30 - 7.30am. Training and support provided. Call 01202 304004 or 07731 858625. If you can help in any way with the financial cost please call.

MONDAY BRIDGE SESSION: Bridge sessions will re-commence on Monday **12th January 2015**, at the usual time of 2.00pm.

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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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