

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE
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SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT: Today, 4.00pm, OLI Church. A beautiful way to mark the beginning of the holy season of Advent. All welcome.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE NOVENA: We will celebrate our parish dedication to Our Lady Immaculate on **Tuesday 8th December**. In preparation, we have produced a simple novena (nine days of prayer). Please take a copy home with you and try to pray it (only 2 minutes a day!) for our lovely parish and the world.

SPECIAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Tuesday December 8th This year we are celebrating the Feast day of Our Lady Immaculate with something a little bit special for our church and our community. We are inviting Westbourne Traders and our family, neighbours and friends to join us at an evening Mass - **5.50 for 6.00pm**. Following Mass we will celebrate together in a candlelit church hall with drinks & buffet our own unique way of marking Pope Francis' Year of Mercy (commencing on this date!). We would especially like offers of home-made scones for the spread. Please see Pam or Anne-Marie if you can help.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: As you have just read, Pope Francis has declared a year of reflection on the boundless mercy of God. It begins on our feast day, **December 8th**. There will be books and cards available to help each of us engage with the Year from next Sunday. Each family will receive as a **free gift** a prayer card and booklet. There will also be a book from *Magnificat* offering Scripture readings, prayers and reflections for every single day of the Jubilee Year.



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

PARISH
 PRE-CHRISTMAS
 LUNCH

Saturday 19 December
 1.00pm
 Miramar Hotel.

Sign up sheet & menu
 still available in foyer.

Please make sure
 that you have ticked
 your 3 choices.

TRADITIONAL LUNCH ON
 CHRISTMAS DAY

Fed up peeling sprouts on Christmas Day?
 Would you like to spend Christmas Day with us?

We will be offering full traditional fayre with trimmings in our lovely parish hall. Minimum charge £18. 12.30 for 1.00pm start.
 Maximum No. of people - 40.
 Sign-up sheet in the foyer.
 Final sign-up today.

These will be on special offer at only £4.00 each: well worth every penny.

ICON OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: The original icon with this title came into being about 1455. Very soon it gained a reputation as a tremendous source of solace and healing ('succour' means 'to console at the breast'). Pilgrims flocked to it in their thousands. Believed destroyed after Napoleon's soldiers looted Rome, it was rediscovered in 1886 in a monastery where it had been taken for safe keeping and forgotten about. It was restored to public veneration that same year in the Church of St. Alphonsus, Rome, where it remains to this day. It continues to be a source of great comfort for pilgrims from all parts of the world. Copies of the icon hang in many Catholic churches and

homes in the UK. 2016 marks the 150th anniversary of the icon's return to public veneration. For the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Fr. Bill has felt gently prompted (somehow!) to give a copy of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour a place in our beautiful church. He does not know why, but that is God's business. To that end, a lovely copy of the icon has been sourced from the Belarussian sisters who visited us earlier this year (was that a coincidence?). It will be enshrined in our Lady Chapel during Solemn Evening Prayer on **Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm**. At this service Fr. Bill will preach about the icon and fill us in on the promptings that have led him to give it a home among us. Please come.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: Can you volunteer to help on Christmas Day, or

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Prayer of the Church: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Cycle of Prayer: All Migrants

TODAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF	9.00AM	People of the Parish
29TH NOV	ADVENT - YEAR C	11.00AM	Liseby Holtz
Mon 30th	St Andrew (Apostle)	No service	
Tues 1 Dec	Of the 1st Week of Advent	11.00am	Joseph Holtz
Wed 2nd	Of the 1st Week of Advent	11.00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
Thurs 3rd	St Francis Xavier (Priest)	11.00am	Gilbert Holtz
Fri 4th	St John Damascene (Priest)	11.00am	Jack Berney
Sat 5th	Of the 1st Week of Advent	Noon	Terese Berney
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF	9.00AM	People of the Parish
6TH DEC	ADVENT - YEAR C	11.00AM	Thomas Bonaventure Quinn

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Rosemary Baker, Win Sheridan, Christopher Browne, Felicity Whitehead, Naiada Blunden, Margaret Barkway, John Leebody, Christopher Fordham-Hall, Louise Borber, Ian Dolman, Alan Franklin Barnes, Patricia Dewar, Joan Guyomars, Lorretta Domanska, James Richards, Patricia Plumb, Ann Hogg, Dorothy Matthews and Regina Brady.

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

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sun 29 4.00pm Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction OLI Church

DECEMBER

Wed	2	10.45am	School Penitential Service	Boscombe
Thurs	3	12.00pm	Volunteer's meeting for Christmas Day Lunch	OLI Hall
		1.15pm	School Penitential Service	St Walburga's
Sun	6	9 & 11am	Gift Aid Appeal (Rescheduled)	OLI Church
Sun	13	4.00pm	Solemn Evening Prayer & Enthronement of Icon	OLI Church
Tues	8	6.00pm	Festive Mass for Immaculate Conception	OLI Church & Hall
Fri	11	4.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal	OLI Church
Sat	12	12.30pm	Nuptial Mass for Diana and Ranil	OLI Church
Wed	16	2.00pm	PA Clergy Meeting	Sacred Heart
Sat	19	12.30pm	Parish Pre-Christmas Lunch	Miramar
Thurs	24	3.00pm	Children's Crib Service	OLI Church
		8.00pm	Christmas Mass During the Night	OLI Church
Fri	25	9.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church

assist with the preparation before Christmas? We will be holding a meeting on Thursday **3rd December at 12 noon** in the church hall. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to help in any way.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES: Prizes are required for our Christmas Raffles. If you are able to donate any prizes please hand them to Pam O'Neill, Phillip Rockford, or Suzanne during her office hours.

PLANNED GIVING/GIFT AID: Why not start making a regular contribution to the life and work of Our Lady Immaculate? Payments can be by either weekly envelopes or monthly direct debit. If you pay income tax this increases your gift to the church by 25%. Full details can be obtained from our Gift Aid Co-Ordinator Jerome O'Connor or Pam O'Neill after both Masses on **Sunday 6 December**.

NOTICE BOARDS: A reminder over the Christmas period that items may not be placed on our boards without clearance from Fr. Bill, Pam, or Phillip first, unless it is just a simple update of an already existing item.

CHURCH CLEANING: Monday 30th November at 2.00pm. All volunteers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: No collection today. Next week; Christmas flowers.

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

PASTORAL CARE OF SPANISH SPEAKERS: **Tuesday 1st December 2015** (this is their Christmas Mass). Sacrament of Reconciliation - 7.00 pm, Rosary - 7.15 pm; Holy Mass - 7.30 pm. All are warmly welcome.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR: Starting in January the Mass in Spanish will be celebrated at 5.00pm on the *Third Saturday of each month*, with Confessions in English or Spanish from 4.30pm and Rosary at 4.45 pm. There will be Children's Liturgy in the Sacristy. This Mass will satisfy the Sunday obligation.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY: Will be recited in various languages in 9th December at Sacred Heart, 7.00pm. All welcome.

NIGHTFEVER: Comes to Sacred Heart on 12th December after the 5.00pm Mass. All welcome.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Will be offered every Tuesday of the Year of Mercy at 3.00pm at St Edmund Campion Church, Castle Point, beginning 8th December. All welcome.

POLISH FAITH WEEKEND FOR ADULTS: 4-6 December, Sacred Heart.

MARRIAGE CARE: is a national Catholic charity which seeks to promote healthy happy marriages. **Bournemouth and Poole Centre** is urgently seeking a volunteer counsellor to help them deliver this service. You need to be fully qualified, and willing to train further with Marriage Care in Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy. For further information please contact: Deacon Roger or Jackie Carr-Jones on 01202 428451, or email: marriagecare@hotmail.co.uk. **Closing date for applications - Wednesday 16th December.**

SVP

SVP CHRISTMAS TEA: Please join us on Tuesday **15th Dec. 2015**. From: **2.00pm to 4.00pm** for some Christmas fun with entertainment. Everyone welcome. Please join us.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

ST LUKE'S CHAPEL, ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL: Mass is celebrated at 6.00pm every Wednesday. We pray for all sick people, especially those in this and every hospital, as well as for those who have died. Please note that Mass is also celebrated in Poole Hospital chapel at 6.30pm on Thursdays.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2016: In the forthcoming Year of Mercy, why not consider a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, also known as the confessional of the world? Judy Pellatt is leading a group from **18th - 25th May**. Contact Judy on: pellattj@hotmail.co.uk or 07760 396851.

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 Wednesdays 10.15am

Benediction and Confessions: Fridays 11:30am.

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GIFT AID
Pay income tax? We can reclaim 25% of your offering today from the Government at no cost to you. Please use one of our special envelopes or ask for a form.

We are part of Bournemouth Pastoral Area.