

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Many thanks to all concerned for making our parish feast day celebration on Tuesday so special.

YEAR OF MERCY RESOURCES: If you weren't here last week, please take a free prayer card and booklet today. There is also a book from *Magnificat* offering scripture readings, prayers and reflections for every single day of the Jubilee Year. These are on special offer at only **£4.00 each**: well worth every penny.

SOLEMN ENTHRONEMENT OF ICON OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Today, **4.00pm**. Our icon will be a simple, visual reminder of the Year of Mercy. Please come to what will be an unusual and deeply prayerful service.

HOLY HOUR FOR ADVENT: Advent is a time of preparation: yet preparing for all the seemingly endless tasks before Christmas can over-occupy our minds. So how can we prepare our hearts? How can Advent deepen our spiritual lives in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus? Spending even just ten minutes a week in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament gives the soul the space, the freedom it longs for: simply to live in the Presence of the Lord. Join us **each Monday of Advent 4pm –5pm**.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: To Diana and Ranil married at OLI yesterday. We wish them every blessing.

CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PARTY: Sunday January 3rd at 3pm. Have you



CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Crib Service—3.00pm
 Carols—7.30pm
 Mass During the Night—8.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass—9.00am and 11.00am

ever thought about the fact that the kings who followed the star to Bethlehem were astronomers? Our party will be filled with fun and games all about the stars and the planets! Maybe you too will want to be an astronomer by the end! Delicious refreshments also provided. There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

EXTRAORDINARY (TRIDENTINE) MASS: Will be offered next Sunday at 6.00pm at OLI. All welcome.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: Great prizes including signed 1966 World Cup photo, hamper, exquisite handmade throw, sae of wine and much more. A first for OLI. Please take a stack of tickets and sell them to you family, friends and neighbours; we want their money, not yours! Tickets £1 each. Proceeds to parish funds and SVP South Sudan Project. Be ruthless!

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

PLANNED GIVING/GIFT AID: Why not start making a regular contribution to the life and works of Our Lady Immaculate? Payments can be by either weekly envelopes or monthly direct debits. 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 today.

INSPIRATION NIGHT: People are inspired in life in so many different ways. When people are inspired through the guidance for God, people grow in many unexpected ways! As we start off another brand new year in 2016, now is the perfect time to come together and share the things that inspire you in life that move you closer to God. Do you

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS			
Prayer of the Church: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Cycle of Prayer: For a deeper love of Holy Scripture (Bible Sunday)			
TODAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF	9.00AM	Bob Philipps
13TH DEC	ADVENT (Gaudete) - C	11.00AM	People of the Parish
Mon 14th	St John of the Cross	No service	
Tues 15th	Of the 3rd week of Advent	11.00am	Marian Reneau
Wed 16th	Of the 3rd week of Advent	11.00am	Ton Ton Pip
Thurs 17th	Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Norma Holtz
Fri 18th	Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Pnehew Berney
Sat 19th	Liturgy of the Day	No Service	
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF	9.00AM	People of the Parish
20TH DEC	ADVENT - YEAR C	11.00AM	Ben Lachumaya
	EF (Tridentine) Mass	6.00PM	No Special Intention

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 Guyomارش, 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

DECEMBER

Sun	13	4.00pm	Solemn Evening Prayer & Enthronement of Icon	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
		7.30pm	Carols and Readings	OLI Church
		8.00pm	Christmas Mass During the Night	OLI Church
Fri	25	9.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church
		11.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church
		12.30pm	Parish Christmas Lunch	OLI Hall
Wed	30	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Edmund O'Connor	OLI Church
		12.15pm	Committal	Bournemouth Crematorium

JANUARY

Fri	1	Noon	Mass for Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	OLI Church
Sat	2	10.15am	First Holy Communion Session	OLI Hall
Sun	3	11.00am	Rite of Enrolment into Catechumenate	OLI Church
		12.15pm	Baptism of Albert George Selby	OLI Church
		3.00pm	Children's Epiphany Party	OLI Hall
Sat	9	10.15am	First Holy Communion Session	OLI Hall

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.

have a Bible passage, a testimony, short story, a poem or song you would like to share that is special to you? What's exciting you about the possibilities for the year ahead? This is your chance to mix with like minded people, to learn and grow together as we share in our gifts and offerings of love and devotion. Come for what is sure to be an inspired sharing and interesting night, Saturday **16th January 2016. Doors open: 7:15pm Starts: 7:30pm.** Entry is FREE!

FOOD BANK: Just a reminder to do all that you can to help keep our own food bank box topped up at this very critical (cold and wet) time of the year. The basic staple requirements are as previously advertised and indicated on the box: thanks.

ST PATRICK'S MISSION DIARIES 2016: Still some available, £3.50 each. All proceeds to the Society.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN: Church Christmas clean on **Monday 21st Dec. from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.** Please come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas, if you only have half an hour that would be great. All very welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: Christmas flowers.

CAFOD NEWS

ADVENT CALENDAR: CAFOD have an Advent Calendar on their website which can be used for daily prayer and reflection as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The link is www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-Calendar

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

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.

MARRIAGE CARE: is a national Catholic charity which seeks to promote healthy happy marriages. One aspect of their work is the provision of a

professionally trained counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties. **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 (this week).**

SVP

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

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.

SCHOOLS NEWS

STARTING SCHOOL AT ST WALBURGA'S: If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, he or she is due to start school in September 2016. If you would like to apply to St Walburga's, please contact the school office (01202 528811), or call in. You will be provided with all the necessary forms, which you will need to complete and return to the school, together with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. You will also need to complete a Primary Preference Form online at www.bournemouth.gov.uk by the **15th January 2016 at the latest.** If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office.

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