

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Many thanks to all concerned: to Patricia and the choir, Sarah in the sacristy, Phillip for the tree, Phillip and Pam and team for the lunch. Also our readers, ministers, welcomers and cleaners.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Mass will be offered on Friday 1st January at noon followed by a sherry reception to welcome the New Year.

CRIB OFFERINGS: This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip we will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the



Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

BAPTISMS AHEAD; Please pray for Albert George Selby, Finley Packham, and Leon Quinn being baptised in January.

CATECHUMENATE: Please pray for Ken who has decided to be baptised at Easter. Ken will be enrolled as a catechumen, a key step in the process, on Sunday 3rd January at our 11.00am Mass.

FUNERAL MASS: Please pray for Edmund O'Connor, late of Canford Chase nursing Home. Edmund's Funeral Mass will be offered on Wednesday 30th December at 11am at OLI followed by Committal at Bournemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

YEAR OF MERCY RESOURCES: Please accept a free prayer card and booklet today if you haven't done so already. 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.

CREDO AND APOLOGIA; Two great little books explaining the Catholic Faith. Special price only £2.00 each. Excellent stocking fillers.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Two kinds available: a full three year perpetual version at £15 and a 2016 version for £5. Great value. Each contain all the readings and prayers for Sunday Mass.

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. Tickets £1 each. Proceeds to parish funds and SVP South Sudan Project. Please bring your returns in asap as the draw will take place this Friday. Thanks.

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



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 have a Bible passage, a testimony, short story, a poem or song you would like to share with everyone that is special to you? What's exciting you about the possibilities for the year ahead?

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Prayer of the Church: CHRISTMAS OCTAVE. Psalter week 1
Cycle of Prayer: Children affected by war, terrorism and violence

TODAY	THE HOLY FAMILY	9.00AM	People of the Parish
27TH DEC	YEAR C	11.00AM	Carol Ann Berney
Mon 28th	The Holy Innocents	No service	
Tues 29th	St Thomas of Canterbury	11.00am	Communion Service
Wed 30th	Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Funeral Mass
Thurs 31st	Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Communion Service
FRI 1ST	MARY, THE HOLY	12 NOON	Grandma Berney
JANUARY	MOTHER OF GOD		
Sat 2nd	Ss Basil and Gregory	12 Noon	Grandpa Berney
SUNDAY	THE EPIPHANY OF	9.00AM	People of the Parish
3RD JAN	THE LORD	11.00AM	Mr Rodrigus

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

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
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
Sun	10	12.15pm	Baptism of Finley Packham	OLI Church
Tues	12	2.00pm	PA Clergy Meeting	Boscombe
Thurs	14	1.15pm	PA Clergy and Parish Administrator's lunch	Bournemouth
		6.00pm	Parish Finance and Property Committee meeting	OLI Hall
Sat	16	7.30pm	Inspire Evening	OLI Hall
Thurs	21	2.00pm	Laudato Si/Environment Talk	OLI Hall
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Sun	31	11.00am	Baptism of Leon Quinn	OLI Church

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 down for what is sure to be an inspired sharing and interesting night on Saturday **16th January 2016. Doors open: 7:15pm Starts: 7:30pm.** Entry is FREE!

LAUDATO SI; SIMPLE STEPS WE CAN TAKE:

On **Thursday 21st January at 2.00pm and 7.30pm**, there will be a presentation and discussion of how we can and should respond to the pope's encyclical "Laudato Si". The event will address what we can do to reduce our environmental impact, and avoid or at least reduce our financial involvements associated with social injustices. The presentation will be by Tony Bickley, an architectural designer, and David Weight, a recently retired chartered surveyor and award-winning sustainability consultant.

PA FORMATION FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE READERS:

Saturday 6th February, 11.00am - 3.00pm, Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne. Please see poster for details and complete the sign-up sheet if interested.

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

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.

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.

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.

FOOD

BANK: At a time when both the weather and financial climate are at a very low ebb, and nearly a million people throughout this country are being forced into

having to apply to food banks for support, both for themselves and their families, please continue to do all that you can to help keep our own food bank topped up. Don't forget that the basic staples are: **breakfast cereal, dried pasta, orange juice (carton), soup (tinned or dry), tea bags. Also tinned meat, tuna, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding and tomatoes (all tinned).** Please make sure that all are in date. Many thanks.



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.

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If you have anything of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please email us at: 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
Wednesdays 10.15am

Benediction and Confessions:
Fridays 11:30am.

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