

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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WARMEST GREETINGS: To our dear Fr. Bill who will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving today. It is both a celebration of what he has achieved here in the past six years, and also a poignant realisation of how much we will all miss him. His Ministry has transformed the parish into a vibrant, thriving community and his legacy continues to bear fruit, living on in the hearts of each one of us.

BUFFET AFTER MASS: Please come down to the hall afterwards for a get-together with Fr. Bill. If you have brought some sweet or savoury items, they can be left in the hall before Mass. We look forward to seeing you there for what will certainly be a memorable morning for us all.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: For Fr. Bill. Next week, there will be a second collection for the Cathedral.

FR. RON: Is making good progress and is in good spirits. He has been able to take his first steps with assistance and say a few words. When Michael Bray gave him our parish card last Sunday, he blurted out, "excellent!" He will be staying in hospital for the time being to continue with the intensive rehabilitation therapy, and it is still best that he does not have visitors for now.

FR BERNADINE: Is now our Parochial Vicar. This is a temporary appointment for him until a new Parish Priest joins us. Fr Bernadine will take responsibility for OLI church and will keep in close communication with Pam O'Neill, Bernard

Kelly and Phillip Rockford. We hope to be able to offer weekday masses going forward. The last few weeks have been testing for our parish but with Fr Bernadine's assistance we are sure we will continue to thrive as a community. Many thanks to everyone for all your support.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR AT PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: The revised date for the pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Portsmouth Cathedral is **Saturday 12th November** the only date the cathedral could offer. If you have already paid your money for the trip that was cancelled, you are already on the list to go; but if you cannot make this new date, please see Pam at 9am Mass or Susan at 11am Mass to arrange a refund. If you had not previously booked but would like to go on this new date, please speak to Pam or Susan or put your name and contact details on sign up sheet on the notice board.

CHURCH CLEANING: Will be on October 3rd, October 17th and October 31st. At 2pm. All volunteers welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS

BRIDGE CLUB: Every Monday from 2pm. All welcome.

CRAFT CLUB: Every Thursday from

2pm. We look forward to welcoming new members.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: The office hours have slightly changed. **Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am.** **Fridays** stay the same - **2pm - 4pm.**

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

CALLED AND GIFTED DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: AN INVITATION TO ALL BAPTISED ADULTS: Corpus Christi, Boscombe, 11-12 November. Are you ready to open yourself to the possibility of being a channel that God can delight in working through? Would you like to be assisted in discerning how you have been uniquely gifted & know how to use those gifts? If so, please visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place on the 'Called & Gifted Upcoming Weekends' Page. Alternatively, fill in the booking form at the back of church and post into the church hall letter box. For further information please phone Anne-Marie on 01202 759207 ...leave a message and she will get back to you.

LOVING4LIFE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 7-8 October at Niland Conference Centre, Hertfordshire. Loving4Life offers marriage enrichment weekends to married couples to help them rediscover the joy of being a man and woman in love,

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: Thanksgiving for the Harvest

SUNDAY 25TH SEPT	26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	10.30AM	Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Bill
Mon 26th	Feria	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 27th	St Vincent de Paul	<i>No service</i>	
Wed 28th	Feria	11.00am	No Special Intention
Thurs 29th	The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	11.00am	Communion Service
Fri 30th	St Jerome	11.00am	Seamus Hickey
Sat 1st	Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY 2ND OCT	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM 11.00AM	People of the Parish Gregory Kung

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: John & Dee McGuire, Frank Passos, Rosemary Baker, Win Sheridan, Christopher Browne, Felicity Whitehead, Naiada Blunden, Margaret Barkway, John Leebody, Christopher Fordham-Hall, Louise Borber, Ian Dolman, Alan Franklin Barnes, Joan Guyomارش, James Richards, Patricia Plumb and Dorothy Matthews.

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

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

September

Sun	25	10.30am	Fr. Bill to offer Thanksgiving Mass	OLI Church
Mon	26	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Thurs	29	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall

October

Sun	2	9&11am	Fr. Shaun Budden to offer Masses	OLI Church
		9&11am	CAFOD Harvest Appeal talk after Masses	OLI Church
Mon	3	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
			Church Cleaning	OLI Church
Thurs	6	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
Fri	7		<i>Harvest Family Fast Day</i>	
Sun	9	9&11am	CAFOD Harvest Special Collection	OLI Church
Mon	10	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
		5.15pm	Social Committee meeting	OLI Hall
Tues	11	2&7pm	Film Club - 'I Guds Hander'	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 2:00pm.

drawing on the wisdom of the authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. For further details and to book your place, please contact: family@rcdow.org.uk

LAUDATO SI CONFERENCE: Saturday November 12th at 9.30 for 10am.

At the Winchester Discovery Centre. (opposite St Peters Church). This conference explores Pope Francis's encyclical detailing his concern for environmental issues. Bishop Philip will be opening the event and chairing a panel discussion in the afternoon.

Further details Laudatosi12nov@gmail.com

FOYER DE CHARITE RETREAT: At St Joseph's Ashurst, New Forest on Sunday 2nd October (evening) until Saturday 8th October (midday). Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day. For more information contact Mgr. Keith Barltrop 07879 953953.

YOUTH NEWS

FLAME 2017: At SSE arena, Wembley. 11th March 2017: The Earlybird deadline for buying tickets for Flame 2017 is **October 11th**. Until then, tickets are just £18. We hope that Flame 2017 will be the largest Catholic youth event ever held in the UK. We have an amazing line-up of speakers and thousands of tickets already sold. To buy tickets, google "CYMFed Flame 2017" and download the booking form.

SCHOOLS NEWS

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Secondary open evening **Tuesday 27th September, 6pm-8.30pm.** Primary open evening for September 2017 places - **Wednesday 12th October 6.00pm—7.30pm.**

DIOCESAN INFO

CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS: This is a two-year distance-learning course, through the Maryvale Institute. It is intended for anyone seeking to learn more about their faith, as well as those looking for formation to equip them to work with children and adults in parishes, schools and families. For further information please contact feenquiries@maryvale.ac.uk or ring 0121 3608118

CAFOD NEWS

CAFOD HARVEST FESTIVAL TALKS: Sunday **2nd October** after both Masses. CAFOD Harvest day is **Friday 7th October**. This Harvest Fast Day we think of 32 Year old Nicanora, from Bolivia on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Fast Day envelopes will be available for collection next Sunday. The second collection for CAFOD will be on Sunday **9th October**.

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AFTERNOON TEA: There will be no afternoon tea during September. The next date is **18th October**. All welcome.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 11th – 20th October 2016. Pilgrimage to Bethlehem and Tiberius. For more details please contact Fr Tom Grufferty, email tomgrufferty1@gmail.com

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If you have anything of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please email us at: oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

Rosary in church Wednesdays 10.15am

Benediction and Confessions: Fridays 11:30am.

Tea and Coffee Downstairs after both Sunday Masses.

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