

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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WELCOME: And thank you once again to Fr Bernadine who will be offering Masses today.

HOLY HOUR FOR ADVENT: Sunday 18th December, 4pm-5pm. On the last Sunday in the holy season of Advent, amid the seemingly endless tasks before Christmas, an hour of peace in the Presence of Our Lord. Stay as long as you like. All welcome.

EXTRAORDINARY (TRIDENTINE) MASS CANCELLED: Unfortunately, Fr Glaysher has a chest infection and will be unable to offer Mass at 6pm today. Apologies.

ALAN FRANKLIN BARNES: Please keep in your prayers Alan, a long-standing member of the parish, who died at Poole General Hospital last Tuesday. We ask God to comfort his family, close friends and loved ones. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS: Alan's Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady Immaculate **this Wednesday, 21st December at 11.00am.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will be having a break over Christmas, and will resume on **January 8th.**

SECOND COLLECTION: Today for Christmas flowers. None next weekend.



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

CHRISTMAS CLEAN: Monday December 19th at 2pm. Please come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas. If you only have half an hour that would be great. All very welcome.

CRIB OFFERINGS: This year, the parish 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: The Mass collection on Christmas Eve and Day is traditionally for the parish priest. This year it will be divided amongst the

priests who have kindly helped us through the last six months.

CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE: Christmas Eve, 3.00pm. Come and hear a retelling of the Nativity and sing some carols, bringing your children and grandchildren closer to the true meaning of Christmas, and opening their hearts to God's wonderful love for them.

LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT OLI: If you still haven't decided what you are doing on Christmas day yet, why not consider coming along? £18 per person. **12.30 for 1pm start.** Sign up sheet with menu is in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PARTY: Sunday January 8th at 3pm.

Did you know that the 3 kings who followed the star to Bethlehem were astronomers? Our party will be filled



LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: For a deeper love of Holy Scripture

SUNDAY 18TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('O Adonai')	9.00AM	Bob Philipps
		11.00AM	People of the Parish
Mon 19th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Root of Jesse')	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 20th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Key of David')	11.00am	John and Mary Andrews
Wed 21st	Liturgy of the Day ('O Morning Star')	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Alan Franklin Barnes
Thurs 22nd	Liturgy of the Day ('O King of the Nations')	11.00am	Communion Service
Fri 23rd	Liturgy of the Day ('O Emmanuel')	11.00am	Monsignor Jack Kennedy and Jayne Bloor
Sat 24th	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8.00pm	All Displaced Peoples
SUNDAY 25TH DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00AM	Noone Family
		11.00AM	People of the Parish

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Joy Chiari, John Grady, John & Dee McGuire, Rosemary Baker, Win Sheridan, Christopher Browne, Felicity Whitehead, Naiada Blunden, Margaret Barkway, John Leebody, Christopher Fordham-Hall, Louise Borber, Ian Dolman, Joan Guyomars, 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

DECEMBER

Sun	18	9&11am 4-5pm <u>6.00pm</u>	Fr Bernadine to offer Masses Holy Hour for Advent <u>Cancelled</u> —Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) Mass	OLI Church OLI Church
Mon	19	2.00pm	Church Christmas Clean	OLI Church
Weds	21	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Alan Franklin Barnes	OLI Church
Sat	24	3.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Children's Crib Service Carols and Readings Christmas Mass During the Night (Fr. Andrew Moore)	OLI Church OLI Church OLI Church
Sun	25	9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	Christmas Morning Mass (Fr. Andrew Moore) Christmas Morning Mass (Fr. Andrew Moore) Parish Christmas Lunch	OLI Church OLI Church OLI Hall

with fun and games all about the stars and planets - so come and be part of our own magical galaxy! Delicious refreshments also provided. There's a **sign-up sheet** in the foyer. We look forward to seeing you there.

DRESSING-UP BOX: Do you have any children's dressing-up Nativity clothes that you could lend us for the Epiphany Party on January 8th? If so, please hand them in to Suzanne or Sara. We suggest you make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be safely returned. Many thanks in advance!

FR. BILL: If you would were wondering where to send a Christmas card to Fr. Bill, you can hand it in to the parish office, or to Sara, and it will be sent on for you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Are you in year 3 or above? Would you like to receive Holy Communion next year? The preparation will begin in February and will take place most Saturday mornings until June. You will need to get your parent(s) to complete an application form for you. They are available at the back of the church.

ST. PAUL'S MISSALS 2017: Price: £5. If you are a reader at church, and would like one in order to prepare your reading in advance, copies are free.

ST PATRICK'S MISSION DIARIES 2017: Great stocking filler! £3.50 each. All proceeds to the Society.

SOCIAL EVENTS

QUIZ FISH AND CHIP NIGHT: Thursday 19th January at 7pm. £10 per person, payable in advance please to Suzanne in the office. Sign-up sheet now available.

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

ARE YOU SEEKING ACCOMMODATION? Christian Flatshare is a website that seeks to bring together those offering accommodation and those who are seeking accommodation. There is no fee for the service and the options are very flexible.

INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES: If you are getting married sometime soon, either in a church in our diocese or elsewhere, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Valentine's Day breakfast on **Saturday 11th February at 9.15am** in the Cathedral Discovery Centre, Portsmouth. He will also bless each couple and their engagement ring. For more information and booking, pick up a form at the back of the church or call Kirsten on 023 9282 0894.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

BAMENDA: As a result of a recent outbreak of violence and unrest between youths and the law, many innocent lives have been lost, many people injured and property destroyed. Please keep the people of Bamenda, our twinned diocese, in your prayers at this time. Bishop Philip has asked us to pray the *Memorare to Our Lady* for their intentions: you will find copies in the lobby.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST JOHN PAUL II: 19th-24th April 2017. Led by Fr John Lee. With on enight in thehills of Zakapone and four night in the historic Krakow, this guided tour will enable you to visit places central to the life of Pope St John Paul II including his birth place, Czestochowa's Black Madonna Shrine and Auschwitz. The pilgrimage takes place over Divine Mercy Sunday and we will visit the Shrine celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ himself to St Maria Faustina Kowalska. For information contact Pilgrimage People on 0800 6123423

WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Tom Grufferty is organising a walking pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from **28th September - 6th October**. Cost £1, 195. For more information contact Fr. Tom at tomgrufferty1@gmail.com

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

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.

SVP Society meets Weds, once a month 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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