

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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WELCOME: And thank you once again to Fr Andrzej together with Deacon Barry who will be offering 9am Mass for us, and to Fr Brian Copus who will be saying 11am Mass today.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP:

Following up the Year of Mercy. Please pick up a copy of Bishop Philip's letter from the back of the church or alternatively it can be downloaded under 'Latest News' at portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Many thanks to all concerned for making our parish feast day celebration on Thursday so special.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

This Friday, 16th December, 7.00pm at **Corpus Christi parish church.** A chance to join together with those in our Pastoral community in a service of Advent reconciliation to prepare for Christmas. There will be individual confessions with local priests, including availability for confessions in Polish.

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.

SVP CHRISTMAS TEA: Please join us on **Tuesday, 13th December at 2pm**



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

for some Christmas fun with entertainment. Everyone welcome.

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 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.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fr. Mark Whiting, who was ordained into the priesthood at Portsmouth Cathedral yesterday.

SECOND COLLECTION: Christmas flowers. Next week, also for Christmas flowers.

FOOD BANK: Now that the weather is getting colder again, don't forget to do all that you can to help keep our own food bank box topped up, as demand is sure to increase over the winter months.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: For a deeper love of Holy Scripture

SUNDAY 11TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) YEAR A	9.00AM 11.00AM	People of the Parish Goggin and Wilson Families
Mon 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 13th	St Lucy	11.00am	Charles O'Donnell
Wed 14th	St John of the Cross	11.00am	Jan Faulkner
Thurs 15th	of the 3rd Week of Advent	11.00am	Communion Service
Fri 16th	of the 3rd Week of Advent	11.00am	Harold Russell w/b
Sat 17th	Liturgy of the Day (‘O Wisdom’)	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY 18TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A	9.00AM 11.00AM 6.00pm	Bob Philipps People of the Parish No Special Intention
EF Mass			

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, 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

DECEMBER

Sun	11	9.00am 11.00am	Fr Andrzej to offer Mass Fr Brian Copus to offer Mass	OLI Church OLI Church
Mon	12	2.00pm	Bridge Club (Last session before Christmas)	OLI Hall
Tues	13	2.00pm	SVP Christmas Tea	OLI Hall
Thurs	15	2.30pm	Pantomime—Cinderella	Pavilion
Fri	16	7.00pm	Advent Penitential Service	Corpus Christi
Sat	17	12.30pm	Parish Pre-Christmas Lunch	Miramar
Sun	18	9&11am 6.00pm	Fr Bernadine to offer Masses Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) Mass	OLI Church OLI Church
Mon	19	2.00pm	Church Christmas Clean	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	Christmas Morning Mass (Fr. Andrew Moore)	OLI Church

The basic staple requirements are as previously advertised and indicated on the box: thanks.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MIRAMAR: This Saturday, 17th December, 1pm. Please make sure you have paid your £22.75. This can be left in the office post box. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: If you are able to donate any prizes for the Christmas raffle, please hand them to Pam O'Neill or Suzanne during office hours (see right hand margin →).

LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT OLI: Is definitely going ahead, even though there are still lots of places available. So 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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN: Will be on **December 19th at 2pm.** All volunteers welcome!

FILM CLUB: There will be no Film Club in December.

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: Still some available, £3.50 each. All proceeds to the Society.

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

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.

RADIO IMMACULATA: The Marian Franciscans in Gosport have launched a new Catholic internet radio station - **Radio Immaculata.** From music to talk shows; from interviews to meditations and prayers, there's something for everyone, so why not give it a go?

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

PANTOMIME - CINDERELLA: This Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm at the Pavilion Theatre Bournemouth. Many thanks to all of those who have paid. Please see John Slater or Suzanne in the office for your ticket.

BRIDGE CLUB: The last session before Christmas will be **Monday 12th December.** It will resume on **Monday 9th January.**

GERMAN CLUB: Will re-start after Christmas on **Wednesday 11th January**

CRAFT CLUB: Will re-start after Christmas on **Thursday 12th January.**

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.

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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