

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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OUR PRESENT SITUATION:

This week, Fr. Bernadine received a letter from Bishop Phillip who wrote of his 'hope to appoint a parish priest later this year'. In the meantime, he has asked Fr. Bernadine to continue to act as our Parochial Vicar, and Fr. Tony to help us out over the coming months. We are extremely grateful to both Fr. Bernadine and Fr. Tony for providing this support and relative stability to our parish at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our First Holy Communion candidates: Diana, Alex, Karolina, Pawel, Nikolas and Lottie, whose Induction takes place today during the 11am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers during this special time of preparation.

BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT: 'I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart. (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives freely to others.' (Pope Francis)

Here are some ways of keeping a good Lent:

- Sunday 5th March at 4pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
- Tuesdays at 11.30am: Stations of the Cross*
- Wednesdays at 10.15am: The Rosary*
- Fridays at 11.30am: Confessions*
- Fridays at Noon: CAFOD Lenten lunch*



SECOND COLLECTION: No second collection today, nor next week.

CHURCH CLEANING: Dates include 27th February; 6th and 20th March at 2pm. All volunteers welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY, Day of Fasting and Abstinence: Wednesday, March 1st. Mass will be offered at **11am only**. However, there will be a 7pm Mass at The Annunciation, Charminster, if you are unable to attend in the morning.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER is an ecumenical movement led by Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March each year. **St. Ambrose Church, Westbourne**, is hosting the event in our area this year, **on Friday, 3rd March at 2.30pm. All welcome.**

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES: Commence **this Friday, 3rd March at Noon** in the hall. Please join us; come on your own and make new friends or bring a friend. Soup and roll followed by tea or coffee £3.00 each. All proceeds to CAFOD.

LATIN (TRIDENTINE) MASS: Due to Fr Glaysher's ongoing ill health, there will be no more monthly Latin Masses here at Our Lady Immaculate until further notice.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ESCOFFIER: A social lunch is being organised at the Escoffier Restaurant for **this Tuesday, 28th February**, which happens to be Shrove Tuesday! For those interested, a sign-up sheet, together with the menu can be found on the notice board in the foyer.

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

FR DAVID HUTTON: Is one of the Oratorian priests who was due to come to the Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth. The latest medical report on Fr David's condition has determined that he has only weeks to live due to the aggressiveness of the cancer in his body. Please keep him in your prayers.

LATIN MASS IN FEBRUARY: The Franciscans of Gosport will celebrate the next Mass in the Extraordinary Form at Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth on **Monday, 27th February at 7.15pm.**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: The Unemployed

SUNDAY	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM	Kate Butler-Creagh w/b People of the Parish
26TH FEB		11.00AM	
Mon 27th	St. Gregory of Narek	No service	
Tues 28th	Feria	11.00am	Jimmy Creaby
Wed 1st	Ash Wednesday	11.00am	The Needy & Hungry of the World
Thurs 2nd	after Ash Wednesday	11.00am	Communion Service
Fri 3rd	after Ash Wednesday	11.00am	Patricia Cushman
Sat 4th	after Ash Wednesday	No service	
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM	Mike Schwarz
5TH MAR		11.00AM	People of the Parish

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Bell, Joy Chiari, 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, Dorothy Matthews and Laura Lafferty.

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

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sun	26	11.00am	Induction of First Holy Communion Candidates	OLI Church
Mon	27	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Tues	28	Noon	Social Lunch at Escoffier Restaurant	Escoffier

MARCH

Wed	1	11am	Mass for Ash Wednesday	OLI Church
Thurs	2	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
		4.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	OLI Hall
		6.00pm	Property and Finance Committee Meeting	OLI Hall
Fri	3	Noon	CAFOD Lent Soup Lunches	OLI Hall
		2.30pm	World Women's Day of Prayer	St Ambrose
Sat	4	10.15am	First Holy Communion Session	OLI Hall
Sun	5	9&11am	CAFOD Talks after both Masses	OLI Church
Mon	6	2.00pm	Bridge Club	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.

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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DIOCESAN INFO

FAITH FORMATION SEMINARS: For Catholic educators and support staff, with internationally renowned speaker on Catholic education, **Jonathan Doyle**. Seminars are **free** and will take place between **20th-23rd March**. For further information and to register, please fill in a booking form **before March 3rd**. They are available at the back of the church.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th 60th or anniversary over 60 years this year, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 24th June at 11am**. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph which you can upload when you complete the form. Alternatively send by post to the following address: **St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX**. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass. If you would like to attend, please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register or complete the online form which can be found on the Portsmouth Diocese website.

SCHOOLS NEWS

PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING: Would you like to train to be a Primary School Teacher? Do you already have a degree? You could train locally with the Primary Catholic Partnership either for a PGCE or through Schools Direct. Why not come along and find out more? Paul Haslam, the PCP Director will be holding a short open afternoon at St Walburga's Catholic Primary School in Malvern Road, on **Thursday 2nd March at 1.30pm**. As well as hearing about potential routes into teaching, there will also be an opportunity to meet with current students, and teachers who have completed the course and are now working at St Walburga's. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 01202 528811.

CAFOD

LENT FAST DAY: Florence is a hard-working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer. This

will help provide for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. By supporting the CAFOD Lent Fast Day on **Friday, 10th March**, you are bringing this hope to Florence's family and many others like them in Zambia. Many thanks.

SVP

AFTERNOON TEA: Please join us for tea, coffee and cakes on **Tuesday, 14th March at 2pm**. All welcome.

SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE: Draw will be on 31st March. The SVP makes over half a million visits a year to people who are isolated and in need. Every ticket sold supports our work. Tickets available after Mass in the lobby. £1 each; £5 a book. See poster for more details.

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

LENTEN RETREAT DAY: 'Into the Desert', reflecting on the temptations of Jesus in the desert. **Saturday, 4th March, 9.30-15.00 at St. Joseph's, Ashurst SO40 7DU**. Free admission. Donation £20. There are 20 places available.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND: 13th-18th March 2017. Price £599. For further information please contact Patricia at Knock Pilgrimages. Tel: 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Please see poster on the notice board with details of the itinerary.

PREACHED RETREATS IN OXFORD: The Carmelite Priory in Oxford is offering a number of Preached Retreats throughout 2017. Each of these weekends begins with a meal at 6.30pm on Friday evening and ends on Sunday after lunch. There will be at least four talks and the opportunity to join the resident Carmelite Community for Eucharist and Prayer. There will also be time for personal prayer, reflection, reading and rest. An atmosphere of silence is kept in the house throughout these retreats. For further information please visit www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com

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