

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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WELCOME: And many thanks to Fr. Shaun Budden, who will be offering Masses for us today.

OUR PRESENT SITUATION: Many of you have been asking how much longer before we get a parish priest? Recently, Fr. Bernadine had a meeting with Bishop Philip, who explained to him how difficult it is to resolve the situation with so few priests available. Subsequently, Bishop Philip urges us to pray not only for a parish priest here at OLI, but also that God stirs the hearts of those he has chosen to recognise their vocation to the priesthood and to follow it. He has requested that we come together as a parish community to pray for these particular intentions by saying a decade of the rosary at the end of every Mass. This will begin **next Sunday, 12th February**, and will continue from then on.

May Our Lady Immaculate intercede for us that our prayers for the sacred priesthood bear much fruit.



A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING this Wednesday, February 8th, the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was herself a former slave. Mass that day will ask her intercession for those who are victims of present-day human trafficking. Please join us for a coffee morning afterwards and a talk given by Julie Shanley of The Medaille Trust about the plight of the thousands of people who are being trafficked into the UK each year. For more

information visit medaille-trust.org.uk
We look forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU: Following the illness and death of their son Mike, Hildegard and John Slater wish to give their thanks to all those people who have offered thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It has been of immense comfort to receive such support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: John Grady, who passed away peacefully at home last Saturday evening. We keep him in our prayers and may God comfort all his loved ones, especially his dear friend Maria Harris.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: We are hoping to provide Friday Lent Soup lunches again this year but we really need volunteers to make soup or serve on the day. If you can help please speak to Pam at 9am Mass or Susan at 11am Mass or please see sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch.

EQUIPE NOTRE DAME, TEAMS: is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church, which offers mutual support and a way of living for Christian married couples in today's world. Teams aim to help couples grow in their love of Christ and each other. Each month a Team of 4 or 5 couples meet for a shared simple meal followed by time for prayer, reflection, discussion and spiritual growth. If you are interested in finding out about Teams in your pastoral area please contact Southern Regional

Couple, Bernard and Susan Kelly on 0795 7265380 or email us at southern@teamsgb.org.uk You can also visit www.teamsgb.org.uk or catch up on Facebook.

ST. PATRICK'S DIARIES: If you have a 2017 diary that you have not yet paid for, please leave your £3.50 in the office post box. We would like to send the donation off to St. Patrick's Missionary Society.

STOCK-TAKE: Thank you to everyone who turned up on Tuesday to help with the stock-take and spring clean of the store room and kitchen. You all did an amazing job which is very much appreciated.

DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH DIRECTORIES 2017 are now available from the office. Price: £6. Directories include information and contact details about all departments of the diocese, including schools.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be no second collection today. Next week for Racial Justice.

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

ESCOFFIER: A luncheon is being organised at the Escoffier Restaurant for **Tuesday, 28th February**, which happens to be Shrove Tuesday! For those interested, a sign-up sheet, together

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: Victims of Human Trafficking

SUNDAY 5TH FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM	People of the Parish
Mon 6th	St. Paul Miki & Companions	11.00AM	Colin and Joy Spinks
Tues 7th	Feria	<i>No service</i>	
Wed 8th	St. Josephine Bakhita	11.00am	Special Intention
Thurs 9th	Feria	11.00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
Fri 10th	St. Scholastica	11.00am	Holy Souls
Sat 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY 12TH FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM	Eugenia Czech
		11.00AM	People of the Parish

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
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, Alan Franklin Barnes, 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

FEBRUARY

Sun	5	9&11am	Fr Shaun Budden to offer Masses	OLI Church
Mon	6	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Wed	8	11.30am	Talk on behalf of Medaille Trust, refreshments included	OLI Hall
Thurs	9	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
Sun	12	9&11am	Fr Tony Pennicott to offer Masses	OLI Church
Mon	13	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Tues	14	2.00pm	SVP Afternoon Tea	OLI Hall
Thurs	16	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
Sun	19	9&11am	Fr Tony Pennicott to offer Masses	OLI Church
Mon	20	12.30pm	Funeral Mass for John Grady	OLI Church

with the menu can be found on the notice board in the foyer.

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS 2017-18: The Catholic Church in England and Wales is looking to recruit up to nine Catholic graduates to work for 11 months in Parliamentary, Media and Communications, and Social Action posts beginning in September 2017 - July 2018. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 10th February 2017**. For more information www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

ALPHA TASTER SESSION: Tuesday, 21st February, 7.15pm-9.15pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch BH23 1EH. Free. The Alpha Course is open to all: whether you are regular churchgoers, occasional visitors, atheists or just curious. In fact, the Alpha course is for anyone who's curious. The short films explore the basics of the Christian faith and encourage conversation in a friendly, welcoming open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Further information: Richard at www.alphavonstour@gmail.com or see the poster on the notice board.

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.**

DIOCESAN INFO

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.

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

SVP

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

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER: 'Putting together an image of Jesus from the Gospels' by Fr Tony Horan SJ in the Memorial room at Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe. **Saturday 18th February, 10.30am for 11am start, finishes at 4.15pm.**

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.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for February

Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted,
especially the poor,
refugees,
and marginalised,
may find welcome and comfort
in our communities.

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.

Parish Administrator & hall bookings
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