

# PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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## OUR PRESENT SITUATION:

Last 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Fr. David Hutton, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday night. He was one of the Oratorian priests who was due to come to the Sacred Heart, Bournemouth. May he rest in peace.

**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)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Today, 4pm-5pm. For

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**



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. *This Friday is Lent Fast Day, so please do come along and*

*support CAFOD. Thank you.*

the start of the holy season of Lent, a time for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of Our Lord. Come any time between 4pm and 5pm. Stay as long as you like.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** No second collection today. Next week for CAFOD.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** After Mass, every Tuesday during Lent, at **11.30am**.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL:** Will take place at the end of both Masses today. Please note, the special collection for CAFOD will be **next Sunday, 12th March**.

**LENT FAST DAY: This Friday, 10th March.** 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**, you are bringing this hope to Florence's family and many others like them in Zambia. Many thanks.

**NEW DOORS:** In order to comply with Health and Safety regulations, we have had secure fire doors fitted at the front of the church. This was made possible by the Diocesan initiative, Living Our Faith, which advises that a percentage of the money we raised should be put towards the upkeep of the church itself. The clear glass doors bring a sense of openness and welcome to all. The familiar wavy line, also seen on the doors entering the nave of the church, represents the waters of baptism, another symbol of welcome and peace to all who enter our church.

**NEXT WEEK:** There will be a Communion Service on Tuesday and Mass on Wednesday. There will be no Mass on Thursday as Fr. Bernadine has a funeral that day.

**LENT SOUP LUNCHES:** Every Friday at Noon during Lent, in the hall.

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

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: Candidates for the Sacraments

SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM	Mike Schwarz
<b>5TH MAR</b>		<b>11.00AM</b>	People of the Parish
Mon 6th	of the 1st Week of Lent	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 7th	of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
Wed 8th	of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am	Maria Harris w/b
Thurs 9th	of the 1st Week of Lent	<i>No service</i>	
Fri 10th	of the 1st Week of Lent	11.00am	Milina Leitao w/b
Sat 11th	of the 1st Week of Lent	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM	People of the Parish
<b>12TH MAR</b>		<b>11.00AM</b>	Stephen Smith

## 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

### MARCH

Sun	5	9&11am 4.00pm	CAFOD Talks after both Masses Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	OLI Church OLI Church
Mon	6	2.00pm 7.00pm	Bridge Club Social Committee Meeting	OLI Hall OLI Hall
Tues	7	11.30am	Stations of the Cross	OLI Church
Thurs	9	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
Fri	10	Noon	CAFOD Lent Fast Day CAFOD Lent Lunch	OLI Hall
Mon	13	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Tues	14	11.30am 2.00pm	Stations of the Cross SVP Afternoon Tea	OLI Church OLI Hall

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**QUIZ FISH AND CHIP NIGHT: Thursday 16th March at 7pm.** £10 per person, payable in advance please, to the parish office post box, in the hall. Sign-up sheet now available.

## PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

**HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART:** It is with great joy that we welcome back into our pastoral area the religious community of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart. There are now four sisters at the convent in Parkwood Road, Boscombe, where their predecessors lived. Their work will involve assisting with the chaplaincy at Bournemouth University and caring for the needs of the pastoral area. We look forward to welcoming them to Our Lady Immaculate, once they have settled in.

**WELCOME MASS:** There will be a Welcome Mass for the return of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart on the Feast of the Annunciation, **Saturday March 25th at 10.00am.**

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

## SVP

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Have you ever thought about joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)? It is an international Christian voluntary organisation which seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering poverty in any form. In our own parish community, the SVP regularly visit people, either at home or in nursing homes who are sick or simply just need the company of others. The more volunteers they have, the more people they can help. Is this something that you would like to do? If so, please contact the parish office on 01202 760640 or email [oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more information. Thank you.

**DO YOU KNOW:** anyone who would benefit from a visit from the SVP? Perhaps a neighbour or

friend who is unwell, or bereaved, or would just benefit from some companionship? If so, let us know via the office.

**AFTERNOON TEA:** Please join us 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

**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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) Please see poster on the notice board with details of the itinerary.

**CATHOLIC RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME: Maryfield Convent, London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA.** Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous, quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394 and speak to Trish Davies

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peace of mind...*



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your belongings  
with you at all  
times*

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for March

#### Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**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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