# PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth: registered charity 246871 visit us at catholicwestbourne.org

WELCOME: To Fr. Tony Pennicott who will be celebrating 11am Mass today.

BISHOP PHILIP WRITES: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need vou to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <a href="http://">http://</a> catholicnews.org.uk/ or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

MASS FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED: This Wednesday, 29th **November, 11am.** Mass will be offered for all the dead and bereaved, especially those whose names were written down at the back of the church during the month of November. The list of names will be placed within the sanctuary on that day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE: After both Masses in the hall. All proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

MANY THANKS: to Nina Lake, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for her talk last weekend. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit by the SVP, or if you would like to become involved yourself, for whatever amount of time you can

## PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

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PARISH PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 16 December 1.oopm Miramar Hotel.

Sign up sheet & menu available on the notice board in the lobby.

£23.00 per head

(NB This is in addition to the lunch planned for Christmas Day)

TRADITIONAL LUNCH ON **CHRISTMAS DAY** 

Fed up peeling sprouts on Christmas Day? Would you like to spend Christmas Day with us?

We will be offering full traditional fayre with trimmings in our lovely parish hall. Minimum charge £20. Maximum No. of people - 50.

Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Sign-up must be made by 3rd December and must be accompanied by a personal cheque or cash. Please make cheques payable to 'Our Lady Immaculate'.

Please contact the parish office or email Nina at nina.lake1@gmail.com

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE **CONCEPTION: Friday 8th December** is our parish feast day. Please join us for Mass and Benediction at 11.00am to pray together and celebrate the life of our parish community. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall.

THANK YOU: To all who came to Mass and our coffee morning afterwards on #RedWednesday. It was a wonderful sight to see everyone dressed in red as a way of showing solidarity with those who are persecuted for their faith. We are most grateful, too, for your donations which amounted to £72.30. It will be sent to the charity Aid to the Church in Need, helps persecuted Christians throughout the world, and especially at this time in the Middle East.

spare, we would love to hear from you. 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. The basic staple requirements are as previously advertised and indicated on the box. *Thanks*.

> BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: If you would like a loved one added to our Book of Remembrance, please complete a slip available in the entrance.

> MASS INTENTION: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, please speak to Suzanne or Sara.

> ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY MISSALS 2018: Price £5.50. If you are a reader at Mass and would like one in order to prepare your reading in advance, copies are free. You will find them in the lobby on Sundays, or the parish office during the week.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS Cycle of Prayer: Young People [National Youth Sunday]

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SUNDAY 26TH NOV		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00AM 11.00AM	People of the Parish Rosalyn Ashman				
Mon	27th	Feria	No service					
Tues	28th	Feria	11.00am	Robert Taylor RIP				
Wed	29th	Feria	11.00am	The Dead and the Bereaved				
Thurs	30th	St Andrew	11.00am	Martin Burke RIP				
Fri	1st	Feria	11.00am	Peggy and Kevin Harris				
Sat	2nd	Our Lady on Saturday	No service					
SUNDAY 3RD DEC		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B	9.00AM 11.00AM	People of the Parish Robert Taylor RIP				

#### PRAYER CORNER

#### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Patricia Plumb, Joan Guyomarsh, John & Dee McGuire, Christopher Browne, Joy Chiari, Win Sheridan, McKay, Jeanette Mary Bell, Christopher Fordham-Hall, Felicity Whitehead, Rosemary Baker, Ian Dolman, Naiada Blunden, Margaret Barkway, Louise Borber, Dorothy Matthews, Mary Devlin and Maria Pugliana.

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

**REQUESTS:** in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR							
NOVEMBER							
Sun Mon Wed Thurs	26 27 29 30	11.00am 2.00pm 11.00am 11.30am 2.00pm 2.00pm	Fr. Tony to offer Mass Bridge Club Mass for the Dead and Bereaved SVP Monthly Meeting Craft Club Liturgy, Spirituality & Formation Meeting	OLI Church OLI Hall OLI Church OLI Hall OLI Hall OLI Hall			
DECEMBER Sun 3 4.00pm		4.00pm	Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction for Advent	OLI Church			

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2018 DIARIES: Now available in the lobby on Sundays and the parish office during the week. Price £3.50. All proceeds to the Society. Great stocking filler!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** November 27th at **2pm.** *New volunteers always welcome.* 

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** No second collection today or next Sunday.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME:** Has unfortunately had to be **cancelled.** 

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon, we invite you to eat your lunch in community with everyone else downstairs in the hall. In order to simplify the procedure, we ask that you just bring a packed lunch for yourself and we will provide the tea and coffee. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us. If you know someone who is perhaps alone and would like some company, please invite them along too. *Everyone is most welcome*.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** for social events. Would you like to become involved in organizing hospitality events? We need more hands on deck! If you can help, please contact the parish office. *Thank you.* 

**LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT OLI:** If you would like to help with the preparations for the Christmas Day lunch in the hall, we would be most grateful. Please let the parish office know.

#### PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

THE GIFTS OF OLD AGE: A day exploring the integration of mental health and the spiritual life, bringing together older people and those who care for them. December 2nd 2017, from 9.30am to 4.00pm, St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day will cost £35 including a buffet lunch. For more details contact Kit Penny at <a href="mailto:inspire@stmarys.ac.uk">inspire@stmarys.ac.uk</a>

### CAFOD

**SHARE THE JOURNEY:** Pope Francis has recently launched a campaign 'Share the Journey' in support of refugees and migrants, and backed by more than 200 Catholic organisations including CAFOD. Inspired by Pope Francis' special concern for people on the move, CAFOD has launched an **online petition** to the Prime Minister

to urge Britain to play a leading role in the forth-coming UN Global Compacts on migration and refugees. To sign the petition, please go to <a href="mailto:e-activist.com/page/12965/petition/1">e-activist.com/page/12965/petition/1</a>

#### SPRITUALITY AND PRAYER

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Tuesday 19th December, 7.30-8.30pm. At The Convent Chapel of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart, 6 Parkwood Road BH5 2BH. A time for quiet contemplation of the Eucharist. Every third Tuesday of the month.

TRINITY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, UKRAINE AND LITHUANIA: 17th September - 28th September 2018. Fr. Marcus Drabik invites you to join Our Lady and St. Swithun's Parish Pilgrimage during 100th Anniversary of the Independence of Poland. This may be your last chance to see these places in such a way before Brexit kicks in. Deadline for completing the Registration form is 20th December 2017. Further details can be found at <a href="style="text-align: center;">style="text-align: cent

ONLINE SUNDAY BIBLE REFLECTIONS by Dr. Scott Hahn: Offering a reflection on the readings of the coming Sunday. Visit <a href="mailto:stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/Sunday-bible-reflections/">studies-tools/Sunday-bible-reflections/</a>

#### **SCHOOLS NEWS**

APPEAL FOR NEW SCHOOL GOVERNORS FOR ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Have you or any of your children attended St. Peter's School? Or do you have an interest in education? If so, have you ever considered being a school governor? If you would like to discuss this further please contact Richard Dickenson, Chair of Governors at <a href="mailto:rdickinson68@googlemail.com">rdickinson68@googlemail.com</a> or phone 07809 759084. See poster in the hall for more information.

# THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for December

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#### The Elderly

That the elderly,

sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith

and forming the new generations.

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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 Suzanne Quinn Office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30-11.30am.

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special envelopes
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