

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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GRATEFUL THANKS: Fr Andrew is most grateful to parishioners for their kind Christmas wishes and generous offerings. He would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

CRIB OFFERINGS: This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, the parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.



DRESSING-UP BOX: Do you have any costumes or clothes fit for the three kings? If so, please hand them into the parish office. We suggest you make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be safely returned. *Many thanks.*



FEAST DAY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: Monday, January 1st. Mass will be at **11.00am** that day. It is also World Day for Peace. Please come along. *All welcome.*

PAINTING THE CHURCH: This will begin on **Monday January 15th** and is expected to take around two weeks to complete.

SUNDAY MASS IN THE HALL: Sunday 21st January. 9am & 11am. While the church is being painted, Sunday Mass will take place in the hall. However, we advise that there has to be a **limited number** of people that can attend, due to Health and Safety regulations. Although we will be monitoring the lift in order to help those who cannot use the stairs, it may be worth considering going to Mass at another church on that particular Sunday. More details will follow in the next few weeks, including times of Masses in our neighbouring parishes, but for now, we wanted to forewarn you of what will be taking place.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Many thanks to all concerned: to Tim and the choir, to Pam and Denise for lunch, and to all our readers, ministers, welcomers and cleaners.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will be having a break over Christmas and will resume on **January 7th at 9.00 Mass.**

CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PARTY: Sunday 7th January, 3.00pm. Did you know that the three kings who followed the star to Bethlehem were astronomers? Our party will be filled with fun and games all about the stars and planets and much more besides. 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.*



PATRICIA KOWALEWSKA: Is spending a few weeks over Christmas at Lindsay Care Home, 47A Lindsay Road, BH13 6AP. She would be delighted to receive visits from friends while she is there.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT: *Bishop Phillip writes:* This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, I wish to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass – not only to the regularly practising but to all the Christmas attendees. A generous donor has provided me with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, **Rediscover Jesus**, for distribution to all the faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth. I hope you enjoy it. May it help all of us in our efforts at "bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. Copies are available in the church lobby.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be no second collection today or next week.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: Is now available and can also be found online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Cycle of Prayer: Expectant Mothers

SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.00AM	Deceased Members of the Noone Family
		11.00AM	People of the Parish
Mon	1st Mary. The Holy Mother of God	11.00am	Robert Taylor RIP
Tues	2nd Ss Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen	11.00am	Kenrick Wheeler RIP
Weds	3rd Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Olivia Jerrard
Thurs	4th Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Eugene Poucher RIP
Fri	5th Liturgy of the Day	11.00am	Mary King RIP
Sat	6th Liturgy of the Day	<i>No Service</i>	
SUNDAY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00AM	People of the Parish
7TH JAN		11.00AM	The Wilson and Goggin Families RIP

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

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

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

JANUARY

Mon	1	11.00am	Feast of Mary, the Mother of God	OLI Church
Sun	7	3.00pm	Children's Epiphany Party	OLI Hall
Mon	8	2.00pm	Bridge Club resumes	OLI Hall
Tues	9	2.00pm	SVP Afternoon Tea	OLI Hall
Thurs	11	4.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	OLI Hall
		7.15pm	Prayer Group	OLI Hall

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SVP

2018 DIARIES: There are still plenty left. You will find them in the lobby on Sundays and the parish office during the week. Price £3.50. All proceeds to the Society.

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.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS: If you have anything of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please send us an email at oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Maximum 80 words.

SOCIAL EVENTS

BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge Club will re-commence on **Monday 8th January 2018 at 2.00pm. All welcome.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for social events. Grateful thanks to those who have recently volunteered to join the social committee. We *still* need more hands on deck! Would you like to become involved in organizing hospitality events? If so, please contact the parish office. *Thank you.*

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

EPIPHANY CRIBFEST: A collection of cribs from around the world for everyone to enjoy. **St Joseph's Church hall, Branksome BH14 9AZ. Saturday 6th January 3.30pm-7.30pm and Sunday 7th January 11.30am-1.30pm.** In aid of Catholic Children's Society in the diocese of Plymouth, a small charity that helps families provide the basic essentials for their children. See poster for more details.

YOUTH NEWS

WORLD YOUTH DAY—PANAMA 2019: Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in **January 2019 (21st -27th).** Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than **15th January.** The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

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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Please use one of our special envelopes or ask for a form.

We are part of Bournemouth Pastoral Area.

AFTERNOON TEA: Tuesday 9th January. 2.00pm. Please join us for tea, coffee and cakes in the hall. *All welcome.*

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

PRAYER GROUP: Starts Thursday 11th January 2018. 7.15pm-8.30pm. The meetings will include a meditative scriptural reading to 'break open the Word', focusing on the following Sunday Gospel; provide opportunity for reflective listening time to allow God's Word to permeate our hearts; foster an atmosphere of mutual trust in God's presence, where we can share interior experiences and help each other grow in faith; encourage spontaneous prayers of petition for the needs of our loved ones, the Church and the world. Thus supported, strengthened and enlivened, we can re-enter and reach out to our wider community with renewed confidence and courage. If you would like more information, please contact: Frances McGuigan: 01202 761116 or Anne-Marie Fletcher: 01202 759207.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION: Celebrate the New Year with us! Our next day of prayer and reflection is on **Saturday, 20th January** in the **Memorial Room, Corpus Christi.** Led by Fr. Tony Horan SJ, it will focus on *Putting together our image of Jesus.* We will begin with teas and coffees at **10.30 for 11.00am** and aim to finish by **4.15pm.** Please see poster on noticeboard for further details.

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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for January

Religious Minorities in Asia
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.