

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION: Today, 4pm. To mark the start of the holy season of Advent. *All welcome.*

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This Wednesday, 6th December. 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Bournemouth Oratory. A chance to join together with those in our pastoral area in a service of Advent reconciliation to prepare for Christmas. There will be individual confessions with priests from the local area.



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 lunch and refreshments in the hall.

HOLY HOUR FOR ADVENT: Next Sunday, 10th December, 4-5pm. An opportunity for quiet contemplation of the Eucharist, to give thanks to Jesus, and to reflect on ways of finding God during this Advent season. Stay for as long as you like. *All welcome.*

CRAFT SALE: by the Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth, Belarus. After 11am Mass in the parish hall on Tuesday, 19th December. A selection of beautiful ceramics, artefacts and icons will be on sale. An example of their work is the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in the Lady Chapel.



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

PARISH PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 16 December
1.00pm
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 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'.

All contributions will go towards an orphanage and a psychiatric hospital for children in Belarus. Please come along and support the Sisters of St. Elizabeth and hear about the remarkable work they do within and beyond their community. *We keep them all in our prayers.*

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday 11th January 2018. 7.30pm-8.30pm. The newly formed prayer group is delighted to welcome anyone desiring to extend their prayer life in fellowship with other like-minded Christians. Fr Bernardine has guided us through the preparations and given his blessing and encouragement to express ourselves as 'people of prayer in the community', in keeping with Bishop Philip's recent pastoral letter. For more information, contact: Frances McGuigan: 01202 761116 or Anne-Marie Fletcher: 01202 759207.

PAINTING THE CHURCH: Plans are going ahead to paint the inside of the church early in the new year, which is why we are currently experimenting with various colours around the church. We hope it is not too much of a distraction.

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. A great stocking filler!

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: All Migrants

SUNDAY 3RD DEC	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B	9.00AM	People of the Parish
Mon 4th	of the 1st Week of Advent	11.00AM	Robert Taylor RIP
Tues 5th	of the 1st Week of Advent	No service	
Wed 6th	of the 1st Week of Advent	11.00am	Adi Tarapore RIP
Thurs 7th	St Ambrose	11.00am	Jean Killick RIP
FRI 8TH	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	11.00AM	Phillip Rockford
Sat 9th	of the 1st Week of Advent	11.00AM	Patricia Bonelli RIP
SUNDAY 10TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	9.00AM	People of the Parish
		11.00AM	Thomas Bonaventure Quinn RIP

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Patricia Plumb, Joan Guyomars, 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 and Margaret Guerrero.

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

REQUESTS: in our visitor's book.

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Sun	3	4.00pm	Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction for Advent	OLI Church
Mon	4	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Weds	6	6.30-8.30pm	Advent Penitential Service	B'mth Oratory
Thurs	7	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall
Fri	8	12.00pm	Feast Day Celebrations in the hall after Mass	OLI Hall
Sun	10	4.00pm	Holy Hour for Advent	
Mon	11	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Tues	12	2.00pm	SVP Afternoon Christmas Tea	OLI Hall
Thurs	14	2.00pm	Craft Club	OLI Hall

SPECIAL COLLECTION: No second collection today. Next Sunday will be for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN: Monday, December 18th. 2pm. If you can spare half an hour or more, why not consider coming along? *All help is most welcome.*

SOCIAL EVENTS

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: Friday 8th December, 12 noon, we invite you to eat your lunch in community with everyone else downstairs in the hall. 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.*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: If you are able to donate any prizes for the Christmas raffle at the Miramar lunch on December 16th, please hand them into the parish office. *Thank you.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for social events. Grateful thanks to those who volunteered last week 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.*

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.

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 forthcoming UN Global Compacts on migration and refugees. To sign the petition, please go to e-activist.com/page/12965/petition/

SVP

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA: Please join us on Tuesday, 12th December at 2pm for some Christmas fun with entertainment. Why not bring a friend? *Everyone welcome.*

PASTORAL AREA AND BEYOND

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO: A film on this martyred Archbishop will be shown on Thursday 14th December at 11.15am in Corpus Christi Parish Centre. Please see poster. *Everyone welcome.*

SPRITUALITY AND PRAYER

DAY OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION: Welcoming our Redeemer. Led by Fr. Tony Horan SJ in the Memorial Room at **Corpus Christi, Boscombe**. Teas and coffees at 10.30am for 11.00am. We aim to finish by 4.15pm. Please see poster for further details. *There is a day of prayer and reconciliation every third Saturday of the month. All welcome.*

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. *Every third Tuesday of the month.*

SCHOOLS NEWS

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 you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://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.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for December

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.

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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