

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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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.

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.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING: A reminder that the collections taken on Christmas Eve and Day are for our priest, and constitutes a substantial portion of his annual income. Please be generous. *Thank you.*

CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE: Christmas Eve, 3.00pm. Come and hear a retelling of the Nativity and sing some carols, bringing your children and grandchildren closer to the true meaning of Christmas, and opening their hearts to God's wonderful love for them.

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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR JIM McAULIFFE: Fr. Jim sends his best Christmas wishes to all at Our Lady Immaculate and is most grateful for the kind messages he has received.

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.*

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.*

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.

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 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.

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
Cycle of Prayer: Expectant Mothers

SUNDAY 24TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	9.00AM	People of the Parish
		11.00AM	Special Intention (V.R.)
SUNDAY 24TH DEC	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8.00PM	Maureen Sheeran RIP
MONDAY 25TH DEC	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.00AM	People of the Parish
		11.00AM	Leonard Fawkes RIP
Tues 26th	St. Stephen	11.00am	Peter & Eileen Hairs RIP
Weds 27th	St. John	11.00am	Michael Jones
Thurs 28th	The Holy Innocents	11.00am	Eileen Kavanagh
Fri 29th	St. Thomas of Canterbury	11.00am	No Special Intention
Sat 30th	Liturgy of the Day	<i>No Service</i>	
SUNDAY 31ST DEC	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.00AM	Deceased Members of the Noone Family
		11.00AM	People of the Parish

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	24	3.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Children's Crib Service Carol Service Christmas Mass During the Night <i>Mulled wine and mince pies after Mass</i>	OLI Church OLI Church OLI Church OLI Hall
Mon	25	9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	Christmas Morning Mass Christmas Morning Mass Parish Christmas Lunch	OLI Church OLI Church OLI Hall

JANUARY

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 7.15pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Prayer Group	OLI Hall OLI Hall

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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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.*

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.

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

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

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

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 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.

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.

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 rdickinson68@googlemail.com or phone 07809 759084. See poster in the hall for more information.