

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, WESTBOURNE

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HOLY HOUR FOR ADVENT: Today 4pm-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.*

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Many thanks to all concerned for making our parish feast day celebration on Friday so special.

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

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



CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Crib Service—3.00pm
Carols—7.30pm
Mass During the Night—8.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass—9.00am and 11.00am

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today for Christmas flowers. No second collection next Sunday.

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.*

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.*

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: For a deeper love of Holy Scripture

SUNDAY DEC 10TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	9.00AM 11.00AM	People of the Parish Thomas Bonaventure Quinn RIP
Mon	11th of the 2nd Week of Advent	<i>No service</i>	
Tues	12th of the 2nd Week of Advent	11.00am	Nikki Cullen
Wed	13th St Lucy	11.00am	Charles O'Donnell RIP
Thurs	14th St John of the Cross	11.00am	Jan Faulkner RIP
Fri	15th of the 2nd Week of Advent	11.00am	Denver Charles Dower RIP
Sat	16th of the 2nd Week of Advent	<i>No service</i>	
SUNDAY 17TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) - YEAR B	9.00AM 11.00AM	Bob Phillips RIP People of the parish

PRAYER CORNER

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Patricia Plumb, Joan Guyomarsh, 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	10	4.00pm	Holy Hour for Advent	OLI Church
Mon	11	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
Tues	12	2.00pm	SVP Afternoon Christmas Tea	OLI Hall
Weds	13	11.30pm	SVP Monthly Meeting	OLI Hall
Sat	16	1.00pm	Miramar Christmas Lunch	Miramar
Sun	17	4.00pm	Holy Hour for Advent	OLI Church
Mon	18	2.00pm	Bridge Club	OLI Hall
		2.00pm	Christmas Church Clean	OLI Church
Tues	19	11.30am	Craft Sale by Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth, Belarus	OLI Hall

SOCIAL EVENTS

CRAFT CLUB: There will be no Craft club during the run-up to Christmas.

BRIDGE CLUB: The last bridge club will be Monday 18th Dec. Bridge club will re-commence on **Monday 8th January 2018**. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MIRAMAR: Saturday, 16th December, 12.30pm. Today is the last day to sign up for the Christmas meal at the Miramar. The numbers and food choices will be passed on to The Miramar on **Monday 11th December**. If you have already signed up, please ensure that you have ticked your menu choices. Payment can be left in the office postbox. Please make cheques payable to Our Lady Immaculate.

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.*

LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT OLI: If you still haven't decided what you are doing on Christmas Day, why not consider coming along? £20 per person. **12.30 for 1pm start.** Sign-up sheet with menu is in the foyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for social events. Grateful thanks to those who have 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.*

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/

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

CATHOLIC BIBLE SUNDAY: Today. Pope Francis writes: It would be beneficial if every Christian community on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the sacred scriptures better known, so that the prayerful reading of the sacred text will help support and strengthen the spiritual life. (*Misericordia et Misera*, 7) In the light of this, here are some resources available which offer a way of bringing the scriptures into your daily life: 'Daily Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron' dailycatholicgospel.com; 'Sacred Space', which is run by Irish Jesuits and Loyola Press sacredspace.ie; 'Online Bible Reflections', offering a reflection on the readings of the coming Sunday. Visit stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/Sunday-bible-reflections. Also visit 'Wednesday Gospel Webinar' with the Sway Sisters portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar

DAY OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION: Welcoming our Redeemer. Saturday 16th December. 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.*

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.

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