

**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.*

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.*

**ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2018 DIARIES:** Are 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

<b>SUNDAY 17TH DEC</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) - YEAR B</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	Bob Philipps RIP
		<b>11.00AM</b>	People of the Parish
Mon 18th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Adonai')	<i>No service</i>	
Tues 19th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Root of Jesse')	11.00am	Mr & Mrs Walker RIP
Wed 20th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Key of David')	11.00am	Gwen Dockwray RIP
Thurs 21st	Liturgy of the Day ('O Morning Star')	11.00am	Harold Russell RIP
Fri 22nd	Liturgy of the Day ('O King of the Nations')	11.00am	Mary & Charles Caldwell RIP
Sat 23rd	Liturgy of the Day ('O Emmanuel')	<i>No service</i>	
<b>SUNDAY 24TH DEC</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) - YEAR B</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>11.00AM</b>	Special Intention (V.R.)
<b>SUNDAY 24TH DEC</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>8.00PM</b>	Maureen Sheeran RIP
<b>MONDAY 25TH DEC</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>11.00AM</b>	Leonard Fawkes 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 and Margaret Guerrero.

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

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

Sun	17	4.00pm	Holy Hour for Advent	OLI Church
Mon	18	2.00pm	Christmas Church Clean	OLI Church
Tues	19	11.30am	Craft Sale by Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth, Belarus	OLI Hall
Sun	24	3.00pm	Children's Crib Service	OLI Church
		7.30pm	Carol Service	OLI Church
		8.00pm	Christmas Mass During the Night <i>Mulled wine and mince pies after Mass</i>	OLI Church
Mon	25	9.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Hall
		11.00am	Christmas Morning Mass	OLI Church
		12.30pm	Parish Christmas Lunch	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.

Parish Administrator Suzanne Quinn  
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GIFT AID Pay income tax? We can reclaim 25% of your offering today from the Government at no cost to you. Please use one of our special envelopes or ask for a form.

We are part of Bournemouth Pastoral Area.

**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.

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/](http://e-activist.com/page/12965/petition/)

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at [cafod.org.uk/world\\_gifts](http://cafod.org.uk/world_gifts) or call 0808 1400014 or catalogues are available in your church.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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

**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.*

### 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](mailto: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

### SPRITUALITY AND PRAYER

**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](http://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.



**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

