

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



19 DECEMBER 2021

Mother and model

We know that Christmas is coming, because Mary goes in search of Elizabeth. And we know that what is the next great event in the history of that little family is they both will give birth. Two children: one, John the Baptist, and the other one, of course, Jesus the Messiah.

It is almost Christmas, and a child is about to be born to us. The Child will be the Son of Mary and the Son of God. He will be named Jesus and will be the gift of a loving Father offered to us on this first Christmas Day. We reach out then with both hands and take this most precious gift into our own world, into our families, into our hearts, into our lives, with great gratitude, love and thanksgiving to God himself.

It has often puzzled me that God should choose the weak and needy, the helpless and poor, the day-to-day-ordinary people of this world, to effect his will, to be the instruments of his concern for a world that hungers for his love, often without even realizing it.

This indeed is a great mystery. It is also God's way of telling us how much he values our lives, lives that we ourselves often take for granted, and we often feel unworthy of such honour and attention that God himself should give us his only Son, to be our companion on our road of life.



Mary, then, becomes our Mother and our model. The unlettered, teenaged girl-child has been chosen to be the Mother of the Messiah, the Christ, saviour of the world. Mary's life once vowed and given will never be taken back. Mary's faith and trust in God has made the incarnation possible. God was asking her to surrender her life in love. And Mary gave it and continues to give it, to you and to me, that we might pass it on to one another.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 19th December, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

9.00am

11.00am

Tuesday 21st December, FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

10.00am: *Peter and Ellen Hairs*

Wednesday 22nd December, FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

10.00am

Thursday 23rd December, FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

10.00am: *Germain - In thanksgiving*

Friday 24th December, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass: 5.30pm - *Marion Carozzi RIP*

Saturday 25th December, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00am

11.00am: *Leonard Fawkes*

Sunday 26th December, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9.00am: *Una and Jim O'Brien*

11.00am: *Derek Warner RIP*

Tuesday 28th December, THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10.00am: *Jacek Vuroswski RIP*

Wednesday 29th December, ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

10.00am: *Doris Carroll RIP*

Thursday 30th December

10.00am

Friday 31st December

No Mass

Saturday 1st January, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

12.00pm

Sunday 2nd January, SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9.00am

11.00am

PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Father Leslie would like to meet with those parents whose children will be preparing for their First Holy Communion. There will be an initial meeting on Saturday, 8 January, 2022 at 10.30am. Please bring your diaries.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided in the hall after the 9.00am Mass on Wednesdays. Please do join us if you can.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: As the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, please continue to attend Mass when you feel confident to do so. The Sunday Obligation remains 'stretched' across the weekdays so if you find Sunday Mass too daunting at this stage then consider attending a weekday Mass when there are fewer people present.

COLLECTION: The Christmas collection is our way of thanking our parish priests for all the dedication, guidance and care they give to their parishes week in, week out. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Leslie in his vocation, please visit our website. www.catholicwestbourne.org

You are also welcome to pass on your contribution to Fr Leslie if you'd prefer. Thank you for your continued generosity.



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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**PRCDTR Bournemouth
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Sort code: 309304 **Account:** 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Marianne Copp, Patricia Kowalewska,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

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THE HOLY FAMILY



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