

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS  
TODAY, 3.00PM  
CHURCH GROUNDS  
IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS**

**Calling all creatures great and small.**

**Please bring your faithful human  
companions for a brief service of  
blessing and thanksgiving for the  
care they give us.**



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**Well behaved dragons welcome.**

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY  
CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL**

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** Parents of children (Year 3+) wishing to make their First Holy Communion are invited to the welcome and introductory meeting with catechists on **Saturday 14 October at 9.00am** in the church hall. Please contact the church office to register interest. Proof of Baptism is required and the Course Book "I want to make my home in you" is £8. See you there.

**BASICS BANK:** Donations of cereals, tinned meats, tinned vegetables, hygiene goods etc needed, please. Contributions have dropped away quite a lot recently. Also, volunteers needed to help with the delivery to Lymington. Please see Katherine Dempster if you can help. Thanks.

**GLOBAL SYNOD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Now in session looking at fundamental issues about the nature of the Church: its purpose, how it functions, how it nurtures and involves its members, and the like. Please pray for its success. You might like to use this prayer to the Holy Spirit which was said before every session of Vatican II:

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in your name.*

*With you alone to guide us,  
make yourself at home in our hearts;  
teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
or partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in you our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of you,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS**  
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)  
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

<b>SUN 8 OCTOBER</b>	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)</b>	<b>6.00 PM 10.00AM 3.00PM</b>	+ Jack & Mary Loftus Louis d'Espagnac (Birthday) Blessing of Animals
Mon 9	St John Henry Newman	No Mass		
Tues 10	St Paulinus of York	Mass and Rosary Rosary	10.00am 5.30pm	Mr Thomas (eternal happiness)
Wed 11	St John XXIII	Mass and Rosary	10.00am	+ Eddy Kelleher (Birthday)
Thurs 12	Feria, week 27	Mass and Rosary	10.00am	+ Jack & Mary Loftus
Fri 13	St Edward the Confessor	Mass and Rosary	10.00am	+ Len & Louisa Castle
Sat 14	St Callistus I	No AM Mass		
<b>SUN 15 OCTOBER</b>	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	+R.& J.Gowing & K.Hitchins + Fr.Gerrit Vervenne (2 Anny)

<b>7/8 Oct</b>	Reader	EMHC	<b>14/15 Oct</b>	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	GG	MH	Vigil	BD	KD
10.00am	RG	JK	10.00am	NM	JN

**A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.**

**PRISONERS' WEEK: Begins today.**

Today is an important opportunity for all of us to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families. As the number of people in prison increases in England and Wales, there are more and more families in our local communities who may be in need. PACT is the national Catholic charity trying to make a difference. PACT members work in 60 prisons across England and Wales supporting prisoners and their families. For more info please visit [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

**MASS FOR ALL SOULS:** Thursday 2nd November 6.00pm. During Mass we are hoping to read out a list of those who have died. Slips for inclusion of names available now at the back of the church. Please note there is no need to provide an offering with your request.

**GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST  
DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING**

**CAMPAIGN:** There will be open meetings after both Masses on November 1st in the parish hall. Please come if you can. Thanks.

**PRAYER CORNER:** Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Christine Houssiere, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Patricia Clarke, John Hamon, Alice Loftus, Churcher Family

**SOCIAL EVENTS LEADING UP**

**TO/AFTER CHRISTMAS:** Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Sunday. We will be working on the following:

- A Grand Christmas Draw
- Neighbourhood Carols with mince pies and mulled wine
- Parish Pre-Christmas buffet get-together
- Children's crown-making competition for Epiphany

We'll need cash and bottles for the draw. Can you help, please? Please contact Lizzie in the office if you can. Many thanks.

**OCTOBER ROSARY:** The Rosary will be offered Tuesday-Friday immediately after 10.00am Masses for the rest of this month.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING**

**COLLECTION:** Thanks to your donations at Coffee Mornings after Mass on Sundays, we have donated £106.80 to The Southampton Street Pastors, a charity that cares for the homeless on the streets of Southampton. Thank you for your generosity!

**PARISH INFO-BAR**

The Presbytery, 15 Mount Avenue, New Milton, Hampshire. BH25 6NT

**General enquiries, Mass Intentions, and Hall Bookings**

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