

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROMAN  
CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY  
OF LOURDES, NEW MILTON

SUNDAY 19TH  
JANUARY 2025,  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF YEAR C



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**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Began yesterday. We pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those within our OLOL Parish boundary: New Milton, Barton on Sea, Ashley, Walkford, Bashley, Everton, and Hordle.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Falls today. We remember Pope St John XXIII's teaching that peace is not merely the absence of war, but a state to be continually worked towards with the help of God's grace.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Centenary Fund. Next week: Cathedral.

**PARISH COMMUNICATION GROUP:** As part of our centenary preparations, we would really like to engage with people who are not likely to visit a website—anyone under 40! Do you have experience running *Facebook*, *Whatsapp*, or *Instagram*? We would like to form a small group of innovative, savvy, and experienced communicators who could help us achieve our aim. For younger people, this project could be a very useful addition to a CV. Please email Fr Bill on his direct email if you are interested. Thanks.

**OLOL FAÇADE CROSS:** We were going to put up a new cross as part of our Centenary celebrations in 2027. However, it has been suggested that we could make it a Jubilee Year project (i.e. this year). Does anyone have an opinion either way? Please have a word with Fr. Bill. Thanks. (Of six replies so far we are 50/50!)

**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 19 JANUARY</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	+Brigid Horan +Elisabeth Sebastian
Mon 20	Ss Fabian and Sebastian	No Mass		
Tues 21	St Agnes	No Mass		
Wed 22	St Vincent	No Mass		
Thurs 23	Feria, week 2	No Mass		
Fri 24	St Francis de Sales	No Mass		
Sat 25	Conversion of St Paul	No AM Mass		
<b>SUN 26 JANUARY</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	+Roy Fitsell +Muriel Thomas (10th Anny)

<b>18/19 Jan</b>	Reader EMHC	<b>25/26 Jan</b>	Reader EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD MH, KD	Vigil (Sat)	SD BD, MH
10.00am	CB JN, JT, JP	10.00am	OB SS, LD, LE

**PARISH GIVING:** Please use this QR Code if you would like to support the parish further and/or contribute to our Second Collections.



**FR BILL:** Is taking Monday to Friday of this week off, at home. Please give him some space to chill. Thanks.

**CHURCH INTERIOR:** The walls are looking very tired indeed. This week, we are having the bay near the Lady Chapel professionally cleaned as an experiment to see if it makes any difference. If it looks promising, we'll work towards a completely refreshed interior for the whole church. Many thanks to Colin Bryce for arranging this.

**PEOPLES' SUNDAY MISSALS:** CTS edition now available in the sacristy for those who ordered, in return for £20. Redemptorist edition should be here soon.

**LYMINGTON BASICS BANK:** Any gifts you are able to donate to people less fortunate than ourselves will be very much appreciated. Tinned items, dry foods, e.g. pasta and rice, sanitary items. All welcome. Thank you!

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** The Crib will remain up until 2 February, Candlemas. Any donations left by it will go to good causes in the Holy Land, administered by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** We will soon order Gift Aid envelopes for FY 25/26. Anyone who has not had envelopes this year, and would like them for

**PRAYER CORNER:** Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, John Hamon, Philippe Hamon, Catherine d'Espagnac, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis.

25/26, should notify the office as soon as possible stating whether they need weekly envelopes or only envelopes for 2nd collections. If you currently use envelopes, we will assume you need the same again for 25/26 unless you request otherwise. If you are no longer able to Gift Aid please let us know so that we do not order too many. Many thanks.

**USA:** As the next President of the United States is inaugurated tomorrow, we offer prayers for a peaceful transition, and that he will serve his nation with the humility, respect for all people, and integrity that his high office requires.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There is a growing stash of left behind oddments at the back of the church. If they are not reclaimed by next Sunday, they will be disposed of. Please have a look to see if anything belongs to you. Thanks.

**CONFIRMATION INTRODUCTION:** For those candidates and parents who missed the introductory session, there is a second opportunity for you **This Saturday (25th) at 11.00am in the Hall.** Attendance is **MANDATORY.** Thank you to Johanna for kindly arranging this!

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