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

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025, THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C



Epistle Lectionary, MS McClean 30 by Eburnant (artist).

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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.

CAFOD: There is a meeting on Saturday 15th February from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St. Margaret & Mary Church Hall, Middle Road, Park Gate, Portsmouth, SO31 7GH. All are invited to join the meeting to learn how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place, so that they have any idea of numbers as simple lunch will be provided by emailing jlewry@cafod.org.uk

CHURCH INTERIOR: The walls are looking very tired indeed. 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. Unfortunately work was supposed to commence last week but due to logistical reasons the start date has been delayed, so work will be starting this Monday instead. 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. The Redemptionist copies have also arrived and are ready for collection and payment in the Sacristy. Once you have taken and paid for your copy, can you please tick your name off on the list provided. Thank you!

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

SUN 26th JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Roy Fitsell +Muriel Thomas (10th Anny)
Mon 27	St Angela Merici	No Mass		
Tues 28	St Thomas Aquinas	No Mass		Clergy Day in Winchester
Wed 29	Feria, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Peggy Buckley
Thurs 30	Feria, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Phillip O'Connor
Fri 31	St John Bosco	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 01 Feb.	Feria, week 3	No AM Mass		
SUN 02 FEBRUARY	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+John E.D. Williams (4th Anny) +Poly Marijooran (2nd Anny)

25/26 Jan	Reader	EMHC	01/02 Feb	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	BD, MH	Vigil (Sat)	GG	KD, BD
			10.00am		

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



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 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.

SAFEGUARDING: The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) have improved how the update service works for volunteers. Jill Parsons, our Safeguarding Minister, will be sending an email to all our volunteers outlining what this improvement means for them. If you don't receive your email, please contact Jill at safeguard-

ing.newmilton@portsmouthdiocese. org.uk

or contact Lizzie in the Office.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: FOR THE CATHEDRAL Although the

Diocese are aware of the financial pressures that we are all under, however, never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important. Thank you!

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.

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.

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