

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

SUNDAY 16TH
FEBRUARY 2025,
SIXTH SUNDAY
YEAR C

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 28th July—4th August. Open to anyone aged 17+. Celebrating World Youth Day Jubilee with young people from all over the world. £1350 per person all inclusive (except lunch). Contact youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for info.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Racial Justice.

DAVID ENGLAND: Please pray for David who died recently. David's Funeral Service will take place this Friday, 11.00am, at OLOL on followed by burial at Milford Road Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

PEOPLES' SUNDAY MISSALS: Last few available for those who ordered, in the sacristy. Please leave £20 and tick off your name. Thanks.

WEEKDAY READERS: Thanks for reading. Please double-check with Fr. Bill beforehand which readings we are using and where they can be found in our new, and rather confusing, Lectionary. Also, it might be a good idea to ask someone to bring up the Gifts.

CENTENARY WILD GARDEN AND BUG HOTEL: We should make the environment an important part of our 2027 celebrations. Plans are already in place for a wild garden space at the far end of our land behind the parish hall which will mature over time. We'd like to compliment the garden with a "bug hotel". This would be a fun project for our children. Please see Fr. Bill if interested.

STELLA MARIS: Writes to thank us for our Sea Sunday collection of £270 which will be used to provide chaplaincy support for seafarers doing a hazardous job far from their homes.

DO YOU USE A MOPED?: Fr Bill is scrapping his car at the end of the month and would like to look at alternatives to get around the parish. Does anyone have a 50cc-125cc moped that he might try in the church carpark to get the feel of driving one? Please email him if you can help: wwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LYMINGTON BASICS BANK: Urgently needs, tinned goods: meat, tuna, veg, fruit, soup, and baked beans. Also, dry foods, e.g. pasta and rice, sanitary items. Please leave at either church entrance. Thank you!

MASS CARDS AND CANDLES: Can now be purchased using our card reader and QR code. Please use the appropriate option when prompted. Many thanks. (see over for QR Code).

MASS INTENTIONS: We have quite a bit of availability ahead. Please contact Lizzie if you'd like Mass offered for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or for loved ones alive or deceased.

FIRE DRILL: There will be a drill at Saturday and Sunday Masses sometime in the near future. Please note the following:

- Stay calm
- Follow the instruction of our wardens
- Leave by nearest exit
- Infirm people must wait until others have left. A warden will stay with you
- Do not leave the site: go to a muster point
- Do not stack hymnbooks!

CENTENARY FUND: Some of you may wish to offer donations for our Centenary Fund on a regular basis. In which case you may wish to pay your donation by Standing Order form. If so, please take a Standing Order Form from the back of Church. 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 16TH FEBRUARY	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Gehane & Paul (Thanksgiving) +Maureen Kallar
Mon 17	7 Holy Founders	No Mass		
Tues 18	Feria, week 6	Mass	10.00am	+Brigid Horan
Wed 19	Feria, week 6	Mass	10.00am	Christine Hooker (wellbeing)
Thurs 20	Feria, week 6	Mass	10.00am	+Joe Cormican
Fri 21	St Peter Damian	Mass and Rosary Funeral Service	10.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish +David England
Sat 22	Chair of St Peter	No AM Mass		
SUN 23RD FEBRUARY	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Ted Nash Liz Willis (wellbeing)

15/16 Feb Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) AB BD, MH
 10.00am RG SS, JN, LD

22/23 Feb Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) BD MH, C.d'E
 10.00am VJ LE, SS, JP

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



LEGACIES: There is something amazing we could do to help continue supporting our beautiful Church. If you have enjoyed worshipping at Our Lady of Lourdes, why not consider leaving a gift in your Will to ensure the upkeep of our Church for future generations?

GIFT AID: The Parish is hugely appreciative of those who are able to donate via Gift Aid envelopes or via bank transfer and are able to register their donations for Gift Aid. If you are currently registered for Gift Aid but your circumstances change after 6th April 2025 (new tax year), i.e. you are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover the Gift Aid element of your donations, please inform the Parish Office as soon as possible. If there are any tax-paying parishioners who wish to be Gift Aid registered, please speak to Lizzie in the Parish Office to arrange completing a Gift Aid Declaration form. This is a huge benefit to the Church because we can receive an extra 25% on top of your donation from the HMRC. For everyone who donates to the Church financially, or otherwise, a massive THANK YOU to you all!

THE WAR IN UKRAINE: Although the conflict in Ukraine is covered less in the news these days, the nightmare of constant drone attacks and missile attacks still goes on and civilians are being driven out of their homes and their communities. Their need is as great as ever. If you have any surplus candles, even used, or winter clothing, please let Lizzie know and she would be happy to collect them from you. Candles are melted down and whilst still liquid, poured into tin cans with a wick and then solidified. Not only do these cans offer light but also warmth to soldiers in the trenches.

SOCIAL EVENTS: We are keen to draw up a calendar of Social Events for 2025 and are looking for well-motivated people to join our Social Committee. Can you spare an hour every couple of months to discuss future events? If you are not keen to join the Committee, would you be able to offer hands-on help at some of our various events? Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we view the importance of Faith but also we view the importance of Community and Fellowship.

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, Jenny Adams

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