

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

SUNDAY 2ND  
MARCH 2025,  
EIGHTH SUNDAY  
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## 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 lunches). Contact [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for info. If you would like to help someone attend, please see Fr. Bill.



**POPE FRANCIS:** Please pray for the Pope who is in a serious condition in hospital and for the medical team looking after him.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Centenary Fund.

## CENTENARY WILD GARDEN AND BUG HOTEL:

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** On Friday 7th March we are starting to strip the turf to create the wild flower garden in the Church grounds. If you are able-bodied and can spare an hour or two to help us move the cut turf on Friday 7th March anytime between 12:00 and 16:00h or on Saturday 8th March between 10:00 and 14:00h, please contact Nick Newman on 07860 144 508 or via email at [nick\\_newman@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_newman@hotmail.com).

**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!

## CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER:

The Vicarate for Evangelisation will be hosting 3 on-line events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other Catechists, share experiences and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7:30pm and last for 1 hour. Catechists can choose from the 3 events based on their area of catechesis. Full details can be obtained from Marco Carlotto at [mcarlo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mcarlo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## ASH WEDNESDAY:

Falls this Wednesday. There will be Masses with Distribution of Ashes at 10.00am and 6.00pm at OLOL.

**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 INTENTIONS:** Please contact Lizzie if you'd like Mass offered for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or for loved ones alive or deceased.

**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](mailto:wwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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. 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 2nd March	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Private Intention +David Alan England
Mon 3	Feria, week 8	No Mass		
Tues 4	St. Casimir	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	Distribution of Ashes Mass	10.00am 6.00pm	+John Lee Williams (9th Anny)
Thurs 6	After Ash Wednesday	Mass	10.00am	Anton Sobins (9th Birthday)
Fri 7	After Ash Wednesday	Mass	10.00am	+Lisbet Hamon
Sat 8		No AM Mass		
SUN 9TH MARCH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Apolonia Rosol World Peace

1/2 Mar.	Reader EMHC	15/16 Mar	Reader EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	MH MH, C.d'E	Vigil (Sat)	BD C.dE, MH
10.00am	MP JN, LD, JP	10.00am	SS JP, 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.



**SOCIAL EVENTS:** The Social Committee met last week and we are planning some social events for the next few months. I am working on a Social Calendar for 2025 and hope to have this available in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if anyone has any suggestions for social events during this Jubilee Year, then please contact me in the Parish Office. Thanks! Lizzie

**MARY'S MEALS:** This organization provides a lifeline to families around the World. Since their humble beginnings, Mary's Meals—named in honour of Mary, the Mother of Jesus—has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in their mission. This May, Mary's Meals are launching their own fortnightly prayer and reflection emails during the month of May. Each email will include updates of their work, a reflection from a team member and suggested prayers to help you walk in prayer with the children and communities they support. For further information please visit their website [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

**LIVING ROSARY GROUP:** Meets tomorrow, 3rd March, at 5.00pm in the Hall. If you would like to join, please contact Johanna Thomas.

**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, Robert Myjak

**BISHOP PHILIP'S PASTORAL LETTER:**

The theme of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter to be read in Churches this weekend is "BELONGING". Hard copies are available at the back of Church but an electronic copy will be sent via email to you with this week's Newsletter.

**SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND of 15th/16th March for CAFOD.**

CAFOD Family Fast Day falls on Friday 14th March. Donating to CAFOD this Lent will enable local experts across the world to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in Church using a CAFOD envelope, which will be available next weekend, or by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)



**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** resumes again this Sunday after the half-term break.

**PARISH INFO-BAR**

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**Live streaming**  
<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

**Parish website**  
[ourladyoflourdes.co.uk](http://ourladyoflourdes.co.uk)

**A Parishioner's Blog**  
[the247catholic.blogspot.com](http://the247catholic.blogspot.com)

**Diocesan website**  
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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