

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

SUNDAY 16TH  
MARCH 2025,  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT, YEAR C



Image; Icon of St Patrick, Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, Chicago, Photo by bobosh\_t, copied under cc-by-sa-2.0 licence.

**ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND:** Many congratulations and blessings to the people of Ireland and its diaspora celebrating St Patrick's Day tomorrow!

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 10.30am (English) and 6.00pm (Malayalam) at OLOL. All welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD.**



**POPE FRANCIS:** Please pray for the Pope who is in a serious condition in hospital and for the medical team looking after him. The twelfth anniversary of the Pope's inauguration falls this Wednesday, the Solemnity of St Joseph.

**PETER CONNOLLY:** Please pray for Peter, one of our Saturday Vigil Mass regulars, who died recently. Peter's Funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday at noon. May he rest in peace.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of the Funeral, there will be no Mass at 10.00am on Thursday.

**HOLY COMMUNION PROCESSION AT MASS:** Apparently, there is a lot of congestion half way down the church at Communion time. It has been suggested that we might stagger moving from our pews. So, as an experiment, could we ask that those in the front few pews (left and right) and side chairs (left and right) come up as normal, then those on the remaining lefthand pews, and finally those on the remaining righthand pews. There will be a steward to assist us. Let's see if it helps!



**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 MARCH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Thanksgiving Private Intention
Mon 17	St Patrick	No Mass		
Tues 18	Lent, week 2	Mass	10.00am	+Brigid Horan (Anniversary)
Wed 19	St Joseph	Mass	10.00am	Mary & Roy (wedding anny)
Thurs 20	Lent, week 2	Funeral Mass	noon	+Peter Connolly
Fri 21	Lent, week 2	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sat 22	Lent, week 2	No AM Mass		
SUN 23RD MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Private Intention +Margaret & Terry Boland

<b>15/16 Mar</b>	Reader	EMHC	<b>22/23 Mar</b>	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	C.d'E, KD	Vigil (Sat)	AB	MH, BD
10.00am	SS	JK, LD, JP	10.00am	CB	LD, SS, JN

**NB: OUR CARD READER AND QR CODE ARE OUT OF ACTION AT THE MINUTE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. THEY SHOULD BE BACK IN ACTION SOON. GIVE AS YOU LIVE IS STILL AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, THOUGH.**

#### DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, Saturday 21st June at 11am, followed by a buffet lunch. Please email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form.

**ST PETER'S RC SCHOOL:** Full/part time Chaplain needed from September. For details please email [AWN@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:AWN@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk) Applications close 25th March.

**NAMED GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES:**  
Available at the back of the church.

**ALTAR LINENS:** We need to replace some of our altar cloths. We would like to buy linen ones but they are a bit expensive. Would anyone like to contribute?

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

**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.



*Image: The Transfiguration of Jesus, by Fra Angelico, fresco c.1440, Public Domain, WikiCommons*

**CENTENERY WILD GARDEN:** Many thanks to those who cleared the area of turf last weekend in preparation for seeding. We're still looking for a family to adopt the bug hotel, Any takers?

#### PARISH INFO-BAR

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**Parish website**  
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**A Parishioner's Blog**  
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**Diocesan website**  
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