

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

SUNDAY 23RD
FEBRUARY 2025,
SEVENTH 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 lunches). Contact 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 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.

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!

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note, there are no weekday Masses at OLOL this week.

SYRO-MALANKARA RITE MASS: Will be celebrated on Saturday at 11.00am at OLOL. We welcome Frs Johnson and Kuriakose who will be offering the Mass. The Syro-Malankara Church is, along with the Syro-Malabar Church, in full communion with Rome. Both originate in Kerala, South India. Many of our parishioners are part of one or the other Church. Each has its own distinctive Rites and Canon Law, including the Mass, which is known as the "Holy Qurbana" meaning "Holy Offering/Sacrifice", celebrated in Malayalam. Everyone is welcome.

ST GREGORY OF NAREK: Was a monk of the Maronite Church based in Lebanon, also in Communion with Rome with its own Rites and Canon Law. St Gregory is revered for his holiness, poetry, and learning and is a Doctor of the Church. His memorial falls this Thursday. At this time of continued unrest in Lebanon and the Holy Land, we pray for a lasting and just peace for all.

ST DAVID: We pray and thank God for the faithful of the land of St David and their descendants everywhere on their patronal saint's day this Saturday.

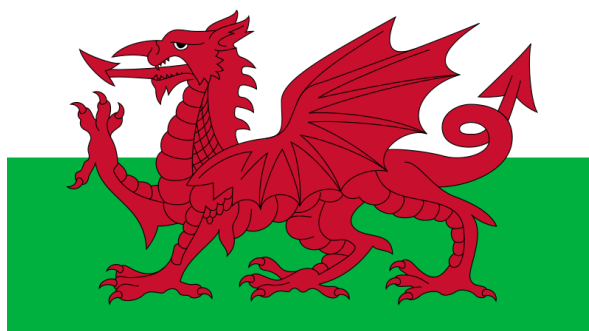


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ASH WEDNESDAY: Falls on 5th March. There will be Masses with Distribution of Ashes at 10.00am and 6.00pm at OLOL that day.

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!

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 23RD FEBRUARY	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Ted Nash Liz Willis (wellbeing)
Mon 24	Feria, week 7	No Mass		
Tues 25	Feria, week 7	No Mass		
Wed 26	Feria, week 7	No Mass		
Thurs 27	St Gregory of Narek	No Mass		
Fri 28	Feria, week 7	No Mass		
Sat 1ST MARCH	ST DAVID, PATRON SAINT OF WALES	Syro-Malakara Rite Mass	11.00am	
SUN 2ND MARCH	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Private Intention +David Alan England

22/23 Feb	Reader	EMHC	1/2 Mar	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH, C.d'E	Vigil (Sat)	MH	C.dE, MH
10.00am	VJ	JN, LD, JP	10.00am	MP	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.



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

FIRE DRILL: Thank you for your compliance with the fire drills last weekend. It is important that we have drills so that, in the event of a real fire, everyone is kept safe. It was, however, disappointing that some chose to leave the site rather than go to the muster station. If you leave the site, we can't verify that you are safely out of the building. This means firefighters may be risking their lives needlessly by trying to find you in a burning church. Please be more considerate in future.

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

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

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. Thank you.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Can you spare an hour every couple of months to discuss future events? Would you be able to offer hands-on help at some of our various events? Please contact Lizzie.

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A Parishioner's Blog
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