

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

SUNDAY 23RD
MARCH 2025,
THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT, YEAR C



TODAY'S GOSPEL
"I WILL GO TO MY FATHER AND SAY,
'I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN
AND BEFORE YOU.'"

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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 for info. If you would like to help someone attend, please see Fr. Bill.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Centenary Fund. Next week: Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund. April 5/6: Easter Flowers.

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

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!

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 to request a form.

ALTAR LINENS: We need to replace some of our worn 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.

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



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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 MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Private Intention +Margaret & +Terry Boland
Mon 24	Lent, week 3	No Mass		
Tues 25	THE ANNUNCIATION	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 26	Lent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Kit & +Alf Skipp
Thurs 27	Lent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Dave Buckland (Birthday)
Fri 28	Lent, week 3	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	+Dr. Stanley Watkins
Sat 29	Lent, week 3	No AM Mass		
SUN 30TH MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Hannah & +Stephen Gerry +Sylvia & +Derek Lowe

22/23 Mar	Reader	EMHC	29/30 Mar	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AB	MH, BD	Vigil (Sat)	GG	KD, BD
10.00am	CB	LD, SS, JN	10.00am	AT	JN, JP, JK

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.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN HENRY KING, 4TH BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH: We pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop King who died 60 years ago today. May he rest in peace.

LENT LUNCH Friday 11th April at 12.30
 There is a tick-off list at the back of Church. If you would like to join us for a light lunch on the 11th, please place your name on the list to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you!

PARISH REGISTER: We have noticed that there are several parishioners who come regularly to Mass but are not on our Parish Register. If you would like to be included on our Register, please ask Lizzie for a form to complete.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: We have just completed the latest Rota for Readers and EMHCs from next week onwards. We are very short of help at our Vigil Masses on a Saturday evening. If you would be willing to come on to our Rota, this would take the pressure off the existing EMHCs. For further details please contact Lizzie or Fr. Bill. Thank you!

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.

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR: Our Social Committee have been working hard to put together a calendar of Social Events for the remainder of this year. These include the following:-
Mothering Sunday 30th March Parish Coffee with Cakes after Mass.
Lent Lunch in the Hall Friday 11th April starting at 12.30pm
Table Top Sale—Saturday 17th May.
Cream Tea—Sunday 29th June.
BBQ with Entertainment (any suggestions please?) 27th July
Jubilee Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz Saturday 13th September.
Pizza Night with Entertainment, Friday 24th October.
Games Night with Supper—Friday 21st November.
Christmas Party Lunch in Hall with Christmas Draw.

This list is not exhaustive and any suggestions for additional events would be welcome! Our beautiful Church deals with our spiritual needs but social events are an opportunity to network with other members of our Parish family and to build on friendships. Please come and support us!

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A Parishioner's Blog
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