

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

SUNDAY 9TH  
MARCH 2025,  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
LENT, YEAR C

**LENT 2025:** In this Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church all over the world, why not make this Lent count? Traditionally we are called to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, but these need not be interpreted just in terms of food, money, and words, though these are important. For example, we might take a fast from the internet or gaming console, give more of our time to others, or raise our hearts in prayer through listening to contemplative or inspiring music. A little bit here and there soon adds up to a more holy Lent. Why not give it a go?

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ann, Jewel, Twinkle,  
Sofia, Hanna, Joshua,  
Andrealyn, Ysabella,  
Sophia, Lucas, Anson,  
Austin, Adina

who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday. Thanks also to their catechists.

**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. Next week: CAFOD.

**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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**READERS:** Please note that during Lent the Gospel Acclamations are confusing. We will ALWAYS sing "Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory" REGARDLESS of the actual text in front of you. So, please DO NOT read the first and last lines of the Acclamation.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Falls this Friday. Please take a collection envelope today and bring back next weekend. CAFOD is the Overseas Aid Agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our contributions are needed even more now that our government has decided to cut back on overseas aid. 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 9TH MARCH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Apolonia Rosol World Peace
Mon 10	Lent, week 1	No Mass		
Tues 11	Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	Susan Ferrier & Family
Wed 12	Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 13	Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	+Catherine Holland (Anny)
Fri 14	Lent, week 1	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	+Julia Shanaghy (Anny)
Sat 15	Lent, week 1	No AM Mass		
SUN 16TH MARCH	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Thanksgiving The Ward Family (Intention)

8/9 Mar	Reader EMHC	15/16 Mar	Reader EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD MH, BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD C.d'E, KD
10.00am	OB JP, SS, JN	10.00am	SS JN, SS, LD

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



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

**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. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 21st June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form, or if you have no access to the internet you can post a copy along with completed form by post to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

**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.

**ST PETER'S RC THROUGH SCHOOL:**

Seeks to appoint a full/part time Chaplain for September. For details please email [AWN@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:AWN@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk) or visit [www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk). Applications close 25th March.

**LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY:**

Faure's Requiem, St Mary Magdalene Church, BH25 6QL, Saturday 15th March, 4.00pm. Tickets £10 from New Milton OXFAM or see OLOL external noticeboard for QR code.

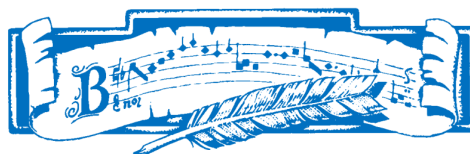


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**NAMED GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES:**

For FY25/26, for those who are registered, will be available for collection from the back of the church from Sat 8th March 25. Please ensure you collect your named box only. Many thanks.

**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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