

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

SUNDAY 25TH MAY  
2025,  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER, YEAR C

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** Our New Forest Pastoral Area candidates will be joining those of Solent PA to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 7th June. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they approach this important milestone in their life of faith, especially our own parish candidates:

Pearl, Shanice, Kurvin,  
Alexandra, Jayzack, John,  
Victoria, Chanielle, James,  
William, Nathaniel,  
Joshua, and Daniel.



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** Please also keep our Communion candidates in your prayers who will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 21st June at OLOL.

Ann, Jewel, Twinkle,  
Sofia, Hanna, Joshua,  
Andreilyn, Ysabella,  
Sophia, Lucas, Anson,  
Austin, and Adina.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION:** Falls this Thursday and is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses at OLOL will be a 10.00am and 6.00pm.

**70TH ANNIVERSARY OF RE-CONSECRATION OF OLOL:** Falls today, after the extension to the sanctuary and sacristy areas were completed in 1955. Happy anniversary!

**NEW AND PARTIALLY USED CANDLES:** If you have any unwanted or partially used candles, these are invaluable for Ukrainian soldiers in the trenches on the front line. Please let Lizzie know if you can help. Thanks!

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL "HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER" INITIATIVE:** If you haven't done so already, please pick a name from the bowls at the back of Church and pray for school children who are sitting their exams at this time. St. Peter's has already taken names collected last week and will be collecting any remaining names this week. Your prayers are so important and comforting for students at this stressful time. Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like a Mass Intention said in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Intention Envelope at the back of Church and place it in the collection plate or hand it in to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Centenary Fund. Next weekend Catholic Communications Network.

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th or over Anniversary? 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 11.00am** followed by a buffet lunch. Further details and request form for completion and return from [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS**  
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)

<b>SUN 25TH MAY</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	+Fiona Fallon Mike S. (wellbeing)
Mon 26	Of Easter, week 6	No Mass		
Tues 27	St Augustine of Canterbury	Mass	10.00am	Yvonne (wellbeing)
Wed 28	Blessed Margaret Pole	Mass	10.00am	+Chris T.
Thurs 29	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	Mass Mass	10.00am 6.00pm	Keith & Marion Carpenter People of the Parish
Fri 30	Of Easter, week 6, after Asc'n	Mass	10.00am	+Kathleen Hawkins
Sat 31	Visitation of the BVM	No AM Mass		
<b>SUN 1ST JUNE</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	+Valerie T. +Emanuel Saliba

**24/25 May** Reader EMHC  
 Vigil (Sat) SD BD, KD  
 10.00am OB JN, LE, SS

**31M/1 June** Reader EMHC  
 Vigil (Sat) GG KD, MH  
 10.00am VJ JK, SS, JP

Please use this QR Code or card reader at back of church for general, second, and other collections, Mass cards, and candles. Many thanks.



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHCs)** We are extremely short of EMHCs at our Vigil Masses and if you come regularly to Vigil Mass, would you be interested in joining our small team? If so, please contact Fr. Bill.

**HOT WEATHER:** With the warmer weather, water will be available at the back of Church but please do remember to bring a bottle of water with you if you can.

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL Information Evening: Tuesday 10th June for Year 5 pupils** who are starting to think about entry to Secondary School in September 2026. The evening will take place at its Southbourne site and will outline the admissions process, give information about the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking system. There will also be a short site tour. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Further details at [www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)

**OUR LADY OF THE GARDEN:** Why not linger a while and enjoy the wonderful floral display in our car park garden and search for Our Lady's statue amongst the blooms?

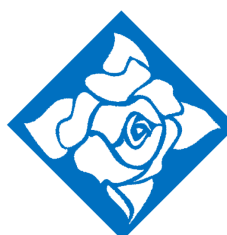
**PRAYER CORNER:** Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, Philippe Hamon, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams, Robert Myjak, Tanya Smijth-Windham, Buffy Pilloud

**LYMINGTON BASICS BANK:** There are baskets in the Porch and also in the Sacristy for any donations that you can give for this very worthy cause. Tinned items, dry foods, e.g. pasta and rice (un-opened!), sanitary items, all welcome. Thank you!

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** A gentle reminder that our candles are not free and any lit candles should be paid for. They are, at present, only 20p each, which is very little. If you don't have change, you can use our QR code or card reader and get five candles for a £1. You can then light each one as and when you'd like. Thank you.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS AHEAD  
KEEP THE DATES**

Sunday 29th June Summer Cream Tea  
 Sunday 27th July Summer BBQ  
 Friday 12th September  
 Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper  
 Friday 24th October Pizza Party  
*Further details nearer the time!*



**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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