

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

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE
2025,
SEVENTH 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.**



Images www.ciudadredonda.org (CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 ES)

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION? The *Catechism* says this:

"Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:14-17).

1316 Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

1317 Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life.

1318 In the East this sacrament is administered immediately after Baptism and is followed by participation in the Eucharist; this tradition highlights the unity of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. In the Latin Church this sacrament is administered when the age of reason has been reached, and its celebration is ordinarily reserved to the bishop, thus signifying that this sacrament strengthens the ecclesial bond.

1319 A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs.

1320 The essential rite of Confirmation is anointing the forehead of the baptized with sacred chrism (in the East other sense-organs as well), together with the laying on of the minister's hand and the words: "Accipe signaculum doni Spiritus Sancti" (Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.) in the Roman Rite, or "The seal of the gift that is the Holy Spirit" in the Byzantine rite.

1321 When Confirmation is celebrated separately from Baptism, its connection with Baptism is expressed, among other ways, by the renewal of baptismal promises. the celebration of Confirmation during the Eucharist helps underline the unity of the sacraments of Christian initiation.



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

SUN 1ST JUNE	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Valerie T. +Emanuel Saliba
Mon 2	Of Easter, week 7	No Mass		
Tues 3	St Charles Lwanga and Comp.	No Mass		
Wed 4	Of Easter, week 7	Mass	10.00am	Fr.Bill (good wishes)
Thurs 5	St Boniface	Mass	10.00am	+Douglas William Yon
Fri 6	Of Easter, week 7	Mass	10.00am	Milu Joseph (birthday)
Sat 7	Of Easter, week 7	Confirmation Mass At Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
SUN 8TH JUNE	PENTECOST SUNDAY	VIGIL MASS (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Gehane & Paul (anniversary) Andrea Sobins (birthday)

M31/1 June Reader EMHC

Vigil (Sat) GG KD, MH
10.00am VJ JK, SS, JP

7/8 June

Reader EMHC

Vigil (Sat) MH KD, BD
10.00am MP LE, JP, SS

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



PARISH OFFICE: Is closed this week while Lizzie has a well earned rest.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Mass on Tuesday.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Communications Network.

HOT WEATHER: Water available at the back of Church but please do remember to bring a bottle of water with you if you can.

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 see anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

MONTHLY LIVING ROSARY GROUP; Meets tomorrow (Monday) at 5.00pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

HOPE WRITES: We are looking for volunteers to listen to the stories of our elder residents. If you'd like to help, visit www.hopenewforest.org or call 01425 629 009. Thank you.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL Information

Evening: Tuesday 10th June, Southbourne site for Year 5 pupils who are thinking about Secondary School in September 2026. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Further details at www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

**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

The Presbytery, 15 Mount Avenue, New Milton. Hampshire. BH25 6NT

General enquiries, Mass Intentions, and Hall Bookings
Lizzie Davies
Wed & Friday, noon-4.00pm
01425 614 968
lolnewmilton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Priest
Fr Bill Wilson
01425 614 968
wwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Safeguarding Minister
Jill Parsons
safeguarding.newmilton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
In emergency, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator on 02394 216 486

Live streaming
<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

Parish website
ourladyoflourdes.co.uk

A Parishioner's Blog
the247catholic.blogspot.com

Diocesan website
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Part of Portsmouth RC Diocese
Registered Charity 1199568