

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

SUNDAY 20TH JULY
2025, 16TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV: Eucharistic Prayers I-III can be used at Mass on any day of the Church's Year because they have no set Preface. However, Eucharistic Prayer IV has its own Preface which is intrinsic to the whole Prayer. That means that it cannot be used on days when a different Preface is mandated, namely the whole of Advent, Christmastide, Lent, and Eastertide, and feasts and solemnities. Also, EPIV is the longest one and so is often overlooked. That's a shame because it tells the wonderful narrative of God's relationship with humanity in and through the Covenants. We'll be offering this Eucharistic Prayer over the next few Sundays so that we might become more familiar with it. We'll also put sections of it in the newsletter for us to mull over. Here is how it starts (after the Opening Dialogue):

*It is truly right to give you thanks,
truly just to give you glory, Father most holy,
for you are the one God living and true,
existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity,
dwelling in unapproachable light;
yet you, who alone are good, the source of life,
have made all that is,
so that you might fill your creatures with blessings
and bring joy to many of them by the glory of
your light.
And so, in your presence are countless hosts of
Angels,
who serve you day and night
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.
With them we, too, confess your name in
exultation,
giving voice to every creature under heaven,
as we acclaim:*

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The grandeur of the language here is very powerful. We dare to address God who is far above anything we can possibly conceive, and yet we do so with confidence alongside hosts of angels and the whole of creation. More next week.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Renewal of ministry will take place at both Masses this weekend.

PARISH BBQ: NEXT SUNDAY, 3.00PM. There is an attendance sheet at the back of the church so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Tickets, just £5 with little ones free. Offers of help with setting up, cooking, other food, and serving gratefully received. Please email Lizzie if you can help. Payment can be made on our card machine.

NICK DONNOLLY: Please pray for Nick who died recently. Nick's Funeral Mass will be offered at OLOL church on Wednesday 30th July at 11.30am, followed by Committal at New Forest Crematorium. We extend our condolences to his wife and family at this time.

ROME WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE: Begins on Monday 28th July. Aryan, one of our parishioners, will be going so we'll be giving him a special pilgrims blessing at 10.00am Mass next Sunday.

FR RYAN BROWNE: Many congratulations to Fr Ryan, ordained priest yesterday. His first posting is as assistant at the Cathedral. We wish Fr Ryan many years of faithful and rewarding service.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: finishes this weekend for the summer holidays. If your child is starting school in September they are eligible to attend so please make sure you fill in a registration form which you will find at the back of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: Preparation will start in October but we would like you to register your child as soon as possible and no later than 1st September so we can order their workbooks and be prepared for them. Children must be baptised, in Year 3 or above, and should be used to saying their prayers and attending Mass. Forms can be found at the back of the church. These, and copies of baptism certificates, should be given into the church office. Thank you.



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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

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| SUN 20TH JULY | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | +Ned Hawkins +Susan Murphy, Paul & Dolores |
| Mon 21 | St Laurence of Brindisi | No Mass | | |
| Tues 22 | St Mary Magdalene | Mass | 10.00am | +Don & Agnes Campbell |
| Wed 23 | St Bridget of Sweden | Mass | 10.00am | Gisele & Katherine (Anny) |
| Thurs 24 | St Sharbel Makhluf | Mass | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Fri 25 | St James | Mass | 10.00am | Allen Family (Intention) |
| Sat 26 | Ss Joachim and Anne | No AM Mass | | |
| SUN 27TH JULY | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C | VIGIL MASS (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | +David Holmes (3rd Anny) Malcolm Davies (Birthday) |

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| 19/20 July | Reader | EMHC | 26/27 July | Reader | EMHC |
| Vigil (Sat) | BD | none | Vigil (Sat) | SD | BD |
| 10.00am | CB | JN,LD,JP | 10.00am | OB | SS, JK, LD |

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



CAFOD IS HIRING: CAFOD is looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Closing date 27 July 2025. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us for info.



OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR: This week is full of saints. Why not research one or more of them or help your children design a prayer card?

NATIONAL BUTTERFLY COUNT today. Where are all the butterflies? Following the results of the Big Butterfly Count 2024, Butterfly Conservation have declared a butterfly emergency, and they need your help more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies.

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, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, Marie Doolan, Mary Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, Philippe Hamon, John Hamon, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams, Robert Myjak, Tanya Smijth-Windham, Deacon Steve Bowler.

The big butterfly count is a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our butterfly population. Please can the children count the butterflies in our Wild Garden after Mass today. Also, can they be encouraged to do the same thing at home! Once the count is completed, you can send in your sightings online at www.bigbutterflycount.org or by using the FREE big butterfly count Smartphone apps available for iOS and Android.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE. The Parish Office will be closed for annual holiday leave from the 2nd to 20th August. My last day in the Office will be Friday 1st August, therefore, if you have any urgent business or wish to book Intentions during that time, please let me know this coming week. Many thanks! Lizzie

RAFFLE PRIZE PLEDGES: we shall be holding a Raffle at our BBQ next Sunday and if anyone is able to donate a Raffle Prize, please let Lizzie or Anne Hill know. All proceeds to Church funds. Thank you!

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