

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

SUNDAY 27TH JULY
2025, 17TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV: After the Holy, Holy, the Prayer continues:

We give you praise, Father most holy, for you are great, and you have fashioned all your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in your own image and entrusted the whole world to his care, so that in serving you alone, the Creator, he might have dominion over all creatures.

And when through disobedience he had lost your friendship, you did not abandon him to the domain of death. For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find you. Time and again you offered them covenants and through the prophets taught them to look forward to salvation.

And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of heart, joy.

To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to death, and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life. And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us, he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection his work in the world, he might sanctify creation to the full.

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Note the great sweep of history from Creation to Pentecost. Note also how God never turns away from humanity but invites it to an ever closer relationship through the covenants, the Incarnation, and the Paschal Mystery.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Includes the Lord's Prayer, a great treasure central to Catholic Liturgy and Spirituality. There is a brilliant, 15 page commentary on it in the *Catechism*, para.2777-2854. Well worth a read and useful for meditation. The *Catechism* is easily available online: <https://www.vatican.va/archive/cccf/index.htm>

PARISH BBQ: TODAY, 3.00PM. Offers of help with setting up, cooking, other food, and serving gratefully received. Please see Lizzie if you can help. Payment can be made on our card machine. **RAFFLE PRIZES** also gratefully received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To Fr Bill who reaches the grand old age of 58 on Tuesday.

FR KEVIN: Please pray for Fr Kevin who is recovering from COVID.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the Funeral there will be no 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

ROME WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE: Begins tomorrow. Aryan, one of our parishioners, will be going so we'll be giving him a special pilgrims blessing at 10.00am Mass today.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE. The Parish Office will be closed for annual holiday leave from the 2nd to 20th August. Lizzie's 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 contact Lizzie this week.

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 27TH JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+David Holmes (3rd Anny) Malcolm Davies (Birthday)
Mon 28	Feria, week 17	No Mass		
Tues 29	Ss Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Mass	10.00am	O'Shea Family (Intention)
Wed 30	Feria	Funeral Mass	11.30am	+Nick Donnelly
Thurs 31	St Ignatius of Loyola	Mass	10.00am	+Karen
Fri 1 AUG	St Alphonsus Liguori	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 2	Feria	No AM Mass		
SUN 3RD AUGUST	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	MacCarthy Family (int) Milu & Aneesh (1st Wed. Anny)

26/27 July Reader EMHC

Vigil (Sat) SD None

10.00am OB SS, JK, LD

2/3 August Reader EMHC

Vigil (Sat) GG KD, BD

10.00am MP JP, JK, JN

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



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.

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.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY: Friday 15th August. Mass will be offered at noon at the grotto, weather permitting.

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.

LIVING ROSARY GROUP: Will not be meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday 4th September. The rota from 1st September will be available at the back of the church soon.

FRIDAY ROSARY: Will recommence in September.

READING AT MASS ON TUESDAYS

OR THURSDAYS: Please let Johanna know if you can help. It can be once a month or once a fortnight if you wish. Thank you.

COVID: We have had four parish-related COVID cases this last week. If you have any symptoms at all, please do not come to church until five days after they have cleared. We would ask everyone to use hand gel before coming into church. We have many vulnerable parishioners for whom COVID might be fatal, so please be thoughtful. Also, please look out for any neighbours, especially those living on their own.

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