

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

SUNDAY 17TH  
AUGUST 2025,  
20TH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR C



ARYAN WITH BISHOP PHILIP IN ROME

**ARYAN WRITES:** My Pilgrimage Journey: Recently I visited Rome, which was a very special and spiritual experience for me. My pilgrimage to Rome was a blessing from God, I will never forget it for my whole life, from the streets of Rome to the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, where the spiritual experience is truly unmatched. There, I joyfully passed through the Holy Door, a very sacred and symbolic gate that only opens during Jubilee years. The most unforgettable moment of my entire journey was seeing Pope Leo from very close. As he passed by, his gentle smile and heartfelt blessing filled the air with a sacred energy. On my flight to Rome, I had the incredible blessing of sitting next to Bishop Philip. Our conversation was inspiring and filled with wisdom, One of the best parts of my pilgrimage was meeting amazing people from around the world. We shared prayers, stories, and laughter, creating bonds that felt like family. These friendships made my journey even more special and reminded me how faith connects hearts everywhere. It happened because of God, Fr. Bill's support, and donors who helped by offering half the cost. I am very grateful. Thank you, Aryan.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Koa Bandonill being baptized today.

**HOT WEATHER:** There are bottles of water at the back of Church but please bring a personal bottle with you, if you can.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Centenary Fund.

## 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 in September, 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.

**WILLIAM AND JAMES:** Please collect your Confirmation certificates from the sacristy.

## GCSE AND OTHER RESULTS:

Come out this Thursday. Please pray for those awaiting their results. We hope they get the grades they need to progress as they would like.

## SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:

**Jubilee Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz,** Saturday 13th September 7.30pm.

## LYMINGTON BASICS BANK:

The summer holidays can create great hardship for families on low incomes. Can you help by donating to this very worthy cause? Tinned items, dry foods, e.g. pasta and rice (un-opened!). Sanitary items are also welcome. Please deposit at either entrance to the church.

**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 17TH AUGUST	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS Baptism	6.00PM 10.00AM 11.30am	+Brigid Horan +Tony Hill Koa Matteo Bandonill
Mon 18	Feria, week 20	No Mass		
Tues 19	Feria, week 20	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 20	Feria, week St Bernard	Mass	10.00am	Nora Sweeney intentions
Thurs 21	Pope St Pius X	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 22	The Queenship of Mary	Mass	10.00am	No Intention
Sat 23	Feria, week 20	No AM Mass		
SUN 24TH AUGUST	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	No Intention +Nick Donnolly

<b>16/17 Aug</b>	Reader	EMHC	<b>23/24 Aug</b>	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AB	None	Vigil (Sat)		
10.00am	RG	SS,JK,JN	10.00am		

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



**TREE TROUBLE:** A very large branch came off one of our oak trees on Wednesday, blocking Cowper Avenue. Thankfully, there was no injury or property damage. We had a tree survey about 18 months ago that gave us the all clear, so we'll do another one just to be on the safe side. Many thanks to the neighbour who alerted Fr Bill, and to the Council for making everything clear and safe.



**NEW MILTON WWII BOMBINGS COMMEMORATION:** Saturday 23rd August, 11.00am, at the Memorial Clock on Station Road, remembering the 31 residents who lost their lives. All welcome.

**NEW MILTON VJ DAY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:** Tuesday 2nd September, 10.50am, Recreation Ground War Memorial. All welcome.

**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, Fr Kevin.

#### 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)

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