

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

SUNDAY 24TH
AUGUST 2025,
21ST SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

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.

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:

Jubilee Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Friday 12th September 6.30pm. £15 per head. Choice of cod, fishcakes, or jumbo sausage, with chips. Please sign-up at the back of church indicating your preference. *We apologise there was an error in last week's newsletter, the date should have read Friday 12th September at 6.30pm!* Tickets will be on sale at the back of Church this weekend and we ask for payment at time of booking, thank you! Please note that cut-off date is Sunday 7th September and we are limited to a maximum of 54 places made up of 6 tables of 6 people. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

CHURCH MAIN DOORS: We've had a couple of unsuccessful attempted night time break-ins recently. Daft, when you consider that the church is open all day! If you have a main door key, you will now also need a key for the lower lock. Please let Lizzie know so that we can copy the right number of extra keys. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC

DISTRIBUTION LIST: Please help us keep the list up to date. If you've changed email addresses, please let Lizzie know. Also, please add your email to the list if you haven't already: it's the best way we have of keeping everyone in the loop. Again, email Lizzie.

NEW MILTON VJ DAY ACT OF

REMEMBRANCE: Tuesday 2nd September, 10.50am, Recreation Ground War Memorial. All welcome.

HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE:

Is holding an extended parish mission from 31st August to 12th October. There are several events over that period. Please go to <https://www.avonstour.co.uk> and follow links to Holy Redeemer for info. There are also leaflets at the back of Church.

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 (unopened!). Sanitary items are also welcome. Please deposit at either entrance to the church.

CHARITY WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

Lizzie's 2 daughters, Kate and Bella, are doing a charity walk in aid of Parkinson's UK on Sunday 28th September. Lizzie feels it's too much physically for her this year but if you would be willing to sponsor her daughters on this walk for a charity very dear to her heart, please follow the link below. Thank you so much!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabelle-oleary-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

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 24TH AUGUST	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	People of the Parish +Nick Donnelly
Mon 25	Feria, week 21	No Mass		
Tues 26	Feria, week 21	No Mass		
Wed 27	St Monica	Mass	10.00am	Gamil, Sue & Family (Int.)
Thurs 28	St Augustine of Hippo	Mass	10.00am	+Thomas Merifield(4th Any)
Fri 29	Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass	10.00am	Paul, Laura & Family (Int.)
Sat 30	Feria, week 21	No AM Mass		
SUN 31ST AUGUST	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Maria Groszek +Ann Middleton

23/24 Aug Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) BD KD, MH
 10.00am VJ SS,LD,JN

30/31 Aug Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) MH BD, MH
 10.00am MP SS, LD, JK

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 Writes: Response in Gaza Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](http://prayforpeace.org) in the Middle East

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.

Please Note: There will be no Mass this Tuesday.

HEALTH & INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORT (HILS) is a not for profit social enterprise providing Hampshire County Council's Meals on Wheels service. Hot meals are delivered 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This service is suitable for short or long term help such as when someone comes out of hospital, recovering from an illness, or as a 1 off. For further information please contact fiona.mackintosh@hils-uk.org

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 to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
VISITORS THIS BANK HOLIDAY
WEEKEND**

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A Parishioner's Blog
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