

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

SUNDAY 7TH
SEPTEMBER 2025,
23RD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME,
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Image; Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, Fr. Bill

FR BILL WRITES: Last week, I took a short break to Paris. It was a holiday but also an opportunity to visit some of the more hidden catholic shrines and churches there. I prayed at the shrines of St Vincent de Paul (whose body rests high above the sanctuary, half way to heaven), and Ss Catherine Labouré (miraculous medal) and Louise de Marillac (SVP co-founder). Most moving, however, was the crypt housing the remains of the whole convent of martyred Carmelite nuns and others guillotined for their faith during the French Revolution. It is also the resting place of Bl Frédéric Ozanam (SVP). The lovely church of St Ignatius is the resting place of several Jesuit martyrs. Right next to Sacre Coeur is the 12th Century church of St Peter, the parish church of Montmartre. It is truly beautiful and is remarkable for its architectural style that is clearly Romanesque but with some Gothic elements, making it the earliest example of the transition from one to the other. It is also the place where St Ignatius of Loyola met with his first companions to propose the Society that would become the Jesuits. In all of these places I was very impressed by the sympathetic re-orderings oozing simple elegance both in materials and lighting. Moreover, without exception, there were people praying and a palpable, reverent silence that was awe-inspiring. Coupled with some seriously good food, I had a special couple of days and I would recommend Paris (but avoiding the major sites) to anyone.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Recommences today. Parents of first timers will need to complete the relevant form available at the back of church.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:

Centenary Fund.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2026: Preparation will start in October and we will notify all parents as to the starting date as soon as possible. Please ensure that we have a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Please hand to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

JUBILEE FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ this Friday 12th September 6.30pm. £15 per person. Today is the last day for booking for this fun event. We will need your menu choices also, so that we can order the food in advance. Details of food choices are on the sign-up sheet at the back of Church.

LAST WEEK'S HOMILY: Here is the link to the impressive article Fr Bill talked about on the necessity of humility in top level business management: https://web.archive.org/web/20091229150239/http://www.hr-newcorp.com/articles/Level5%20Leadership_Jim%20Collins.pdf

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Please help us keep the list up to date. Please update/register so we can keep you in the loop. Again, email Lizzie. Thanks

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 7TH SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Leslie Henry Jones Ursula Delair (Birthday)
Mon 8	Nativity of the BVM			
Tues 9	St Peter Claver	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 10	Feria, week 23	Mass	10.00am	+Alexander Thomas (1stAny)
Thurs 11	Feria, week 23	Mass	10.00am	+Imelda Hoey
Fri 12	Most Holy Name of Mary	Mass	10.00am	Maria Mierzwa (Intention)
Sat 13	St. John Chrysostom	No AM Mass		
SUN 14 SEPTEMBER	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Lucien Rosol Stopyra (Int.) +C.J. Jose (Eter. Happiness)

6/7 Sept	Reader	EMHC	13/14 Sept	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	BD, KD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH, KD
10.00am	OB	SS, LD, JN	10.00am	SS	LD, 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.



CHARITY WALK FOR

PARKINSON'S: Lizzie's daughters, Kate and Bella, are doing a charity walk in aid of Parkinson's UK on Sunday 28th September. If you'd like to sponsor them, please visit: https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabelle-oleary-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA Many thanks.

CIVIC HARVEST SERVICE: Sunday 28th September at 3.00pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, New Milton. RSVPs required by 18th September. Further details on poster on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

LYMINGTON BASICS BANK: We continue to collect items for Lymington Basics Bank and any gifts you are able to give will ease the struggle of people less fortunate than ourselves. Tinned items, dry food, e.g. pasta and rice, sanitary items welcome. Thank you!

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.

CAFOD WRITES: Join us to find out more about CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal On Saturday 10th September there is an online meeting from 10:30am to 12:30pm at which Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya and Uganda, will give an update on the desperate situation in East Africa. On **Saturday 17th September** there is a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10:30am to 12 noon to hear from Ibrahim Njuguna, CAFOD's Surge Country Representative for Africa, about the World Food Crisis and the difficulties facing communities in East Africa. Please book a place for either meeting by contacting Jo Lewry on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

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