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

# SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025, ALL SAINTS DAY



Image: Christ glorified in the Court of Heaven, 1423-24, San Domenico, Fiesole, by Fra Angelico. CCA3.0

**DILEXI TE:** Over the next few Sundays, we'll be including excerpts from Pope Leo's exhortation, "Dilexi Te" ("I have loved you"). Here is the next extract:

"Looking beyond the data — which is sometimes "interpreted" to convince us that the situation of the poor is not so serious the overall reality is quite evident: "Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development. Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that 'new forms of poverty are emerging.' The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period." Looking beyond specific situations and contexts, however, a 1984 document of the European Community declared that "the poor' shall be taken to mean persons, families and groups of persons whose resources (material, cultural and social)

are so limited as to exclude them from the minimum acceptable way of life in the Member States in which they live." Yet if we acknowledge that all human beings have the same dignity, independent of their place of birth, the immense differences existing between countries and regions must not be ignored.

The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice. Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim, thus revealing their own blindness and cruelty. Of course, among the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor. However, there are so many others — men and women — who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk. perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives. Nor can it be said that most of the poor are such because they do not "deserve" otherwise, as maintained by that specious view of meritocracy that sees only the successful as "deserving."

**PLEASE WELCOME:** Mgr Paul Townsend who is offering 10.00am Mass today as Fr Bill has a hospital appointment.

# 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 2ND NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Heather Williams (Birthday) Holy Souls
Mon 3	All Souls	No Mass		
Tues 4	St Charles Borromeo	Mass	10.00am	K.T.Thomas (eter.happiness)
Wed 5	Feria, week 31	Mass	10.00am	
Thurs 6	Feria, week 31	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 7	Feria, week 31	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	+James, Florence & Spencer
Sat 8	Feria, week 31	No AM Mass		
SUN 9TH NOVEMBER	LATERAN BASILICA. ALSO REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+David Buckland +Tony Thorpe

10.00am	NM	LE, SS, JK	10.00aı			
FR DAVID QUARMBY: We are sorry to hear that Fr David died peacefully last Sunday evening. We give thanks for his very long ministry in our						

diocese. Funeral arrangements have yet

to be made. May he rest in peace.

Reader EMHC

None

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1/2 Nov

Vigil (Sat)

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE: There will be a basket under the altar for the whole of November. If you would like to place a loved one's name in it, please complete a slip available at the back of the church.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Today, Milford Road Cemetery *at new time of 2.00pm.* 

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Next Sunday's 10.00am Mass will begin with two minutes silence. If you are late, please do not enter the church until after the Opening Prayer. Children: please go directly to the hall for your liturgy. Thank you.

**BAMENDA:** Today is Bamenda Sunday. Bamenda is our twin diocese in the Cameroon. There will be a second collection.



8/9 Nov

Vigil (Sat)

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



# MONTHLY LIVING ROSARY

**GROUP:** Monday, 5.00pm in the hall. All welcome.

# PARISH PIZZA AND TALENT NIGHT: Friday 21st November at 7.00 pm.

There is an Attendance Tick-Off list at the back of Church with menu choices. Tickets on sale after Mass. Payment can be made by card machine or cash. Please bring your own drinks! Cut-off date 16th Nov.

# ST PETER'S SCHOOL WRITES:

"Remembering Those We Love". The event is running on 11th—13th Nov in the Chapel at St Catherine's Road, Southbourne BH6 4AH, 3pm - 4pm. We will also be celebrating a Memorial Mass for all of our deceased friends and relatives at 3.45pm on Wed, 12th – everyone is very welcome.

## **RECENT SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

CAFOD (5/6 Oct) £399.17. Foreign Missions (10/11 Oct) £201.44. Thank you so much for your generosity

# **CAFOD CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE:**

Available at the back of church. Please take a copy with 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 & Roy 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, Peter Caffyn.

#### PARISH INFO-BAR

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# General enquiries, Mass Intentions, and Hall Bookings

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## Live streaming

http://churchservices.tv/ newmilton

# Parish website

ourladyoflourdes.co.uk

## A Parishioner's Blog

the247catholic.blogspot.com

### Diocesan website

www.portsmouthdiocese.

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