

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

SUNDAY 26TH
OCTOBER 2025,
30TH SUNDAY IN
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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 first extract:

"The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom.

"In this sense, it can be said that the commitment to the poor and to removing the social and structural causes of poverty has gained importance in recent decades, but it remains insufficient. This is also the case because our societies often favor criteria for orienting life and politics that are marked by numerous inequalities. As a result, the old forms of poverty that we have become aware of and are trying to combat are being joined by new ones, sometimes more subtle and dangerous. From this point of view, it is to be welcomed that the United Nations has made the eradication of poverty one of its Millennium Goals.

"A concrete commitment to the poor must also be accompanied by a change in mentality that can have an impact at the cultural level. In fact, the illusion of happiness derived from a comfortable life pushes many people towards a vision of life centered on the accumulation of wealth and social success at all costs, even at the expense of others and by taking advantage of unjust social ideals and political-economic systems that favor the strongest. Thus, in a

world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists — sometimes well disguised — that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

"We must not let our guard down when it comes to poverty. We should be particularly concerned about the serious conditions in which many people find themselves due to lack of food and water. In wealthy countries too, the growing numbers of the poor are equally a source of concern. In Europe, more and more families find themselves unable to make it to the end of the month. In general, we are witnessing an increase in different kinds of poverty, which is no longer a single, uniform reality but now involves multiple forms of economic and social impoverishment, reflecting the spread of inequality even in largely affluent contexts."

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: Will take place on Sunday 2nd November at Milford Road Cemetery *at new time of 2.00pm.*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: As usual, we need someone to represent the parish at the town act of remembrance on 9th November. Please see Fr Bill if you can help.

CHURCH FAÇADE CROSS: We are very grateful to the parishioner who has offered to cover the whole £3,500 needed to restore and re-site our old cross.

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 26TH OCTOBER	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Ted Nash (1st. Anniversary) +Tatyana (1st Anniversary)
Mon 27	Feria, week 30	No Mass		
Tues 28	Ss Simon and Jude	No Mass		
Wed 29	Feria, week 30	Mass	10.00am	+Maisie Lane
Thurs 30	Feria, week 30	Mass	10.00am	+Terence Boland
Fri 31	Feria, week 30	Mass Rosary (English) Rosary (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	+Edward (Ted) Nash
Sat 1 NOV	Feria, week 30	No AM Mass		
SUN 2ND NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS DAY (transferred)	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Heather Williams (Birthday) Holy Souls

25/26 Oct Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) SD KD. BD
 10.00am CB JK, JP, JN

1/2 Nov Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) BD BD
 10.00am NM LE, SS, LD

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



OCTOBER ROSARY IN MALAYALAM: Fridays, 6.00pm at OLOL. All welcome.

NB: There is no Mass this Tuesday.

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

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 will be on sale at the back of Church after Mass. Payment can be made by card machine or cash.

CHURCH HEATING: Please help keep the church warm by ensuring that the glass doors are kept closed. Thank you.

NEEDED FOR LYMINGTON BASICS BANK: Pot Noodles, pots of porridge, cup-a-soups: anything that just needs hot water added without the need of a hob. As always, please leave any donations in either church porch. Many thanks in advance.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL WRITES: We warmly invite you to join us for our annual prayer initiative "Remembering Those We Love". It is an opportunity to pray, light a candle, and write intentions for those that we love, both living and deceased. Our students greatly benefit from the witness of local parishioners who come and pray alongside them. The event is running on Tues 11th, Wed 12th, and Thurs 13th Nov in the Chapel at St Catherine's Road, Southbourne BH6 4AH, 3pm - 4pm. Please come for as little or as long as you would like. 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.

MGR JIM JOYCE: Please pray for Mgr Jim who died last week. He served our diocese in many and varied roles for many years before retirement. May he rest in peace.



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.

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