

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

SUNDAY 14TH  
DECEMBER 2025,  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT, YEAR A

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OLOL  
CHRISTMAS EVE:  
5PM CHILDREN'S MASS**  
(shepherds, angels, animals, kings required)

**8.00PM MASS DURING THE NIGHT**  
(Carols from 7.30pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.00AM**

**CHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD CAROLS WITH  
NATIVITY TABLEAU:** This Sunday at 4.00pm, in  
the parish hall and presbytery garden. With mulled  
wine and mince pies. We also need our children to  
provide us with a nativity tableau: angels,  
shepherds, animals, wise men. We're hoping for a  
good turn-out, so please come along and help us  
make it a great success!

**SIMBANG GABI MASS:** Next Saturday 20th  
December at 3.00pm at OLOL. A special Pre-  
Christmas Filipino Tradition. All welcome.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND DRAW:**  
**Sunday 21st December.** We are holding our  
Christmas Lunch in the Hall this year, £10 per  
head. An attendance list is available at the back of  
Church, which please sign as soon as possible, as  
cut-off date this Sunday. We are also looking for  
gifts for our Draw. Please let Lizzie know if you are  
able to help!

**NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL WRITES:** It  
would be great to welcome our local community  
to join us at Ashley Youth & Family Hub on Friday  
19 December for our Christmas Family Fun  
event. We'll be there with Santa from 3-6pm,  
crafts and activities such as  
wreath-making to take part in, as well as the  
opportunity to browse stalls and enjoy food and  
drinks. See poster on external noticeboard for info.

**KEEP THE HEAT IN:** Please only use the glass door  
on the left as you come in. Thanks.

## **2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Please give generously to help us make our  
beautiful Church even more beautiful this  
Christmas season.

**GIFT AID:** Please complete new forms  
available at the back of church. Thanks you.

**ARRIVING ON TIME FOR MASS:** Please  
make a special Advent pledge to arrive on  
time if at all possible, especially during the  
week, when Mass is only 25 minutes long.

**FR SHAUN BUDDEN:** Please pray for Fr  
Shaun, a retired priest of our diocese, who  
died recently. Fr Shaun gave many years of  
service in various parishes. May he rest in  
peace.

**FR JOHN BUCKLEY:** Please pray for Fr John,  
another retired diocesan priest, who died this  
week. He also gave many years of service in  
our parishes. May he rest in peace.

**MARIA DI MAIDA:** Please pray for Maria,  
who died recently. Maria's Funeral Mass will  
be offered at OLOL at noon on Friday 2nd  
January. May she rest in peace.

**MINISTERS AND READERS:** Please sign-up  
for duties over Christmas if you are available.  
Sheet at back of church. Thanks.

**NEW FOREST BASICS BANK:** Is asking for  
donations of Christmas items, gifts and food,  
especially for children and the homeless.  
Gifts should be new or as new, age  
appropriate, and with CE mark/tag where  
required. Perhaps we might think of warm  
hats, gloves, socks, pens and pencils, puzzles,  
vouchers, Christmas crackers, chocolate bars,  
toiletries, and so on. The Basics Bank can  
also change cash donations into useful items.  
If you can help, please deposit at either  
entrance to the church or see Brian, Lizzie, or  
Fr. Bill. Thanks to our volunteers!



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 14TH DECEMBER	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+James Lucian (Birthday blessings)
Mon 15	Of Advent, week 3	No Mass		
Tues 16	Of Advent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Jim Binyon (Anniversary)
Wed 17	Of Advent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Dorothy +Edward Rooney
Thurs 18	Of Advent, week 4	Mass	10.00am	+Brigid Horan
Fri 19	Of Advent, week 4	Mass	10.00am	+Janet Naomi Smith
Sat 20	Of Advent, week 4	No AM Mass		
SUN 21ST DECEMBER	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Ted Nash +Celia & +David Adams

13/14 Dec	Reader	EMHC	20/21 Dec	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH, KD	Vigil (Sat)	AB	KD, MH
10.00am	OB	SS, JP, JK	10.00am	NM	JP, LE, 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.



**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Opportunities to visit: Wednesday 7th January, 1.30pm-2.30pm (includes play session for youngsters). Call 01202 485 976 to book. Please see notice at back of church for info.

**THE CHRISTMAS DRAW** is a fun way of raising well-needed funds for our Church. Tickets are available at the back of Church at £5 per book of 5 tickets. Please take them home and sell them to friends and neighbours! We would appreciate it if you could return your Draw Ticket counterfoils with payment as soon as possible to give us time to enter your tickets into the Draw. The Draw will be called after our Parish Christmas Lunch on Sunday 21st December. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you are always welcome to join us later to see if you have won one of our excellent prizes. Otherwise we will make sure that we contact you via the details on your ticket stubs. **Good Luck!**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS SALE:** last week after Mass we had a table top sale of beautiful hand-made decorations made by Maggie and Brendon, 2 of our regular parishioners. They have very kindly donated all the proceeds to our Church. A huge Thank You to Maggie and Brendon for their very kind donation!

**UKRAINE:** As Russian aggression increases in Ukraine and more and more missiles are targeting utilities infrastructure, the Ukrainian people are suffering great hardship this winter. If you have any unwanted, warm clothing or shoes they would be very much appreciated. Also toys in good condition for the Ukrainian children, so at least they can get some happiness this Christmas. Not forgetting any candles, which are sent to the troops on the front line. Any donations please give to Lizzie in the Parish Office. Thank You!

**LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD THIS CHRISTMAS**

**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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<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

**Parish website**  
[ourladyoflourdes.co.uk](http://ourladyoflourdes.co.uk)

**A Parishioner's Blog**  
[the247catholic.blogspot.com](http://the247catholic.blogspot.com)

**Diocesan website**  
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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