

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

SUNDAY 30TH  
NOVEMBER 2025,  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
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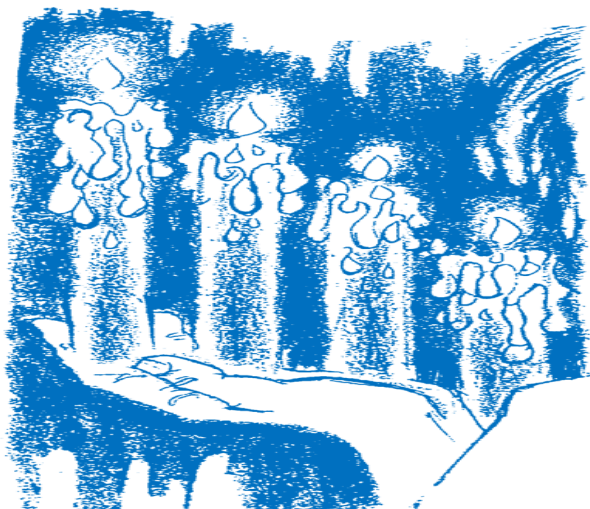


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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OLOL CHRISTMAS EVE:

### 5PM CHILDREN'S MASS

(shepherds, angels, animals, kings required)

### 8.00PM MASS DURING THE NIGHT

(Carols from 7.30pm)

### CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.00AM

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND DRAW: Sunday 21st December.** We are holding our Christmas Lunch in the Hall this year. An attendance list is available at the back of Church so please book early! We are looking for pledges for gifts for our Draw, so please let Lizzie know if you are able to help!

**CHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD CAROLS WITH NATIVITY TABLEAU:** Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm, 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. Can you help? We have four angels so far!

**CIVIC CAROL SERVICE:** Saturday 6th December at 6.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Church. All welcome.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS STALL:** After 10.00am Mass today. All proceeds to Church funds. Cash only, so please come prepared!

**FR DAVID QUARMBY:** Fr David's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday at 12.15pm at Portsmouth Cathedral. All welcome.

**RESTORED CROSS:** Is ready to be installed in the church grounds. Where, though? There will be a show of hands outside after Masses this weekend.

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

**PARISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP:** Monthly meeting this Monday, 5.00pm, parish hall. All welcome.

**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.

**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. Thank you to our volunteers who deliver our donations to the Bank.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** Blessings to the people of Goa celebrating their patronal feast day on Wednesday.

**POPE LEO:** Please pray for Pope Leo as he continues his apostolic visit to Turkey and Lebanon. During his visit, he will meet with Orthodox and Maronite Christians to mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea that gave us the Creed that is central to all we have in common.

**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 30TH NOVEMBER	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Katherine (21st Birthday) Thanksgiving
Mon 1 DEC	Of Advent, week 1	Funeral M, Cathedral	12.15pm	+ Fr David Quarmby
Tues 2	Of Advent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 3	St Francis Xavier	Mass	10.00am	+David Watts
Thurs 4	Of Advent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	No Intention
Fri 5	Of Advent, week 1	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	+Molly Packer
Sat 6	St Nicholas	No AM Mass		
SUN 7TH DECEMBER	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	The Leyden Family (Int.) Kiki Pilloud Hyne (Birthday)

**29/30 Nov** Reader EMHC  
 Vigil (Sat) GG KD, MH  
 10.00am VJ JK, SS, LD

**6/7 Dec** Reader EMHC  
 Vigil (Sat) MH MH, BD  
 10.00am MP LE, JP, SS

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



**DILEXI TE:** Here is our final extract  
 from Pope Leo's exhortation, "Dilexi  
 Te" ("I have loved you"):

I would like to close by saying  
 something about almsgiving, which  
 nowadays is not looked upon  
 favorably even among believers. Not  
 only is it rarely practiced, but it is even  
 at times disparaged. Let me state once  
 again that the most important way to  
 help the disadvantaged is to assist them  
 in finding a good job, so that they can  
 lead a more dignified life by  
 developing their abilities and  
 contributing their fair share. In this  
 sense, "lack of work means far more  
 than simply not having a steady source  
 of income. Work is also this, but it is  
 much, much more.

By working we become a fuller person,  
 our humanity flourishes, young people  
 become adults only by working. The  
 Church's social doctrine has always  
 seen human work as a participation in  
 God's work of creation that continues  
 every day, also thanks to the hands,  
 mind and heart of the workers."

On the other hand, where this is not  
 possible, we cannot risk abandoning  
 others to the fate of lacking the  
 necessities for a dignified life.  
 Consequently, almsgiving remains, for  
 the time being, a necessary means of  
 contact, encounter and empathy with  
 those less fortunate....

Both the Old and New Testaments  
 contain veritable hymns in praise of  
 almsgiving: "Be patient with someone  
 in humble circumstances, and do not  
 keep him waiting for your alms...  
 Store up almsgiving in your treasury,  
 and it will rescue you from every  
 disaster" (Sir 29:8,12)..... Saint John  
 Chrysostom is known for saying: .....  
 Let us then show Jesus mercy in the  
 persons of the poor and those who  
 today are lying on the ground, so that  
 when we come to leave this world  
 they may receive us into everlasting  
 dwelling places."

*(Perhaps this Advent we might  
 consider giving alms to Shelter, the  
 Passage, the Salvation Army, the Food  
 Bank, Age UK, or other organizations  
 caring for the poorest in our society).*

**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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**A Parishioner's Blog**  
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