

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

SUNDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2025,
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT, YEAR A



TODAY'S FIRST READING

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Image: Fr James Bradley, The Jesse Tree at Christchurch Priory, CCA2 licence, Wikimedia.

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, £10 per head. An attendance list is available at the back of Church, which please sign as soon as possible, as places limited. We are also looking for gifts for our Draw. 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!

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

NB: There are no weekday Masses this week.

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.

RESTORED CROSS: Weather permitting, the cross will be installed in front of the church tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

COLLECTION: Will take place next Sunday.

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.

ST ANDREW'S DAY: While blessing the people of Goa for St Francis Xavier's feast, we forgot to mention the people of Scotland who celebrated St Andrew's Day last week. Apologies! This week, we pray especially for the people of Mexico and others marking the feast days of St John Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.



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 DECEMBER	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	The Leyden Family (Int.) Kiki Pilloud (Birthday)
Mon 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
Tues 9	Of Advent, week 2			
Wed 10	St John Diego	<i>Sorry, no weekday Masses this week</i>		
Thurs 11	Our Lady of Loreto			
Fri 12	Pope St Damasus I			
Sat 13	St Lucy	No AM Mass		
SUN 14TH DECEMBER	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+James Birthday Blessings

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



FR SHAUN BUDDEN: Please pray for Fr Shaun, a retired priest of our diocese, who died last Sunday. 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.

STELLA MARIS WRITES: Thank you for your parish's donation of £328 towards our chaplaincy work with seafarers. Much appreciated.

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.

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 JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Opportunities to visit: This Tuesday, 6.00pm, and 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!

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