

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

SUNDAY 11TH  
JANUARY 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY  
BAPTISM OF THE  
LORD, YEAR A



*Image: Baptism of the Lord, ceiling mosaic in the Baptistry of Neon. Ravenna, Italy, c. 6th century. Photo by Petar Milošević, reproduced under CC A-SA 4.0*

## *From the Preface for the Baptism of the Lord:*

For in the waters of the Jordan  
You revealed with signs and wonders  
a new Baptism,  
so that through the voice that came down from heaven  
we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us,  
and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove  
we might know that Christ your Servant  
has been anointed with the oil of gladness  
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

**INTERNAL CHURCH REDECORATION:** We have been given the go ahead by the Diocese to repair and paint the complete interior of the church as part of our centenary plans. There will be major disruption while the work is taking place and the church will be out of action for a couple of weeks. Dates are subject to confirmation with the firm undertaking the work. We'll keep you posted.

## **CHURCH FAÇADE:**

Unfortunately, part of the façade has fallen off. Until a full assessment can be made, we are back to using the side door to get in and out of the church. The main doors will be unlocked during Mass in case of emergency, though. Because of the situation, the church will be locked outside of Mass times. Sorry for any inconvenience, but safety is the top priority.

**RESTORED CROSS:** Will be “planted” on Wednesday, weather permitting.

## **REPAIRING OUR CHURCH WINDOWS:**

**WINDOWS:** The bowing of some of the windows has now been designated an urgent health and safety matter. We have been asked to cordon-off any windows concerned until repairs take place. We can repair the smaller ones without much of a problem financially. However, the larger ones will take months of work off-site and will be very expensive. There are about 6 of them. Each large window will cost about £1,600 to refurbish. We wondered if a (extended) family might like to pool together to cover the cost of a window with a dedication panel placed next to their sponsored window in memoriam or thanksgiving. Please see Fr Bill or Colin if you might be interested. We already have 3 large windows sponsored!

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERING:**

Donations may still be made for Fr Bill through the card reader at the back of the church or via our parish website.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

CONFESIONS – 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 11 JANUARY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Holy Souls Judith Pearce (B'day & Anny)
Mon 12	Feria, Cycle 2, week 1	No Mass		
Tues 13	St Hilary	Mass	10.00am	No Intention
Wed 14	Feria, week 1	Mass	10.00am	Mary Tanner (health)
Thurs 15	Feria, week 1	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 16	Feria, week 1	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	+Brigid Horan
Sat 17	St Anthony of Egypt	No AM Mass		
SUN 18TH JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Tony Thorpe Holy Souls

10/11 Jan	Reader	EMHC	17/18 Jan	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AB	MH, BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD, MH
10.00am	SS	JN, LE, LD	10.00am	CB	JN, JP, 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.



**CRIB OFFERING:** The crib will remain in place until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The crib angel will gladly accept offerings until then, which will be administered to the children of the Holy Land.

**WEEKDAY READERS:** Please note that we begin Ordinary Time this week and that we are now following Cycle 2.

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

**LYMINGTON BASICS BANK:** We continue to collect items for Lymington Basics Bank and any gifts you are able to give will ease the struggle of people less fortunate than ourselves. Tinned items, dry food, e.g. pasta and rice, sanitary items welcome. Thanks!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like a Mass Intention said in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Intention Envelope at the back of Church and place it in the collection plate or hand it in to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

**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, Deacon Steve Bowler, Fr Kevin, Peter Caffyn.

**UKRAINE:** Thanks to everyone who so kindly donated candles and warm clothing for war victims and soldiers in Ukraine this Christmas. A medium Intercontinental ballistic missile was launched against a city on the west of Ukraine, 60k from the Polish border, on Thursday night, causing major destruction to a people who have endured war for over 2 years already through no fault of their own. Not only do they need our prayers but we can help in a practical way by donating more warm clothes, candles and toys for displaced children. Lizzie will be happy to accept your donations. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

**PARISH REGISTER:** With the beginning of a New Year, it would be good to bring our Church Register up-to-date. If you regularly come to Mass, you may wish to be included on Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Register. If so, please pick up an application form at the back of Church or speak to Lizzie in the Parish Office. We welcome you to our Church Family!

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