

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

SUNDAY 18TH
JANUARY 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF
YEAR A



Image: Folio 174v from Morgan Beatus (B Pierpont) showing worshippers raising their cytharas to give praise to the Lamb with joyful music. Maius, c.950AD. WikiMedia Commons, Public domain.

TODAY'S GOSPEL BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

Begins today. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in the Oriental and Orthodox Churches, and the Churches of the Reformation. The Mass texts (but not the readings or antiphons) at 10.00am Mass today will be those for a Votive Mass for Christian Unity.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: Falls today. The Mass texts (but not the readings or antiphons) at 6.00pm Mass today will be those for a Votive Mass for Peace.

CHURCH FAÇADE: Repairs have been made and inspection indicates no further issues expected, so back to normal!

RESTORED CROSS: Still waiting for drier weather.

REPAIRING OUR CHURCH WINDOWS: The bottom windows have now all been made good. An inspection of the other windows shows no health and safety emergency after all. We now have donations to cover all windows in need of restoration thanks to generous families: thank you very much.

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 projects in the Holy Land.

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 18TH JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Tony Thorpe Eileen Allen (birthday)
Mon 19	St Wulstan	No Mass		
Tues 20	Ss Fabian and Sebastian	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 21	St Agnes	Mass	10.00am	+Ann Taylor
Thurs 22	St Vincent	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 23	Feria, week 2	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	Barbara Williams (wellbeing)
Sat 24	St Frances de Sales	No AM Mass		
SUN 25TH JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	No Intention World Peace

17/18 Jan	Reader	EMHC	24/25 Jan	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD, MH	Vigil (Sat)	SD	BD, KD
10.00am	CB	JN, JP, LD	10.00am	OB	SS, JK, LE

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



CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Fr Bill thanks you all very much for your generous offering.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS: To Aryan (our Rome Youth Pilgrim) who is marrying Riya on Tuesday in their home town in the Punjab.

FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS: To Criselda who was Confirmed by Fr Bill on Friday in time for her church marriage to Arthur in the Philippines on February 2nd.

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

ANNUAL FIRE DRILL: Is due and will take place in the next few weeks.

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.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
CATHEDRAL.**

CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES: There are some still not collected yet. Please see Lizzie asap. Many thanks.

PARISH REGISTER: 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!

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!

UKRAINE: Wanted: warm clothes, candles, and toys. Lizzie will be happy to accept your donations. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

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