

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

SUNDAY 4TH
JANUARY 2026
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE NATIVITY



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD FALLS THIS TUESDAY AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES AT OLOL WILL BE AT 10.00AM AND 6.00PM.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS: To everyone who contributed to a full and festal time: Sara, our organist, flower arrangers, tree decorators, welcomers, readers, EMsHC, servers, cleaners, and crib builders. Also to those who provided refreshments on New Years Day. Special mention to all the Busy Bees who worked so hard behind scenes to make the Christmas Lunch happen. Also, there are still a few Draw Prizes to collect from the office.

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. To help us work out when the masonry fell off, could the person who found the remains please contact Fr Bill asap. Many thanks.

RESTORED CROSS: We are still waiting for drier weather to install the cross. Sorry for the delay.

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.

REPAIRING OUR CHURCH WINDOWS: Over many years of weathering, our windows are showing signs of stress, mainly because the leading has warped. This, in turn, is causing the glass to crack and this will only get worse over time. So, we need to repair and re-lead the windows most at risk. We can do 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 8 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.

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

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| SUN 4 JANUARY | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | No Intention +David Buckland |
| Mon 5 | Monday before Epiphany | No Mass | | |
| Tues 6 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | Mass Mass | 10.00am 6.00pm | Malcolm Davies (wellbeing) People of the Parish |
| Wed 7 | Wednesday after Epiphany | Mass | 10.00am | No intention |
| Thurs 8 | Thursday after Epiphany | Mass at Lyndhurst | noon | No intention |
| Fri 9 | Friday after Epiphany | Mass Rosary | 10.00am 10.30am | +Ian Barber (2nd Anny) |
| Sat 10 | Saturday after Epiphany | No AM Mass | | |
| SUN 11TH JANUARY | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | Holy Souls Judith Pearce (B'day & Anny) |

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| 3/4 Jan | Reader | EMHC | 10/11 Jan | Reader | EMHC |
| Vigil (Sat) | MH | KD, MH | Vigil (Sat) | AB | MH, BD |
| 10.00am | RG | JP, JN, SS | 10.00am | SS | JN, 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.



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.

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

THURSDAY MASS: There will be no Mass at 10.00am as Fr Bill will be concelebrating the Funeral Mass for Yvonne Short, wife of Deacon Stephen, at Lyndhurst at noon. Our prayers to Deacon Stephen and his family at this time.

FR SHAUN BUDDEN: Fr Shaun's Funeral Mass will be offered at 2.00pm at Christ the King and St Colman Church, Bitterne, Southampton. May he rest in peace.

MONTHLY PARISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP MEETING: Tomorrow (Monday) at 5.00pm in the hall. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Opportunity to visit: 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.

**HAPPY 2026
EVERYONE!**

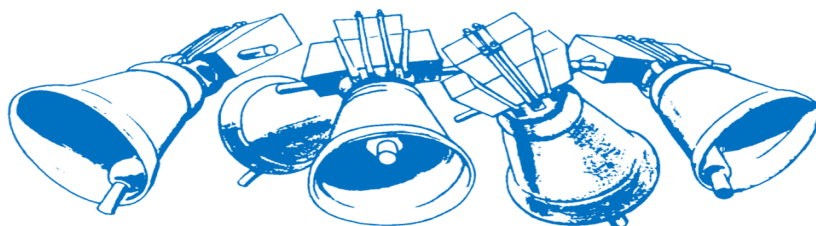


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PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, Marie Doolan, Mary & 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.

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