

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

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH  
2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF  
LENT, YEAR A



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**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday, 10.30am (English), 6.00pm Malayalam. All welcome.

**FIRE WARDENS:** We really need more wardens (ideally five per Mass) since not all of our current ones are always present. Please sign up for training at back of church. Remember, you are not being asked to tackle fires, only to get everyone out safely. After initial training, an annual update can easily be done via *YouTube*. Thank you.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Collection today. If you wish to *GiftAid*, please use the card reader at the back of the church or donate directly to CAFOD online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>. We will, of course, take cash as usual. Many thanks for your understanding.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**PARISH LENTEN LUNCH Friday in the Hall:** Food will be served at 12.30pm. Suggested donation £5.00. All proceeds to *CAFOD*. Tick off list at the back of Church.

**ARE YOU DBS-ED:** Through the parish, or about to be? The Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be offering ongoing formation for you on Saturday 18th April, 10.00am-1.00pm, at OLOL Church Hall. This meeting is open to all parishes in the New Forest Pastoral Area. To express an interest, please contact [jminal@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jminal@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) directly (not OLOL, please). Thank you.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** For safety and insurance reasons, we ask that you **ONLY** use candles provided by the parish. Please do not bring your own. Also, please be considerate in how many candles you light at once: leave plenty of space for others. Thank you.

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 1ST MARCH	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+John Lee Williams (10th an) +Kay Enion
Mon 2	Of Lent, week 2	No Mass		
Tues 3	Of Lent, week 2	Mass	10.00am	Baby Conor Farry (welcome)
Wed 4	Of Lent, week 2	Mass	10.00am	+Beatrice & +May
Thurs 5	Of Lent, week 2	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 6	Of Lent, week 2	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	+Regina Pinheiro
Sat 7	Of Lent, week 2	No AM Mass		
SUN 8TH MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Barbara Williams (wellbeing) +Canon Alan Sessford

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Vigil (Sat)	MH	BD,MH	Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD, BD
10.00am	NM	SS,LD,JK	10.00am	OB	JP, SS, JN

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



*Eglwys Dewi Sant, Blaenporth, Ceredigion, Wales. Photo by Llywelyn2000. reproduced under CCA-SA 4.0*

**BLESSINGS TO ALL PEOPLE OF WELSH DESCENT CELEBRATING ST DAVID'S DAY TODAY!**

**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 & Peter Hawksworth, Anne Harries.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS, PLEASE:** For our Holy Communion candidates who will be making their First Confession this Saturday!

**LENT: DECLUTTER AND GIVE ALMS:** Most of us have decent clothes we just don't wear anymore. Why not have a good look in our wardrobes and see what we can clear out and hand on to the many charity shops in New Milton? They can sell to those who might not be able to afford buying new, and use the proceeds for their designated charity. Who wins? Us, those who are cash poor, and the charities themselves. Let's take Lent practically and cheerfully.

**FR. PADRAIG FAUGHNAN:** Please pray for Fr Padraig, a retired priest of our Diocese, who died this week. May he rest in peace.

**PARISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP:** Meets tomorrow (Monday) at 5.00pm in the hall. All welcome.

**PARISH INFO-BAR**

The Presbytery, 15 Mount Avenue, New Milton. Hampshire. BH25 6NT

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**Live streaming**  
<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

**Parish website**  
[ourladyoflourdes.co.uk](http://ourladyoflourdes.co.uk)

**A Parishioner's Blog**  
[the247catholic.blogspot.com](http://the247catholic.blogspot.com)

**Diocesan website**  
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