

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

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY
2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT, YEAR A

“THE LORD GOD FORMED THE MAN OF DUST FROM THE GROUND, AND THE MAN BECAME A LIVING CREATURE.”

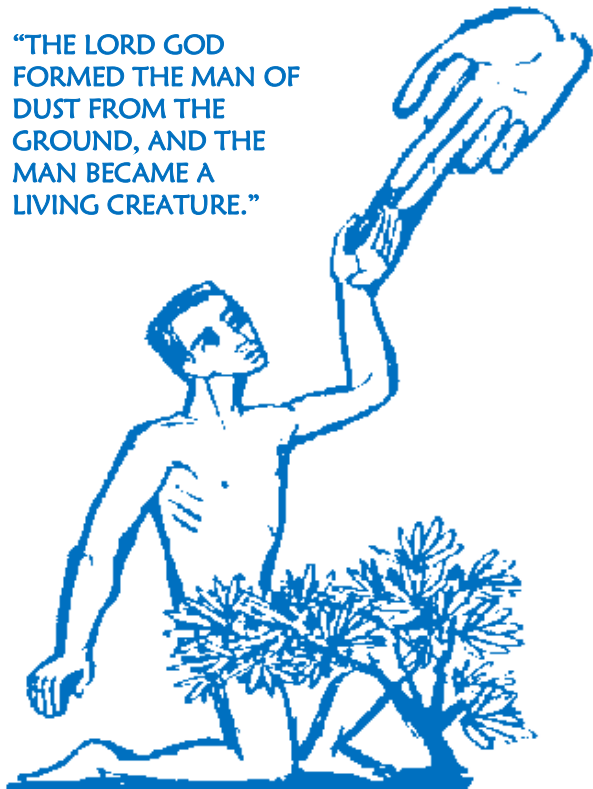


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LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday (beginning 20th), 10.30am (English), 6.00pm Malayalam. All welcome.

ANNUAL FIRE DRILL: Is now completed. Thank you to our wardens and those who took part with such good humour and followed directions. Mostly, things went well, with an complete evacuation time of 2-3minutes, which is great. A couple of observations, though. Next time:

- Please ensure you use the exit nearest to you (some didn't)
- Please gather exactly around the designated muster point (no one did!)
- Wardens, please wear your hi-viz jacket (some just held it)
- On no account leave the site until allowed to do so (some did)

RESTORED CROSS: Still waiting for drier weather. Will the rain ever stop?!

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: Falls this Friday and there will be the usual Second Collection next weekend. Please note, we are not issuing CAFOD envelopes this time: they take too much time to process when *GiftAid* declarations are made. *SO*, 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.

PARISH LENTEN LUNCH Friday 6th March 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.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
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OFFICE OPENING HOURS: We are having a new boiler installed in the Hall on Wednesday. The Office will be open on Thursday instead.

NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM: In line with Diocesan protocols, we are saying goodbye to the collection buckets, replacing them with hand-to-hand collection pouches, whose handles will be sanitized before each use. The contents will then be placed in tamper-evident bags, and counted as usual. A reminder that donations can always be given by card reader or by standing order instead.

NEW INCENSE SUPPLY: We have now sourced our incense through an eco-friendly project based in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia. The workers are given a decent wage and the trees are harvested in a sustainable way. The final product has no artificial colours or aromas and is completely hypoallergenic. For more info, please visit *The Boswellia* Project at: www.naturalincense.org.

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 22ND FEBRUARY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Henryk Cudak (B' day ann) +Muriel & +Graham Thomas
Mon 23	Of Lent, week 1	No Mass		
Tues 24	Of Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 25	Of Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	Brian Dempster Birthday
Thurs 26	Of Lent, week 1	Mass	10.00am	Kathleen Lynch wellbeing
Fri 27	Of Lent, week 1 <i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	No Intention
Sat 28	Of Lent, week 1	No AM Mass		
SUN 1ST MARCH	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+John Lee Williams (10th an) No Intention

21/22 Feb	Reader	EMHC	28 F/1 Mar	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH,KD	Vigil (Sat)	MH	BD,MH
10.00am	VJ	JK,LD,JP	10.00am	NM	SS,LD,JK

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



SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish Safeguarding Minister, Jill Parsons, is hoping to stand down shortly. We have tried approaching several possible successors, but without getting any takers. The role includes helping people make DBS applications, raising awareness of on-going training opportunities, recording any concerns, and liaising with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team when appropriate. The Minister is NOT there to investigate allegations. Full training is offered by the Diocese for new and existing Safeguarding Ministers. The right volunteer will have good people skills, be discreet, and will be subject to enhanced DBS checks facilitated by the Diocese. Please see Fr Bill or Jill if interested. Thank you.

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

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.

GETTING MARRIED ABROAD?: Congratulations! Please note, if you live in our parish, it is very important that you speak with Fr Bill asap in case there is paperwork he needs to complete.

RECORDING OF MASSES: Because of possible misuse by third parties, we have decided to discontinue keeping recordings of our weekend Masses. Live streaming will not be affected, though, so if you are housebound or away you can still join us at the usual times.

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.

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.

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Live streaming
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