

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

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A



Image: Sisto Badalocchio: Christ with the Samaritan Woman at the Well (1609), Städel Museum, reproduced under CCPD Mk 1.

TODAY'S GOSPEL "GIVE ME THIS WATER THAT I MAY LIVE FOREVER."

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.

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 and is compulsory for anyone with a DBS who has not had an annual refresher recently. To express an interest, please contact jminal@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk directly (not OLOL, please). Thank you.

WELL DONE: To our Holy Communion candidates who made their First Confession yesterday.

NB: No Mass this Tuesday.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, Clergy Assistance Fund.

PARISH DAYS OUT: Now that the weather seems to be improving, it would be good to arrange occasional days out. Do we have anyone willing to do this for us? It could include, for instance, Exbury Gardens, a Poole Harbour boat trip, or Farnborough Abbey. See Fr Bill if interested. Thanks.

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 8TH MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Barbara Williams (wellbeing) +Canon Alan Sessford
Mon 9	Of Lent, week 3	No Mass		
Tues 10	Of Lent, week 3	No Mass		
Wed 11	Of Lent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	+Mateo Quinozor (Anny)
Thurs 12	Of Lent, week 3	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 13	Of Lent, week 3	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 14	Of Lent, week 3	No AM Mass		
SUN 15TH MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Malcolm Davies (wellbeing) +Julia & +Martin

7/8 Mar	Reader	EMHC	14/15 Mar	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD, BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH, KD
10.00am	OB	JP, SS, JN	10.00am	SS	JN,LDF,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.



GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: The Guild, or Arch confraternity, is the professional body responsible for Altar Servers. OLOL is now registered with the Guild and so our Servers may now be enrolled as members of the Arch confraternity. To that end, all Servers will formally be enrolled and presented with their special Guild medal that they will wear each time they serve at Mass. The enrollment will take place at Mass on 21/22 March. All Servers are asked to be in attendance at either Mass that weekend.



HOLY WEEK MINISTERS AND READERS: Please sign-up at the back of the church, please. Thanks.

VISIT OF RELICS OF ST CARLO ACUTIS: This Wednesday and Thursday at the Cathedral. For info, please visit <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/saintcarloacutis/>

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, and Anne Harries.

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 bag or hand it in to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COM,MUNION (EMHCs): We are extremely short of EMHCs at our Vigil Masses. Would you be interested in joining our small team? If so, please contact Fr. Bill. The more people we can get to help, the less pressure is placed on the few!

UKRAINE APPEAL: We have been distracted recently by the dreadful news from the Middle East but the war still rages on in Ukraine. Have you got any unwanted warm clothes or candles that you can spare? If so please give to Lizzie in the Office.

LYMINGTON BASICS BANK: We continue to collect items for Lymington Basics Bank. (A good Lenten Alms idea!). Tinned items, dry food, e.g. pasta and rice, sanitary items welcome. Thanks!

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