

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

SUNDAY 17TH MAY
2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
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Image: the Ascension of the Lord, 14th century. Novgorod School. Public domain, Wikicommons

BAPTISM JOY: Please pray for baby Miley who will be baptized this Saturday at noon at OLOL.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Roy Bentley, a parishioner of OLOL, who passed away last Thursday. We keep him and all his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace. No date has yet been set for his funeral.

NORA SWEENEY: Nora's Funeral Mass will be offered this **Friday 22nd May at 11.00am** at OLOL followed by interment at Milford Road Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

PETER HAWKSWORTH: Peter's Funeral Mass will be offered on **Thursday 28th May at noon** followed by Committal at Stem Lane Crematorium at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: a day to reflect on the opportunities and challenges presented by modern

communication media. In his message for this 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity. Read more at www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend. We welcome Mill Hill Missionary, Fr Stephen who offer both Masses next weekend.

CHURCH INTERNAL REDECORATION: This *is* the final week! Weekend Masses will continue to take place as usual in church, but for safety and security reasons, there is still strictly no unauthorized access to the church during the week.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK: Unfortunately, the hall is not available for Masses this week due to a prior booking. There is a Funeral Mass for Nora Sweeney in the church this Friday at 11.00.

RETURN TO WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CHURCH: Wednesday 27th May, 10am. We finally have the date! As you can imagine, our beautiful church needs a good clean before then, so please consider helping out at the big church clean. See details below.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN: Tuesday 26th May, starts 10am. If you are able to help, even if just for an hour or so, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Many hands make light work! Any queries, please speak to Anne.

CLLR JULIE VIGOR: *Congratulations* to our parishioner, Julie, elected to serve on New Forest Council. As a Catholic we are sure she will bring a distinctive voice to local issues in the light of the Church's long standing commitment to social issues.

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 17TH MAY	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Brigit Horan +John Boocock
Mon 18	St John I	No Mass		
Tues 19	Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth	No Mass		
Wed 20	St Bernadine of Siena	No Mass		
Thurs 21	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions	No Mass		
Fri 22	St Rita of Cascia	Funeral Mass	11.00am	Nora Sweeney RIP
Sat 23	Of Easter, week 7	No AM Mass		
SUN 24TH MAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Don & Agnes Campbell Mary Davies (wellbeing)

16/17 May Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) TR none
 10.00am RG JN

23/24 May Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) SD none
 10.00am JP 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.



PARISH OFFICE PROTOCOLS: The office will be staffed on a temporary basis, at very reduced hours, until a new administrator is in place. Lizzie now has no access to the parish email so please do not use it to try to contact her. For non-urgent matters (Mass intentions, hall bookings, lost property etc) please continue to use the office email address (which will be monitored periodically) but do not copy Fr Bill in. For truly urgent matters only, please contact Fr Bill directly.

CENTENARY MERCH: We are looking into providing fun and practical merchandise to mark our parish centenary in time for Christmas. Firstly, we need our children to draw brightly-coloured flowers or animals on A4 landscape paper. The images will be used to create centenary tea towels. So, please have a go, put your first name (only) on your picture, and hand in to Johanna at children's liturgy or in church. We're sure they will make great presents for all the family. We'll also be offering mugs, calendars, and more.

HOLY COMMUNION: During the redecoration there will be equipment stored down the Lady Chapel side aisle, making movement and Communion under both kinds difficult. For that reason, until the work is complete, Communion will only be offered under one kind.

YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING ST PETER'S SECONDARY: Tuesday 9th June 2026 6pm (Doors open at 5.30pm) Learn about the admissions process and key deadlines. Find out how places are allocated and enjoy a short tour of our outstanding facilities. See poster in hall for further details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES, AND ASSISI/TURIN. Please see the diocesan website for information about these events:
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 14th June, 3pm. Summer Cream Tea in the Parish Gardens (weather permitting). Suggested donation £5.00 pp.

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, Anne Harries, and Pat Newman.

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