

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

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL
2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER, YEAR A



TODAY'S GOSPEL: AS THEY WERE WALKING, JESUS DREW UP BESIDE THEM AND EXPLAINED THE SCRIPTURES TO THEM.

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RETIREMENT GIFT FOR LIZZIE: If you would like to show appreciation for Lizzie, please see Anne or Jill or use option on the card reader at the back of church. Many thanks. There will be a reception for Lizzie after 10.00am Mass next Sunday.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED: For Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, New Milton. 10 hours per week on site, Salary: £5,358.08 per annum (FTE £25,116). For full details and application process please visit <https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.peoplehr.net/Pages/JobBoard/Opening.aspx?v=4132a4c3-88d6-4732-954b-0f6491912a67>. Deadline for applications 3rd May 2026.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Today, Easter Flowers: Next week, Clergy training Fund. The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places raised £274.84. Many thanks.

PETER CAFFYN: Please pray for Peter, a very longstanding parishioner who died on Easter Sunday. Peter's Funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday 5th May at 11.00am at OLOL. May he rest in peace.

PETER HAWKSWORTH: Please pray for Peter, husband of Irene Soares, who died this week. Again, funeral arrangements have yet to be made. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH INTERNAL REDECORATION: Will commence tomorrow and last for about three weeks. We will be storing all moveable items elsewhere. To that end, we will need all hands on deck after 10.00am Mass today. Weekend Masses will take place as usual in church, but weekday Masses will be in the hall. There is strictly no access to the church during the week.

GIFTAID DECLARATIONS: URGENT! We will soon no longer be able to claim using out-of-date forms. We **MUST** complete new ones asap. These are available at the back of the church. Please see Colin if more info needed.

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

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ST STEPHEN'S GUILD: Congratulations to our servers being enrolled today. Special cake after 10.00am Mass.



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 19TH APRIL	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Brigid Horan No Intention
Mon 20	Of Easter, week 3	No Mass		
Tues 21	St Anselm	Mass in hall	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 22	Of Easter, week 3	Mass in hall	10.00am	No Intention
Thurs 23	ST GEORGE	Mass in hall	10.00am	+Xaviour John
Fri 24	Of Easter, week 3	Mass in hall	10.00am	No Intention
Sat 25	ST MARK	No AM Mass		
SUN 26 APRIL	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Gisele Marie (wellbeing) Holy Souls

18/19 April Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) MH KD, MH
 10.00am SS JK, JN, JP

25/26 April Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) SD KD, BD
 10.00am CB JK, LD, SS

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



NB: The parish office is only open on Wednesday this week. After that, the office will be staffed on a temporary basis, and very reduced hours, until a new administrator is in place. From 29th April, Lizzie will have no access to the parish email so please do not use it to try to contact her. For anything truly urgent (not Mass intentions, hall bookings, lost property etc) please contact Fr Bill directly. Otherwise, if it can wait, please use the office email address (which will be monitored periodically) but do not copy Fr Bill in.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING: We've had a further complaint from our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways (even partially), and do not park near the junction of Mount Avenue and Cowper Avenue because it severely, and dangerously, restricts lines of sight for those trying to turn there. Our compliance is expected in this matter. It is a shame that this has had to be brought to our attention once more.

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.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Yet again, candles have been left on the base of the stand, underneath the candle holder sockets. Please stop doing this.



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HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL WHO HONOUR ST GEORGE AS THEIR COUNTRY'S PATRON SAINT THIS WEDNESDAY.

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A Parishioner's Blog
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