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

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026
32ND SUNDAY – YEAR A



"Parable of the Ten Virgins, showing five foolish virgins locked out as the wedding feast begins."

Image: sundayimages.com

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Today's Mass will begin in complete silence. If you are late, please do not attempt to enter the church until after the Opening Prayer. Children doing Childrens Liturgy, please go straight to the hall beforehand.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Commences Saturday 14th November starting at 8.50am in the church hall. Parents to attend.

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: At the end of Mass next Sunday, our new Headteacher, Peter Doherty, will be giving a short talk about our nearby RC Primary School and will be available to speak with interested parents afterwards.

2ND COLLECTION: Next weekend Retired Priests' Fund: This is a new annual collection to pay for the care of our retired diocesan clergy. At the moment, there are about 30 priests who receive assistance from the Fund, including housing, practical support, and medical care. That requires a lot of money and resources. Please consider giving either by cash, card reader or online. For more information, please visit: https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/priests-retirement-fund-2/. There are also a few prayer cards available at the back of church.

BAMENDA COLLECTION: So far we've collected a total of £288.74 – thank you for your generosity!

NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY: Fr Bill on clergy training day.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Sunday 13th December, 12.00noon for 12.30pm. £10 per person, children under 10 are free! A Sign Up List for the Lunch will be at the back of Church from next weekend. Cut-off date 6th December.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW: Our Grand Christmas Draw will take place after Sunday Mass on 20th December in the Hall. Draw Tickets will be available at the back of Church from next weekend. Any contributions towards prizes would be gratefully received! These can be handed into the Parish Office or given to Anne Hill.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS: Do consider buying our centenary merch as Christmas stocking-fillers for your loved ones, work colleagues, and neighbours. You can't have too many tea towels, mugs, or pens!

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 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	† Mrs Irene Maud Jones † James † Florence † Spencer Coomarewel
Mon 9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	No Mass		
Tues 10	St Leo the Great	No Mass		
Wed 11	St Martin of Tours	No Mass		
Thurs 12	St Josaphat	Mass	10.00AM	† Martin & † Julia Rosol
Fri 13	Feria	Mass Rosary	10.00AM 10.30AM	† Beatrice & † May Ohlmus
Sat 14	Feria	No AM Mass		
SUN 15TH NOVEMBER	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	† Tony Thorpe People of the Parish

7/8 Nov	Reader	EMHC	14/15 Nov	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AB	BD KD	Vigil (Sat)	TR	KD MH
10.00am	OB	JP SS LE	10.00am	RG	SS JP 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.

PARISH CENTENARY MERCH:

Please see sample tea towel, ball pen and mug at the back of church. Order using an order sheet with all the necessary info supplied AND CASH PAYMENT or date/time of card payment. These would make GREAT Christmas presents.
TEA TOWELS: £5 each
MUGS: £8 each
TEA TOWEL / MUG SET: ONLY £12
BALL PENS with stylus end £1.50
ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!!

KEEPING OUR CHURCH AND GROUNDS IN GOOD ORDER:

Many thanks to our cleaning team and gardeners who do a fantastic job keeping our site looking great inside and out. Could you spare an hour a month to help? Please email the parish office – thanks!

PARISH SITE MANAGER:

We need a volunteer to meet contractors on site and explain what is needed and where. Usually, this means letting people in to service boilers, do electrical testing, repairs, and contractors hoping to give quotations for work to be done. If you are generally available on weekdays, please give it a thought. Please talk to Colin if interested.

NAPPY CHANGING IN OUR PARISH HALL:

We are reminded that dirty nappies must be placed in the plastic bags provided , before being placed in the bin. Not doing so is both unhygienic and grossly unfair to the people who clean after us. Further misuse of the facilities will result in it being withdrawn. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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, Roy Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, Philippe Hamon, John Hamon, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams, Deacon Steve Bowler, Fr Kevin, Anne Harries, Giselle Bazerghi, Jean Peltier.

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