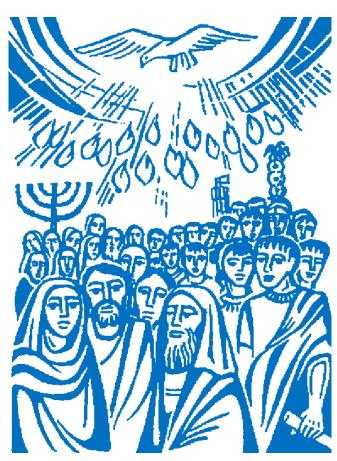
NEWSLETTER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEW MILTON

28TH MAY 2023 PENTECOST



AS THEY WERE PRAYING, THE HOLY SPIRIT DECENDED UPON THEM

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CHURCH UPDATE: As you can see, Fr Bill has enlisted the help of a scaffolding company to make our frontage safe. So, we can use the church again! Hoorah!!! Weekday Masses now revert to their usual times, 10.00am

GIVING BY CARD: Our new card machine is now in place. It is really simple to use: just press the amount you'd like to give and tap your card. Please don't worry about *GiftAid* at the moment because that will require entering all your details. Perhaps do that mid-week when there is no queue. All parishes who have this system report that it pays for itself in the first month, so we can't lose and have everything to gain. We get lots of casual visitors during the week while the church is open. Now they have an opportunity to contribute to the running of the parish and our stunning little church.

NB PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023: Please pray for John, Joyce, Shanice, Lexie, Eli, and Victoria who will be celebrating their special day on Sunday 11th June: only three weeks to go!

JANE SLOMAN: Please pray for Jane who died recently. Jane's Funeral Mass will be offered on Friday 2nd June at 10.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea, SO41 OPT, by Fr. Bill.

ISSIE HOCKEY: Please pray for Issie who died last week. Before illness made things difficult, Issie was a regular at our Saturday Evening Mass. Please pray also for Robin, her widower, at this time. Funeral arrangements have yet to be made. May she rest in peace.

FR BILL WRITES: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, PART 3.

PRIMARILY,
THE FIRST HALF OF EVERY MASS IS THE
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD
WHO MEETS US, LOVES US,
AND CHALLENGES US.

We know Sunday Mass sheets have their uses, especially for non- catholic visitors. However, there are several disadvantages to them: they are costly, limited in the options they provide, and rather invasive at Mass. Think of the noise and distraction of turning pages at really holy moments of the Mass, like during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Above all, Mass sheets turn us into **READERS** rather than **HEARERS** of the Word of God, which is definitely **NOT** what we are asked to be at Mass. For that reason we will be ending the provision of Mass sheets in the near future. Instead, we have bought laminated cards that provide the complete *Order of Mass* that can be used over and over again. These cards provide all of the options for Mass including those, like the Penitential Act variants, Apostles' Creed, and alternative Acclamations that do not always appear in our present Mass sheets. They do not, however give antiphons

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 28 MAY | PENTECOST | VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM) | 6.00 PM 10.00AM | +Susan Harries Fr. Marcin (Birthday Blessings) |
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| Mon 29 | Mary, Mother of the Church | No Mass | | |
| Tues 30 | Feria (week 8) Weekday Readings of Year 1 | Mass Rosary | 10.00am 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Wed 31 | Visitation of the BVM | Mass | 10.00am | +John Williams (Birthday) |
| Thurs 1 JUNE | Christ, the Eternal High Priest | Mass | 10.00am | +Emanuel Saliba |
| Fri 2 | Ss Marcellinus & Peter | Funeral Mass at St Francis of Assisi | 10.30am | +Jane Sloman |
| Sat 3 | St Charles Lwanga and Comp'ns | No AM Mass | | |
| SUN 4 JUNE | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM) | 6.00PM 10.00AM | Louis & Catherine (51st Anny) +Thomas Nixon |

| 27/28 May | Reader | EMHC | 3/4 June | Reader | ЕМНС |
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| Vigil | GG | MH | Vigil | Ld'E | |
| 10.00am | TR | JK | 10.00am | MP | MT |

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

or readings. We will try to provide Sunday antiphons in the newsletter.

Although our present sheets offer other texts, like the *Preface* and *Eucharistic Prayer*, they only provide one option for each on any given Sunday, in spite of there being many, many legitimate alternatives. In this way, our sheets can actually end up being a *distraction* rather than a useful tool for *participation*. However, there are alternative ways of accessing the texts of Mass for each Sunday.

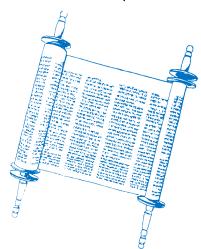


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Firstly, please <u>do not</u> buy a new permanent, three year cycle, *People's Missal.* The translation of the readings will be changing in Autumn 2024 (originally meant to take place 2023). Instead, please consider these alternatives:

Web options:

https://

www.theliturgyproject.com/ and follow link to relevant Sunday (free)

https://universalis.com

and follow link to relevant day (one-off lifetime fee)

Web and Paper options:

There are cheap monthly booklets for about £1.50—£2.50. They include every day of the week, not just Sundays):

Magnificat

http://www.magnificat.co.uk/tel. 020 3882 9432

(inspection copies available at the back of church)

My Day By Day

http://www.archpublishing.co.uk tel. 01782 213000

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Christine Houssiere, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon.

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