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

1 ST OCTOBER 2023 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SEASON OF CREATION

**SEASON OF CREATION 4:** Recalling the Synod on Synodality that will open its first session in October, just after the closing of the Season of Creation on 4 October, the Pope writes that similarly "the entire People of God are being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion." He upholds the strength of communion of countless local Churches, each of whom has a unique and irreplaceable contribution to make, and he prays that the Holy Spirit may guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth."

"Like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy."

"In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to 'renew the face of the earth.'"

He concluded, that "our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants... sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches." (copy from Vaticannews.va). For more info and ideas, please go to

https://seasonofcreation.org

BLESSING OF ANIMALS NEXT SUNDAY, 3.00PM CHURCH GROUNDS IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS

Calling all creatures great and small.

Please bring your faithful human companions for a brief service of blessing and thanksgiving for the care they give us.



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Well behaved dragons welcome.

#### 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 1 OCTOBER	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	Gehane Gordelier (Birthday) Katherine Stopyra (Thanksgiving)	
Mon 2	The Holy Guardian Angels	No Mass			
Tues 3	Feria, week 26	Mass Rosary	10.00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Wed 4	St Francis of Assisi	Mass	10.00am	+Mavis Harris	
Thurs 5	St Faustina Kowalska	Mass	10.00am	Katie & Jacob (8th Anny)	
Fri 6	St Bruno	Mass	10.00am	+Edoardo Crisante	
Sat 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	No AM Mass			
SUN 8 OCTOBER	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM 3.00PM	+Jack & Mary Loftus Louis d'Espagnac (Birthday) Blessing of Animals	

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10.00am	OB	JN	10.00am	RG	JK

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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE;** Today after coffee in the hall. The topic? **CHRISTMAS!!** All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Parents of children (Year 3+) wishing to make their First Holy Communion are invited to the welcome and introductory meeting with catechists on Saturday 14 October at 9.00am in the church hall. Please contact the church office to register interest. Proof of Baptism is required and the Course Book "I want to make my home in you" is £8. See you there.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER :

Please consider donating next weekend. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you!

## GLOBAL SYNOD OF THE

**CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Begins very soon and will be looking at fundamental issues about the nature of the Church: its purpose, how it functions, how it nurtures and involves its members, and the like. Please pray for its success. You might like to use this prayer to the Holy Spirit which was said before every session of Vatican II:

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts;

teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

**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, Patricia Clarke, John Hamon, Alice Loftus, Celia Adams.

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.

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