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

13TH AUGUST 2023 NINETEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A



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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: THIS TUESDAY MASS AT NOON FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION. Weather permitting, Mass will be in the grotto followed by a procession around the church grounds. There is a really beautiful porcelain statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Child by the side entrance, but it needs a bit of repair with glue. Can anyone help? Also, is there anyone who could make a suitable secure plinth to carry the statue around the grounds?

FR BILL: Tested positive for Covid on Monday and has been feeling awful. Although he'll probably be negative by this weekend, he might not, and dare not risk exposing all of you to Covid. We are very pleased to welcome Fr Anthony Fyk, the Bishop's Secretary, who is coming to celebrate with us this weekend.

DIOCESAN "GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: The diocese is hoping to raise £13.5million over the next 3-5 years to invest in seminary training, help for priests in their parish mission, and provision for our retired priests. Over 60% of our parishes have already taken part in the process designed to achieve this goal. Together, have secured pledges for £8million. The final group of parishes, which includes OLOL, has now been asked to join the campaign. OLOL has been set a goal of securing pledges for £55K. This sounds a lot, but with giving spread over such a broad period of time (3-5 years) should be achievable. If we raise the target amount, £37K will go to the stated aims and the rest (£18K) will be returned to the parish to be used as we wish. Next week, we'll have information on how we might contribute to reaching our goal.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3HG, Saturday 19 August, 1.30pm to 4.30pm and will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

OLOL GROTTO: Thanks to the Newman's for getting the stream working again.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass Intention said in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Intention Envelope to be found at the back of the Church. You can leave it in the collection plate, put it through the Presbytery letterbox or hand it to Lizzie in the Parish Office. Donation at time of booking would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

CAFOD WRITES: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BILL:

It is so disappointing that the Illegal Immigration Bill will now become law. It effectively closes the door to nearly all people who seek to claim asylum as they escape war or persecution. Please consider signing an open letter to the Prime Minister organised by CAFOD and / or writing to your MP. The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) website includes a template letter,

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 13 AUGUST	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	Tony Thorpe (Wellbeing) +John Lee Williams (Birthday)
Mon 14	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	No Mass		
Tues 15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	MASS AND PROCESSION Rosary	NOON 6.30pm	+Tom Kelleher (Birthday)
Wed 16	St Stephen of Hungary	Mass	10.00am	Harry
Thurs 17	Feria, week 19	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 18	Feria, week 19	Mass	10.00am	Maria Alonso
Sat 19	St John Eudes	No AM Mass		
SUN 20 AUGUST	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	Holy Souls +Mary & Jack Loftus

12/13 August	Reader	ЕМНС	19/20 August	Reader	EMHC
Vigil			0	AN	BD
10.00am	JP	JN	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.

instructions on how to find your MP and more details about the Bill if you wish to put together your own letter. Check how your MP voted and adjust your letter accordingly. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have produced the document 'Love the Stranger'. In the Diocese, we have groups that have welcomed families through the **Community** Sponsorship Scheme . You can find out more about this scheme by listening to Amina from Reset UK at the recent Welcome the Stranger Campaign. For further details Email caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. If there are any parishioners who would be interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, can you please give your name to Lizzie in the Parish Office. Fr. Bill will be offering EMHC training for all of our New Forest parishes in January/February. This is a very important role and assists the smooth running of our weekend Masses.



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A GREAT SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN;
A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN,
AND THE MOON BENEATH HER FEET,
AND ON HER HEAD
A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS

Entrance Antiphon for the Solemnity of the Assumption

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.

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