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

14TH JANUARY 2024 2ND SUNDAY YEAR B

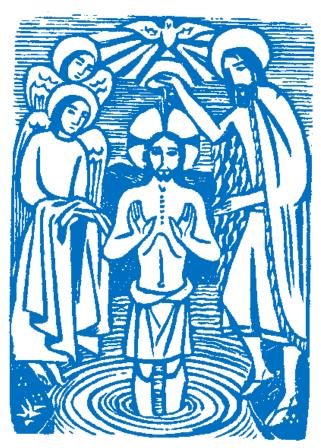


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TODAY'S GOSPEL BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

CRIB COLLECTION: The crib will remain in the church until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Any offerings will be in aid of the Christian Communities of the Holy Land via the organization, Friends of the Holy Land.

NAOMI JANET SMITH: Naomi's Funeral Mass will be offered this Wednesday at 3.00pm at OLOL. May she rest in peace. Please note, there is no Mass at 10.00am that day.

JANE GOW: Jane, our dear organist, has decided to step down after many years of service. We will be having a thanksgiving reception for Jane after 10.00am today. Please join us. Thank you, Jane.

singling at 10.00AM MASS: With Jane's retirement we will be going a capella which means that ALL of us will have to open our hymnbooks and sing. Singing is an integral part of what we do at Mass and it is important that we all try to join in "with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven". Please don't just look at the words and say, "I don't know that one"; we'll try to use a tune that you do know, so no excuses:).

FIRE DRILL: Thanks to those who attended yesterday's fire training. Please be aware that there will be practice drills in the near future. When you hear the words "FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!" you must evacuate the building(s) in an orderly fashion using both exits. The following protocols apply, namely:

- Infirm persons should remain in their seats until able-bodied persons have exited
- Do not stop at any exit for any reason
- Head straight to the correct muster station
- Do not leave the grounds unless it is dangerous to stay; we need to account for everybody
- Do not re-enter building(s) for any reason, until instructed to do so

WORLD PEACE DAY: Falls today. We pray "graciously grant peace in our days" at every Mass. This petition is particularly relevant today with warfare and civil unrest ever present. Pope St John XXIII wrote, "Peace is not just the absence of war," but something to be strived for positively so that all peoples can prosper, not just survive. We pray for diplomats working to find solutions to situations that appear utterly intractable.

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 14 JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Baby Fazakerley and Family Roji & Ancy (Wedding Anny)	
Mon 15	Feria, week 2	No Mass			
Tues 16	Feria, week 2	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls	
Wed 17	St Anthony of Egypt	Funeral Mass	3.00pm	+Naomi Janet Smith	
Thurs 18	Feria, week 2	Mass	10.00am	+Brigid Horan	
Fri 19	St Wulstan	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls	
Sat 20	Ss Fabian and Sebastian	No AM Mass			
SUN 21 JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Pat Clarke People of the Parish	

13/14 Jan	Reader	EMHC	20/21 Jan	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AN	BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD
10.00am	MP		10.00am		

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.

READERS AND EMHC: A

reminder that you are responsible for arranging a swap/replacement if you are unable to fulfil your slot on the rota. Not doing so causes confusion all round. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SEVERE WEATHER PLAN; We need gritters to lay down salt in the church grounds when it is icy. Can you help? You would need to check the forecast on Saturdays and do the gritting on Saturday afternoon if ice/snow is probable. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to do this for us. Thanks.

TORCHES: We need to keep everyone safe before and after Saturday evening Masses. Alec and Roy have been doing a great job holding our super-powerful torches front and rear of the church. Can you lighten the load

by giving them a night off? If so, please come early (5.20pm) and see Fr. Bill or Roy. Thanks.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR FY24

-25: We will shortly be ordering Gift Aid Envelopes for FY 24-25. We will assume that all those who collected and used envelopes in the current financial year will also require them for FY24-25. If you need to cancel future envelopes please notify us. Anyone else who requires Gift Aid envelopes must let Lizzie (our Secretary) or Andy (our Treasurer) know that they require envelopes, and must sign (or have already signed) a Gift Aider Diocesan Gift Aid Declaration) held in the Parish Office by not later that end Jan 24 Note that those who regularly donate through bank transfers will only be provided envelopes for Special collections as they will not need them for weekly collections.

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, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Alice Loftus, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Gerry Parsons. Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Tony Hill.

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