

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

2ND JULY 2023
13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

FEAST OF ST THOMAS: Falls tomorrow and is a massive celebration for our Syro-Malabar Community. By tradition, St Thomas evangelized the peoples of India, especially in the south. That area lays claim to a Church which is every bit as old as the Church of Rome, with its own liturgy and canon law. We are blest to have so many of the Syro-Malabar community here as an integral part of our parish, who enrich us in so many ways.



THOMAS SAID,
“MY LORD, AND MY GOD.”

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CHURCH FAÇADE UPDATE: We are still having various expert opinions coming in. However, it is clear that the cross, the pinnacle on which it sits, and the tops of the towers either side are completely shot to pieces and might not withstand future storm-force winds. For safety's sake, we may have to remove those top sections of the façade, and weather-proof the “hole” left. Once that is done, we can probably take the scaffolding down and take time to assess our options regarding the middle section of the façade, which needs to be braced back into position somehow. **Unfortunately, we heard on Wednesday that the insurer will not be covering any of our present or future costs because the damage is, in effect, “wear and tear”.** We are very grateful to the Diocesan Estates team for taking the lead on this project.

PARISH ACCOUNTS: Many thanks to Andy for producing a user friendly set of accounts for 2021-2022, and for the last 10 months of the current year. Please take a copy home with you. As you can see, we generally do not make ends meet year on year, and this current year won't be an exception. We are loathe to ask, but only if you are able, might you consider upping your weekly giving for the running of the parish, please? Might you manage an extra £5 a week? If you pay income tax, we can turn that into £7 at no cost to you. Please do not feel pressured in to giving what you cannot afford: times are tough.

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. Perhaps you are celebrating a special event—a birthday, promotion, anniversary—and would like to give thanks to God by making an offering to God's Holy Church? All done with the tap of a card.



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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 2 JULY	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	+Bill Webster +Sarah Nixon (Anny)
Mon 3	St Thomas	No Mass		
Tues 4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Mass Rosary	10.00am 6.30pm	Malcolm Davies (wellbeing)
Wed 5	St Anthony Zaccaria	Mass	10.00am	World Peace
Thurs 6	St Maria Goretti	Mass	10.00am	
Fri 7	Feria, week 13	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 8	Feria, week 13	No AM Mass		
SUN 9 JULY	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	Holy Souls

1/2 July	Reader	EMHC	8/9 July	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	AN	MH	Vigil	SD	KD
10.00am	JP	SS	10.00am	OB	SS

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.

FROM JILL, OUR PARISH CAFOD REP:

CAFOD works with small scale farmers around the globe who produce lots of the world's food (including ours). Apparently, new laws are being passed that limit what these farmers are allowed to do with their own seeds. They have little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies, making life even harder for them. Please sign the letter at the back of church protesting against this injustice. Thank you. For more information see cafod.org.uk/food.



NEXT WEEKEND SECOND

COLLECTION: Stella Maris. Stella Maris is part of the Catholic Church's global outreach to seafarers. It provides a warm welcome, pastoral care, and support for the many thousands of seafarers who visit our ports each year. We rely on seafarers for most of our imports and exports. The work they do is dangerous, living conditions are cramped, and many seafarers do not

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.

see their families for many months at a time. Please be generous for this collection. Thank you. No more second collections after that until 9/10 September.

MASS LEAFLETS: Today is the last Sunday we are providing leaflets for everyone. The reasons and alternatives have been outlined over several weeks in this newsletter, so we hope there won't be too much anguished incredulity when they are not offered next week!

GRAVE OF FR LEO POWER: Fr Bill came across the grave in St Mary Magdalene recently. Do we know who looks after it? It would be lovely to acknowledge their care. Please let Lizzie or Fr Bill know if you have any intel. Many thanks.

LIVING ROSARY GROUP: Meets tomorrow, 5.00pm-5.45pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

PARISH INFO-BAR

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