

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

20TH AUGUST
2023
20TH/21ST
SUNDAYS YEAR A

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

CONFESSIONS – NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL FR BILL RECOVERED
TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 20 AUGUST	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	Fr. Bill (wellbeing) +Mary & Jack Loftus
	<i>No weekday Masses this week</i>	Tuesday Rosary	6.30pm	
SUN 27 AUGUST	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Tom Merifield (2nd Anny) World Peace
	<i>Possibly no weekday Masses this week</i>	Tuesday Rosary	6.30pm	
SUN 3 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Minnie & Charles Garbett Ursula Delair (Birthday love)

19/20 Aug	Reader	EMHC	26/27 Aug	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	AN	BD	Vigil	KD	BD
10.00am	MP	MT	10.00am	CBR	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.

FR BILL: Is still suffering from the effects of Covid and is just not able to offer Mass at the moment. We are very happy to welcome Fr Antony Gatt, one of our recently retired priests, who is able to offer Mass for us this weekend. There will be no weekday Masses this week.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Will be rearranged for the time Fr Bill is indisposed. Sorry for any disappointment.

PARISH OFFICE: Is now closed for two weeks. We wish Lizzie a good break. As things are, there will be no replies to parish emails and phone calls for the whole of that time, nor is Fr Bill able to take emails on his own address apart from as noted above. Your understanding is appreciated.

THIS NEWSLETTER: Covers two weeks unless Fr. Bill recovers significantly.

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.

NEW MILTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: On Wednesday 23 August 2023 we will remember the New Milton residents who lost their lives when enemy bombs fell on our town during World War II. There will be a short service of remembrance starting at 11 am that morning at the Memorial Clock on Station Road when we will assemble for 1-minute silence, a prayer, and acknowledgement of the names of those killed.

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.