

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

24TH DECEMBER
2023
4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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**A VERY BLESSED
CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December

No 10.00am Mass

5.00pm Children's Mass

CHILDREN PLEASE DRESS UP!

7.30pm Carols

8.00pm Mass During the Night

Monday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Morning

Mass

MASSES THIS WEEK: Please note, the next Mass after Christmas Day will be on Thursday at 10.00am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

There will be Mass at Noon followed by a glass of something sparkly. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: The collections on Christmas Eve and Day are our way of expressing our appreciation of our parish priest, Fr Bill. Along with Easter, these collections form a very substantial portion of Fr Bill's annual income. You can also give online here:

[https://
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PARISH PRE-CHRISTMAS

BUFFET GET-TOGETHER: What an amazing turnout! Thanks once more to Lizzie, Anne and the Social Committee, and to everyone who brought food to share. Special mention to the chicken biryani: yum!

Congratulations to all who won Grand Draw prizes which raised £850 for parish funds. Great result. Well done, everyone.

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 24 DECEMBER	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) NO 10.00AM MASS	6.00PM	+ Emanuel Saliba
MON 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	EVE MASS (SUN) EVE MASS (SUN) DAY MASS (MON)	5.00PM 8.00PM 10.00AM	People of the Parish + Jack & + Mary Loftus + Melvin Dennis Miller
Tues 26	St Stephen	No Mass		
Wed 27	St John the Evangelist	No Mass		
Thurs 28	The Holy Innocents	Mass	10.00am	Lizzie & Malcolm (40th Anny)
Fri 29	St Thomas of Canterbury	Mass	10.00am	+ Brother James Ryan
Sat 30	6th Day of Christmas Octave	No AM Mass		
SUN 31 DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSPEPH	VIGIL (SAT) SUNDAY	6.00PM 10.00AM	+ Cyril & Winnie Holyoak Maureen Kallar (wellbeing)
MON 1 JANUARY	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	MASS	NOON	Mary Davies (Birthday)

23/24/25	Reader	EMHC	30/31/1	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD	Vigil (Sat)	GG	MH
5pm (Sun)	SD	JN	10am Sun	JP	JK
8pm (Sun)	BD	MH	Noon Mon	VJ	JN
10am (Mon)	VJ	JK			

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.

EPIPHANY CROWN

COMPETITION: Calling all children in year 6 or below. We are holding a special competition for the best home-made crown for the Epiphany (January 6/7) when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. The competition will take place in the hall after 10.00am Mass on 7th. There will be a prize of £10 for the best crown. The more over-the-top the better! Get cracking, or should we say, "crowning"?



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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, Celia Adams, Alice Loftus, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Gerry Parsons.

NAOMI JANET SMITH: Please pray for Naomi (Janet) who died early last Saturday. Naomi was the life and soul of the parish until she became too unwell to come to Mass a couple of years ago. We all remember her crafting skills and the hundreds of Easter chicks she knitted for our children over the years as well as her great sense of humour. Naomi's Funeral Mass will be offered on 17th January at 3.00pm at OLOL. May she rest in peace.

BRIGIT JACKSON: We are sorry to have to tell you that Brigit died in hospital last weekend. Along with her husband, Joe, Brigit was a familiar face at Mass at OLOL. Brigit will be taken to Ireland where her Funeral Mass will be offered. We offer our condolences to Joe and his family at this time. May she rest in peace.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING: Saturday 13th January, 11.00am-12.30pm, parish hall. Open to everyone who might be interested, but especially our warden volunteers.

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