

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

30TH JULY 2023  
17TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A



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**TODAY'S GOSPEL:**  
**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A HUGE NET  
THAT BRINGS IN A HAUL OF ALL KINDS**

**EUROPEAN WILDFIRES:** Please pray for all those caught up in the devastating fires caused by the current Mediterranean/Aegean heatwave, remembering not only holiday makers, but also those whose livelihoods and homes have been lost. Here is the Collect from the *Roman Missal* for Mass "In times of bushfires" used in Australia:

*Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts  
to quench the fires that rage in our land;  
and, sustaining our spirits,  
keep us graciously from all harm  
and give success to the work of our hands.  
AMEN*

**FR DAVID QUARMBY:** Please pray for Fr David who has badly damaged his leg in a fall. Fr. David was due to celebrate Mass for us next weekend but is now unable to do so. We hope he is feeling better soon. In the meantime, after some panic, we have managed to find an alternative priest to help us. Please read on.....

**FR BILL'S  
BIRTHDAY BBQ  
TODAY  
IN PARISH  
GROUNDS**  
Food served from  
2.30pm.  
**ALL WELCOME**

**56!**

**FR DAVID BATEMAN:** We are delighted that Fr David has agreed to offer Masses for us next weekend in place of Fr Quarmby at such short notice. Fr David has only been ordained priest for a week, so we are especially blest. Please give him a great welcome.

**PARISH DATABASE:** Are you registered with us? Have your details changed since you last told us? If you would like to be registered or note a change to your circumstances, please complete a form available at the back of church. If you can, could we ask that you do it today as we will be launching a special fundraising project in two week's time that will need your kind support. More details then. Many thanks.

**READERS:** Please note that the readings for next weekend are those for the Transfiguration of the Lord, not 18th Sunday of the Year.

**EMERGENCY TEMPORARY  
ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:** For young family from today for the month of August, but hopefully less. Family is known to Fr. Bill and parish community. Rent not a problem for large enough room or more (2 adults, 2 young children). Perhaps you know someone who is away and would like their flat/house "sitted" or has an unoccupied annex or holiday home? Please see/call Fr. Bill asap if you can help.

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 30 JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	+ Loftus Family & Friends Katherine Stopyra (Uni Bless)
Mon 31	St Ignatius of Loyola	No Mass		
Tues 1 AUGUST	St Alphonsus Liguori	Mass Rosary	10.00am 6.30pm	+Michael Pearce (Birthday)
Wed 2	St Eusebius of Vercelli	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 3	Feria, week 17	Mass	10.00am	+Brigid Horan
Fri 4	St John Vianney	Mass	10.00am	+David Holmes (1st Anny)
Sat 5	Ded. of St Mary Major Basilica	No AM Mass		
SUN 6 AUGUST	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Brigid Horan Malcolm, Lizzie & Family

29/30 July	Reader	EMHC	5/6 Aug.	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	JT	BD	Vigil	SD	JT
10.00am	RG	SS	10.00am	TR	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.

**CELEBRATING OUR FILPINO COMMUNITY:**

We are very blessed to have a large population of Filipino people in our parish community. We welcome Fr Claro Conde and the wider Filipino community who will be celebrating a special Mass here at OLOL on Saturday 12th August at 3.00pm.

**SCARVES AND HATS FOR SEAFARERS:**

Click-clackers unite! Our port chaplains distribute hundreds of Christmas boxes to visiting seafarers every year. Wooley hats and scarves are especially well received. Can you help? If so, please do your best and leave them with us and we will make sure they get to the chaplaincy team. Many thanks.

**STELLA MARIS:** Thank you for your Sea Sunday second collection contributions that amounted to **£437.16**. This money will support our port chaplaincy teams in their care for visiting seafarers.

**FIRE WARDEN TRAINING:** We need a few people at each weekend Mass to act as fire wardens. In the event of a suspected fire, the basic

**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.

responsibilities of a warden are to indicate exits, escort infirm parishioners out, and check no-one has been left behind. Actually tackling fires is not envisaged unless they are small and containable. Can you help? Training will be given once we have enough volunteers. Hi-viz jacket provided! Please email Fr. Bill.

**LEGACY FROM GEOFF SAVAGE:**

We are most grateful to the late Geoff Savage for a bequest of £10,000 for the parish. Geoff and his late wife, June, were devoted parishioners here for many years and are fondly remembered.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** We wish all youngsters and staff a happy and well deserved rest.



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