

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

28TH APRIL 2024
5TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER, YEAR B



**TODAY'S GOSPEL
"I AM THE VINE:
YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES," SAYS
THE LORD.**

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NATIONAL PRAYER DAY FOR SURVIVORS OF

ABUSE: Falls this Tuesday. The Bishops' Conference has produced a reflection on today's readings highlighting the Church's need for sorrow, restitution, and transparency. Please take a copy home with you if you didn't receive one with your electronic newsletter.

DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY FOR EMHC:

Saturday 4th May, 9.30am-2.30pm, St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke. RG24 9DX. If you would like to go please email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH MAY DEVOTIONS: There will be a service in honour of Our Lady on Saturday 4th May at noon at OLOL. Weather permitting it will take place at the grotto. If so, please bring a picnic chair or blanket, a sun hat, and water.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 18th May, Sacred heart, Bournemouth, BH1 1BZ, 9.30am-4.30pm. Please see poster at back of church for details.

CAFOD WRITES: Thank you for your recent kind Lenten collection of £273.39, which will directly help fishermen and their families in developing parts of the world.

EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:

CAFOD is asking us to assist it financially while working with and for the people of Sudan. Please visit www.cbcew.org.uk for a report on the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding there. We can also give via <https://cafod.org.uk>

LOCAL ELECTIONS: This Thursday.

(Don't forget to have photo i.d.!)
The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is very clear about voting:

Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country. (para. 2240)



It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community. (para. 2239)

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE AND USE IT WISELY!

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Please Pray for Louis, Jill, and Lizzie who will be officially commissioned at 10.00am Mass next weekend.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES: Catherine and Louis will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st May. If you would like a petition left at the shrine, please give to Catherine or leave in box in church for her to collect. Thanks.

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

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| SUN 28 APRIL | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | +Veronica Graham +Wayne Nichols (12th Anny) |
| Mon 29 | St Catherine of Siena | No Mass | | |
| Tues 30 | Of easter, week 5 | Mass | 10.00am | +David Buckland |
| Wed 1 MAY | Of Easter, week 5 | Mass | 10.00am | Claudia (Intention) |
| Thurs 2 | St Athanasius | Mass | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Fri 3 | Ss Philip and James | Mass | 10.00am | +David Buckland |
| Sat 4 | The English Martyrs (1535-1680) | No AM Mass | | |
| SUN 5 MAY | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | Sheila McKeever (70th Bday) Louis, Lizzie & Jill (Blessings) |

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| 27/28 April | Reader | EMHCs | 4/5 May | Reader | EMHCs |
| Vigil (Sat) | MH | CdE, JT, ? | Vigil (Sat) | SD | MH, JT, CdE |
| 10.00am | SS | JK, JN, LE | 10.00am | OB | LD, JK, JN |

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.

REVERENCING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD:

Now that we have Holy Communion under both kinds at weekend Masses, perhaps it would be the right time to remind ourselves that when passing by the Chalice we should give a nod of respect for the Precious Blood contained there-in.

NEW LECTIONARY TRANSLATION:

The Lectionary is the suite of liturgical books used at the lectern/ambo from which we read at Masses and some Services (eg Funerals and Sacraments outside of Mass). We have been using the Jerusalem Bible and Grail translations of these texts since 1971. Now a new translation is coming into play from the First Sunday of Advent this year. It will offer exactly the same choices of readings, but in a different translation. Sadly, this will mean our current hand Missals will become somewhat obsolete, as they did when we changed the translation of the Altar Missal in 2010. They can still be used for home meditation, though.

The new Lectionaries have not yet been printed so we don't know what they will be like. *We do* know they will be expensive, in the region of

£1000+ per set! The set will comprise of four volumes plus a Book of the Gospels so perhaps a family might sponsor a volume. More of that anon.

Fr Bill attended a clergy formation day on the subject of the Lectionary and the importance of knowing what it says and how the readings and other parts of the Liturgy of the Word (eg Intercessions) are to be delivered. It was a good refresher.

In the light of what was shared on the day, Fr Bill has produced a leaflet for all readers that includes both general points and points specific to OLOL. All readers are asked to read the leaflet carefully. Perhaps weekend readers might be brave enough to observe themselves on our recorded Masses and assess (with a trusted friend!) how they are doing.

Nearer the time, there will be significant formation on the look and feel of the new Lectionaries, which will be somewhat different to what we have become accustomed to.

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, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Alice Loftus, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Dcn Anthony Cairns.

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