

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

SUNDAY 9TH
FEBRUARY 2025,
FIFTH SUNDAY
YEAR C



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TODAY'S GOSPEL: PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH

CANTOR REQUIRED: To sing psalms for some or all of our Holy Week services. Must be able to read music and sing accurately. Perhaps you know of a friend or family member who might volunteer? Plenty of rehearsal time between now and then. Candidates must be 18+. If interested please email Fr Bill directly. Brief audition necessary.

PARISH BLOG: As part of our communication outreach we have added a blog to our website called "a parishioner's blog". Please do log in and "follow" it and share it with friends, workmates, and family. As the centenary approaches, the blog will carry more features about our church and parish. View here:

the247catholic.blogspot.com

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Centenary Fund. Next weekend: Racial Justice.

LOL FAÇADE CROSS: The jury is in and of those who have expressed an opinion, most would like the cross replaced this year as a Jubilee project. We'll get on it asap.

CHURCH INTERIOR: The cleaning company's results were very disappointing indeed. Thanks to those who moved items from and to the Lady Chapel area. Looks like only a paint job throughout will do.

DAVID ENGLAND: Please pray for David who died recently. David's Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on Friday 21st February followed by burial at Milford Road Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

PEOPLES' SUNDAY MISSALS: Available for those who ordered, in the sacristy. Please leave £20 and tick off your name. Thanks.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Falls this Tuesday. Please make a special effort to come to 10.00am Mass if you can to mark our parish patronal day.



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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 9TH FEBRUARY | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | Christine's Family (Intention) +Tony Hill |
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| Mon 10 | St Scholastica | No Mass | | |
| Tues 11 | OUR LADY OF LOURDES | Mass | 10.00am | +Charles & Minnie Garbett |
| Wed 12 | Feria, week 5 | Mass | 10.00am | +Beatrice & May |
| Thurs 13 | Feria, week 5 | Mass | 10.00am | +Peggy Tolliday |
| Fri 14 | Ss Cyril and Methodius | Mass | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Sat 15 | Feria, week 5 | No AM Mass | | |
| SUN 16TH FEBRUARY | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM 10.00AM | Gehane & Paul (Thanksgiving) +Maureen Kallar |

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| 8/9 Feb | Reader EMHC | 15/16 Feb | Reader EMHC |
| Vigil (Sat) | Ld'Es MH,Cd'Es | Vigil (Sat) | AB BD, MH |
| 10.00am | JP JN, LD, SS | 10.00am | RG SS, JN, LD |

PARISH GIVING: Please use this QR Code if you would like to support the parish further and/or contribute to our Second Collections.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Falls this Tuesday. During Mass, we will read out the names of all those listed in our newsletter prayer corner and all those who receive Holy Communion from Fr Bill at home.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS: Apostles to the Slavic nations, the originators of the Cyrillic alphabet, and co-patrons of Europe are commemorated on Friday (sorry, St Valentine!). We pray for stability in Europe and especially for Eastern Europe.

WEEKDAY READERS: Thanks for reading. Please double-check with Fr. Bill beforehand which readings we are using and where they can be found in our new, and rather confusing, Lectionary. Also, it might be a good idea to ask someone to bring up the Gifts.

A REMINDER: That Lizzie's work hours are precious and she always has a lot to do. Please don't disturb her unless you actually need her assistance. Thank you.

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, John Hamon, Philippe Hamon, Catherine d'Espagnac, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams.

CENTENARY WILD GARDEN AND BUG HOTEL: We should make the environment an important part of our 2027 celebrations. Plans are already in place for a wild garden space at the far end of our land behind the parish hall which will mature over time. We'd like to compliment the garden with a "bug hotel". This would be a fun project for our children. Is there anyone willing to head-up the hotel project? Please see Fr. Bill if interested.



Image: Sections of large insect hotel in Russell Square Gardens, Bloomsbury, London, photo by 14GTR, reproduced under CCASA4.0 licence, Wiki Commons.

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