

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

SUNDAY 27TH
APRIL 2025,
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER, YEAR C



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POPE FRANCIS: Even as we sing our Easter Alleluias, we pause to take leave of our brother, Pope Francis, and commend him to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

VESPERS FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE: Please join us on Tuesday at 6.00pm at OLOL for a special service of Evening Prayer where we will pray the Litany of the Saints and ask the Holy Spirit to be with those gathering for the Conclave to elect the next successor of St Peter.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Sorry, we forgot to take this important collection for the Holy Places. Today's second collection will be for that purpose. You can also donate via our card reader and QR code.

ST GEORGE'S DAY: Blessings to all people of England and other countries and territories celebrating St George tomorrow (transferred from 23rd because it was during the Octave of Easter).

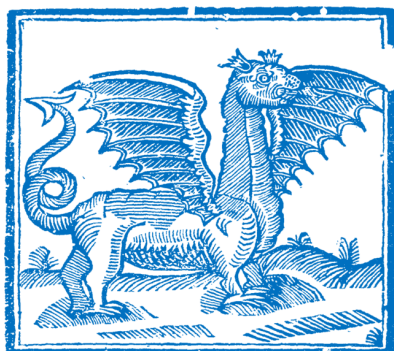


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NEW MILTON ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY: Wednesday 6th May, New Milton Town Hall, 6.30pm. All town residents welcome. Please register via joy.bean@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY: On Thursday 8th May at 10.50am there will be a special act of remembrance at the War Memorial on New Milton Recreation Ground. All welcome.



CAFOD LENT LUNCH: Thanks to all concerned. £134 was raised. Well done!

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 27TH APRIL	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Raphael Dynamos +Wayne Nichols (13th Anny)
Mon 28	ST GEORGE (transferred)	No Mass		
Tues 29	St Catherine of Siena	Mass Vespers for new Pope	10.00am 6.00pm	Jacqueline (Good Health)
Wed 30	Of Easter, week 2	Mass	10.00am	+Catherine L.
Thurs 1 MAY	Of Easter, week 2	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 2	St Athanasius	Mass	10.00am	+Peggy Tolliday
Sat 3	Ss Philip and James	No AM Mass		
SUN 4TH MAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C	VIGIL MASS (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Charles & Minnie Garbett No intention

26/27 April	Reader	EMHC	3/4 May	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD, BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD, MH
10.00am	CB	JK, LD, JN	10.00am	NM	LE, SS, JP

Please use this QR Code or card reader at back of church for general, second, and other collections, Mass cards, and candles. Many thanks.



FROM THE CATECHISM

The resurrection as historic event

639 The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . ." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

The empty tomb

640 "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women,

and then with Peter.

The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed". This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.

The Resurrection as transcendent event

No one was an eyewitness to Christ's Resurrection and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically. Still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses. Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, "to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people."

More next week if room.....

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, Robert Myjak, Tanya Smijth-Windham

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