

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

SUNDAY 31ST  
AUGUST 2025,  
22ND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR C



The wedding Feast at Cana, carved deep in the salt mine. Image: Louis Ido 2025.

**LOUIS WRITES:** we've recently returned from Poland, and in particular from Krakow where we visited the UNESCO-listed salt-mine where they have underground chapel caverns with salt-sculpted figures and biblical scenes – astounding! We also went to the Chapel of the Divine Mercy, which in itself was an unexpected pilgrimage (including readily available Confession in English). We have many photos of both, as well as those of the large contemporary Church in Mielec.

**PLEASE NOTE:** No weekday Masses this week.

**PARISH LIVING ROSARY:** Meets tomorrow at 5.00pm in the hall. All welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Recommences next Sunday. Parents of first timers will need to complete the relevant form available at the back of church.

**NEW SCHOOL/COLLEGE TERM:** Good luck and many prayers to those young people returning to education this week. We hope you settle-in well to your new surroundings. We also extend our thanks to all those working in the education sector.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Centenary Fund.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** Preparation will start in October. Today is the last day for registration. Children must be baptised, in Year 3 or above in September, and should be used to saying their prayers and attending Mass. Forms available at the back of the church and must be accompanied with a baptism certificate, Please return to parish office.

**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

<b>SUN 31ST AUGUST</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	<b>+Maria Groszek +Ann Middleton</b>
<b>Mon 1 SEPT</b>	Feria, week 22			
<b>Tues 2</b>	Feria, week 22			
<b>Wed 3</b>	St Gregory the Great	Sorry, no Masses	this week	
<b>Thurs 4</b>	St Cuthbert			
<b>Fri 5</b>	Feria, week 22			
<b>Sat 6</b>	Feria, week 22	No AM Mass		
<b>SUN 7 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>	<b>VIGIL (SAT) MASS</b>	<b>6.00PM 10.00AM</b>	<b>+Leslie Henry Jones Ursula Delair (Birthday)</b>

<b>30/31 Aug</b>	Reader	EMHC	<b>6/7 Sept</b>	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	MHend	BD, MH	Vigil (Sat)	SD	None
10.00am	MP	SS, JP, JK	10.00am	OB	LD, SS, JN

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



### SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:

**Jubilee Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz, Friday 12th September 6.30pm.** £15 per head. Choice of cod, fishcakes, or jumbo sausage, with chips. Please sign-up at the back of church indicating your preference. Tickets on sale at the back of Church with payment at time of booking, thank you! Please note that cut-off date is Sunday 7th September and we are limited to a maximum of 54 places made up of 9 tables of 6 people. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

**CHURCH MAIN DOORS:** We are now using both locks. If you need a lower lock key, please let Lizzie know so that we can copy the right number of extra keys. Thank you.

**NEW MILTON VJ DAY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:** Tuesday 2nd September, 10.50am, Recreation Ground War Memorial. All welcome.

**PRAYER CORNER:** Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, Marie Doolan, Mary Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, Philippe Hamon, John Hamon, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams, Robert Myjak, Tanya Smijth-Windham, Deacon Steve Bowler, Fr Kevin.

### NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC

**DISTRIBUTION LIST:** Please help us keep the list up to date. If you've changed email addresses, please let Lizzie know. Also, please add your email to the list if you haven't already: it's the best way we have of keeping everyone in the loop. Again, email Lizzie.

**NEW ALTAR CLOTHS:** Many thanks to the Stopyra family for the very generous donation of linen cloths for our altars.

### CHARITY WALK FOR

**PARKINSON'S:** Lizzie's daughters, Kate and Bella, are doing a charity walk in aid of Parkinson's UK on Sunday 28th September. If you'd like to sponsor them, please visit: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabelle-oleary-3?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabelle-oleary-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA) Many thanks.

### PARISH INFO-BAR

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**Live streaming**  
<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

**Parish website**  
[ourladyoflourdes.co.uk](http://ourladyoflourdes.co.uk)

**A Parishioner's Blog**  
[the247catholic.blogspot.com](http://the247catholic.blogspot.com)

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