

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

SUNDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER 2025,
ST EDMUND OF
ABINGDON, OUR
DIOCESAN CO-PATRON

THANK YOU TO: Judith and Veronica representing our parish at last Sunday's civic Act of Remembrance.



FR DAVID QUARMBY: Fr David's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 1st December at 12.15pm at Portsmouth Cathedral. All welcome. May he rest in peace.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & DRAW: Sunday 21st December. We are holding our Christmas Lunch in the Hall this year. An attendance list will be available shortly but we are looking for pledges for gifts for our Draw. Please let Lizzie know if you are able to help!

PARISH PIZZA AND TALENT NIGHT: This Friday at 7.00pm. There is an Attendance Tick-Off list at the back of Church with menu choices. Tickets on sale after Mass. Payment can be made by card machine or cash. Cut-off date is today.

CHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD CAROLS WITH NATIVITY TABLEAU: Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm, parish hall and presbytery garden. With mulled wine and mince pies. We also need our children to provide us with a nativity tableau: angels, shepherds, animals, wise men. Can you help?

DILEXI TE: Here is the next extract from Pope Leo's exhortation, "Dilexi Te" ("I have loved you"):

The experience of migration accompanies the history of the People of God. Abraham sets out without knowing where he is going; Moses leads the pilgrim people through the desert; Mary and Joseph flee with the child Jesus to Egypt. Christ himself, who "came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11), lived among us as a stranger. For this reason, the Church has always recognized in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on his right: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35).

In the nineteenth century, when millions of Europeans emigrated in search of better living conditions, two great saints distinguished themselves in the pastoral care of migrants: Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, founded the Missionaries of Saint Charles to accompany migrants to their destinations, offering them spiritual, legal and material assistance. He saw migrants as recipients of a new evangelization, warning of the risks of exploitation and loss of faith in a foreign land. Responding generously to the charism that the Lord had given him, "Scalabrini looked forward to a world and a Church without barriers, where no one was a foreigner."

Saint Frances Cabrini, born in Italy and a naturalized American, was the first citizen of the United States of America to be canonized. To fulfill her mission of assisting migrants, she crossed the Atlantic several times. "Armed with remarkable boldness, she started schools, hospitals and orphanages from nothing for the masses of the poor who ventured into the new world in search of work. Not knowing the language and lacking the wherewithal to find a respectable place in American society, they were often victims of the unscrupulous. Her motherly heart, which allowed her no rest, reached out to them everywhere: in hovels, prisons and mines." In the Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed her Patroness of All Migrants.

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 16TH NOVEMBER	ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, DIOCESAN CO-PATRON	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Patricia Rice +Edward & Dorothy Rooney
Mon 17	Feria, week 33			
Tues 18	Feria, week 33	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 19	Feria, week 33	Mass	10.00am	+Sabu P.M. (1st Anniversary)
Thurs 20	Feria, week 33	Mass at Cathedral	12.15pm	
Fri 21	Presentation of the BVM	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	Holy Souls
Sat 22	St Cecilia	No AM Mass		
SUN 23RD NOVEMBER	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Fr. David Quarmby Ann & Eamon FitzPatrick (Int.)

15/16 Nov	Reader	EMHC	22/23 Nov	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	TR	KD, MH	Vigil (Sat)	SD	BD, KD
10.00am	RG	JN, JP, JK	10.00am	JP	SS, LD, JK

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The Church's tradition of working for and with migrants continues, and today this service is expressed in initiatives such as refugee reception centers, border missions and the efforts of Caritas Internationalis and other institutions. Contemporary teaching clearly reaffirms this commitment.

Pope Francis has recalled that the Church's mission to migrants and refugees is even broader, insisting that "our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated." He also said: "Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a

more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community."

The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community.

PLEASE NOTE: No Mass this Thursday as Fr. Bill will be at the Cathedral for Mass for our deceased diocesan clergy.

SIMBANG GABI MASS: Saturday 20th December at 3.00pm at OLOL. A special Pre-Christmas Filipino/a Tradition. All welcome.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: Has opened a consultation process for changes to its admission policy. Please see poster at back of church for more details.

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 & Roy 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, Peter Caffyn.

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