

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

SUNDAY 21ST
DECEMBER 2025,
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT, YEAR A



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WELCOME TO TODAY'S CHRISTMAS EDITION COVERING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS
OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OLOL
CHRISTMAS EVE:
5PM CHILDREN'S MASS
(shepherds, angels, animals, kings required)
8.00PM MASS DURING THE NIGHT
(Carols from 7.30pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.00AM

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND DRAW TODAY
IN THE HALL FROM 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS TREE: Thank you to Brian, Katherine,
and Lucian for decorating our tree. We also thank
Tappers and Colin Hayley Funeral Directors for
donating the tree.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: A reminder that our
offertory over Christmas goes to Fr Bill and
forms a substantial part (about a quarter) of his
annual income. We can donate by cash, cheque
(to W Wilson), or by card using the reader at
the back of church. Please be generous.

MANY THANKS; To the team for providing
refreshments for last Sunday's carols.

NEW YEARS DAY: Please join us for Mass for
the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of
God, followed by a glass of fizz to welcome in
2026. We'll also need Readers and Ministers.

FR LAURENCE: Once again, we welcome Fr
Laurence, who will be offering Masses next
weekend, giving Fr Bill a good rest.

MASSSES OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS: Please
see over and check days and times carefully.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE NEXT
TWO WEEKS:** The Office will be closed on
Friday 26th and Wednesday 31st December.

KEEP THE HEAT IN: Please only use the glass
door on the left as you come in. Thanks.

RESTORED CROSS: We are still waiting for drier
weather to install the cross. Sorry for the delay.

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 21ST DECEMBER	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Ted Nash +Celia & +David Adams
Mon 22	Of 22nd Dec	No Mass		
Tues 23	Of 23rd Dec	No Mass		
Wed 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	No 10.00am Mass CHILDREN'S MASS NIGHT MASS	5.00PM 8.00PM	People of the Parish +Emanuel Saliba
Thurs 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	DAY MASS	10.00AM	Sobins Poulose (Birthday)
Fri 26	St Stephen	No Mass		
Sat 27	St John the Evangelist	No AM Mass		
SUN 28TH DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+The Hollyoak Family Lizzie & Malcolm (Anniv)
Mon 29	St Thomas of Canterbury	No Mass		
Tues 30	Of Octave of Christmas	Mass	10.00am	+Stephen Shanaghy
Wed 31	Of Octave of Christmas	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 1ST JANUARY	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	MASS	NOON	Mary Davies (Birthday)
Fri 2	Ss Basil and Gregory	Funeral Mass	Noon	+ Maria Di Maida
Sat 3	Of Christmastide	No AM Mass		
SUN 4TH JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	No Intention +David Buckland

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: There will be no coffee after Mass today, as we shall be busy getting ready for our Parish Lunch. Coffee as usual next Sunday, 4th January.

MARIA DI MAIDA: Please pray for Maria, who died recently. Maria's Funeral Mass will be offered at OLOL at noon on Friday 2nd January. May she rest in peace.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Opportunities to visit: 7th January, 1.30pm-2.30pm (includes play session for youngsters). Call 01202 485 976 to book. Please see notice at back of church for info.

FR BILL WRITES: My relative, Tanya, has been given the all clear after successful treatment. She thanks all of us for our prayers and wishes everyone a Happy Christmas.

GIFT AID: Please complete new forms available at the back of church. Thank you!

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, , Deacon Steve Bowler, Fr Kevin, Peter Caffyn.

WAR-TORN UKRAINE: Thank you to so many of you who have donated warm clothing, boots, sleeping bags and toys for the people of Ukraine.

SPECIAL PRAYERS are extended to those of our community who are in hospital or nursing homes this Christmas. The lonely, the poor, the disenfranchised, may they experience the joy and love that Jesus's birth brings to all and every one of us at Christmas time.

READERS & EMHCs: There is a separate list at the back of Church for Readers and EMHCs over the Christmas period.

2026: With the start of a New Year we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the successful running of our Church during 2025. Catechists, readers, EMHCs, flower arrangers, cleaners, too many to mention BUT you know who you are! Thank you for your time & devotion!

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