

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

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

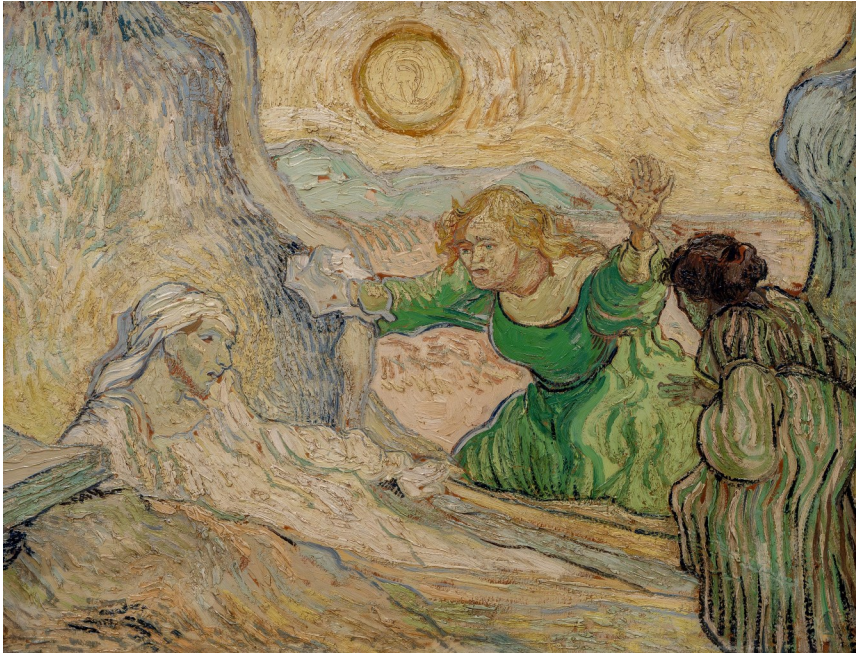


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NEXT SUNDAY 10.00AM: Please meet beside the hall (or inside if wet) beforehand.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday, 10.30am (English), 6.00pm Malayalam. All welcome.

FIRE WARDENS: We really need more wardens (ideally five per Mass) since not all of our current ones are always present. Please sign up for training at back of church if you'd like to help. Thanks!

PARISH DAYS OUT: Now that the weather seems to be improving, it would be good to arrange occasional days out. Do we have anyone willing to do this for us? Please see Fr Bill if interested.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: The Guild, or Archconfraternity, is the professional body responsible for Altar Servers. OLOL is now registered with the Guild and so our Servers may now be enrolled as members of the Archconfraternity. To that end, all Servers will be formally enrolled today and presented with their special Guild medal that they will wear each time they serve at Mass.

ALFIE AND JAMES NEWTON: Please keep these two in your prayers as they prepare to be Received into the Church, Confirmed, and take Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK MINISTERS AND READERS: Please sign-up at the back of the church, Thanks. Only one week to go!

FLORENCE ODELL: Florence's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 1st April at noon at OLOL followed by interment at Milford Road Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

BRIAN MULHALL: Brian's Funeral Mass will take place at OLOL on Wednesday 15th April at noon followed by committal at Stem Lane Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH INTERNAL REDECORATION: Will commence on Monday 20th April and last for about three weeks. We will be storing all moveable items in the parish hall. To that end, we will need all hands on deck after Mass on the 19th. Weekend Masses will take place as usual in church, but weekday Masses will be in the hall.

LIZZIE DAVIES: As announced last Sunday, Lizzie will be celebrating a very special birthday in May and has taken the decision to retire as Parish Administrator. We are, of course, sorry to hear that and we thank her most sincerely for the great job she has done since taking up the position in 2018. Lizzie's last day will be somewhere around the end of April, subject to any outstanding annual leave entitlement. We will honour Lizzie with a special reception after Mass on Sunday 26th April. Fear not! Lizzie will continue to be a special part of our parish life afterwards.

CHURCH WINDOWS: First one was removed for repair on Wednesday. Can you see which one?

MARRIAGE BLESSING: Please pray for Deanna and Aaron who will have their marriage blessed at OLOL on Saturday.

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 22ND MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Fr Bill (wellbeing) Philomena Watts (wellbeing)
Mon 23	Of Lent, week 5	No Mass		
Tues 24	Of Lent, week 5	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 25	ANNUNCIATION	Mass	10.00am	Susan Ferrier (good health)
Thurs 26	Of Lent, week 5	Mass	10.00am	No Intention
Fri 27	Of Lent, week 5	Mass Stations (English) Stations (Malayalam)	10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 28	Of Lent, week 5	No AM Mass		
SUN 29 MARCH	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Y. A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	No Intention +Lisbet Bolin-Hamon

21/22 Mar	Reader EMHC	28/29 Mar	Readers EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AB MH, BD	Vigil (Sat)	AB,BD,SD KD, MH
10.00am	CB JP, LD, LE	10.00am	CB, MF, CoB JK, JN, LD

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



MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Mass Intention said in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Intention Envelope at the back of Church and place it in the collection bag or hand in to Lizzie in the Parish Office.

VOTIVE CANDLE SAFETY: A reminder not to place votive candles on the gravel level of the stands. If one stand is full, please use the other one.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FALLS THIS WEDNESDAY.



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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, Peter Hawksworth, and Anne Harries.

**HOLY WEEK AT OLOL:
29TH MARCH—5TH APRIL**

PALM SUNDAY
Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms, 6.00pm
Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Mass, 10.00am

MONDAY
No Mass

TUESDAY
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, 11.00am

WEDNESDAY
Funeral Mass for Florence Odell, noon

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY
Morning Prayer, 11.00am
Blessing of Easter Food, 3.00pm
Vigil and First Mass of Easter, 7.00pm (not 6.00pm)

EASTER SUNDAY
Mass, 10.00am

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