

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

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH  
2026  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE  
LORD, YEAR A



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**TODAY, 10.00AM:** Please meet beside the hall (or inside if wet) beforehand.

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:** Sadly, the medals did not arrive in time for last weekend. So we'll have to rearrange the enrolment of our servers until a little after Easter.

**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 next Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

**HOLY WEEK MINISTERS AND READERS:** Thank you for your generous volunteering. We've nearly everything covered; reader needed for Easter Sunday.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WASHING OF FEET:** Six volunteers needed, please. Sign-up sheet at back of church.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: THE HOLY PLACES.**

**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**  
Chrim 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

**EASTER OFFERING:** Our collection next weekend will be our way of showing our appreciation for Fr. Bill. It forms a substantial part of his annual income. We can give via the collection pouches, by the card reader at the back of the church, or online via our website. Fr Bill is grateful for any gifts, but please no chocs or biscuits. Many thanks.

**ŚWIĘCONKA:** Traditional Polish blessing of Easter baskets. Saturday, 3.00pm. All welcome.

**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.

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 29TH MARCH	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Y. A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Douglas Yon +Lisbet Bolin-Hamon
Mon 30	Of Holy Week	No Mass		
Tues 31	Of Holy Week	Chrism Mass – Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 1 APRIL	Of Holy Week	Funeral Mass	Noon	+Florence Odell
Thurs 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Mass	7.00pm	No intention
Fri 3	GOOD FRIDAY	Commemoration of the Passion	3.00pm	
Sat 4	HOLY SATURDAY	No AM Mass		
SUN 5 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	<u>7.00PM</u> 10.00AM	+Don & +Agnes Campbell No intention

29/30 Mar	Readers	EMHC	4/5 April	Readers	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	See list	KD, MH	Vigil (Sat)	See list	See list
10.00am	See list	SS, LD, JK	10.00am	See list	See list

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



**CROSS NOW IN PLACE:** Finally, and just in time for Holy Week. The cross will be rededicated after 10.00am Mass today.

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** Last year we were extremely overcrowded. We need a steward outside each entrance to ensure it doesn't happen this year. Can you help? A lot of people arrived late and completely blocked the exits, so the stewards will have to be on post for at least 20 minutes after Mass begins. Once the church is full, people will have to be directed to the overflow area outside the church (if dry) or the hall (if wet). We will need people to come at 9.30am to set up the seating. Can you help? People in the overflow area will be able to follow Mass on their 'phones/tablets via <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>. Holy Communion will be brought to them.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed this Friday.

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

**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.

**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.

**GIFTAID DECLARATIONS: URGENT!** We will soon no longer be able to claim using out-of-date forms. We **MUST** complete new ones asap. These are available at the back of the church. Please see Colin if more info needed.

**INTERESTING LECTURE AHEAD:** St John's Cathedral, Friday 17th April at 6:30pm, by Professor Maurice Whitehead MBE, emeritus professor of History at Swansea University and emeritus director of Heritage Collection at the Venerable English College, Rome. The topic will be **Martyrs, Music, & Mission: Richard Dering (1580-1630)**, a Hampshire Composer in Baroque Rome. Professor Whitehead will give a lecture, which will be accompanied by live performances of a selection of Dering's music. All are warmly invited to this special evening to learn more about a celebrate a local composer. Free!

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We will have a collection after Easter.

**PARISH INFO-BAR**

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