



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

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
JUNE 2026  
12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY,  
YEAR A

### POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL ON MODERN

**TECHNOLOGY:** Over the next few weeks, we'll be offering key excerpts from this important document. Today, we have this:

*101. Broadening our perspective to the use of AI in society, we see that it is now embedded in decision-making processes across many sectors and at multiple levels: in communication, management and control. The gains in efficiency and the potential to improve certain services are clear, yet rapidly and uncritically adopting them exposes us to a range of risks, including the tendency to overlook the environmental impact. Current AI systems require enormous amounts of energy and water, significantly influencing carbon dioxide emissions, and place heavy demands on natural resources. As their complexity increases, especially in the case of large language models, the need for computing power and storage capacity grows too, which requires an extensive network of machines, cables, data centres and energy-intensive infrastructure. For this reason, it is essential to develop more sustainable technological solutions that reduce environmental impact and help protect our common home.*

Question: What do YOU think are the environmental issues that need to be addressed?

**PARISH CREAM TEA:** What a great experience we had. Lovely sunshine, conversation, food, and drinks. Many thanks to Anne and her team for the impeccable service and to those who moved gazebos and tables and chairs. Top effort everyone!

### NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Congratulations to Louis Edoo who has been appointed to the role. Louis' first day will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July and he will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays each week, times to be confirmed. From 10<sup>th</sup> July, please address all routine enquiries to him at the parish email address. Many thanks to Louis for accepting the role and to Colin Bryce who assisted Fr Bill in the selection process. Special thanks to Sara Cronin, our organist, who has been giving up her time voluntarily to keep the office running.

**FR BILL:** Congratulations to Fr Bill celebrating 32 years as a priest on Thursday.

**DAY FOR LIFE:** Today, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. Today's Second Collection will be used to help our Bishops' Conference raise awareness of this vital issue at a national level.

# 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 JUNE | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM<br>10.00AM  | Mike Hodgson & family<br>+Veronica Pizer |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mon 22        | Ss John Fisher & Thomas More         | No Mass          |                    |                                          |
| Tues 23       | St Etheldreda                        | No Mass          |                    |                                          |
| Wed 24        | The Nativity of St John the Baptist  | Mass             | 10.00am            | People of the Parish                     |
| Thurs 25      | Feria                                | Mass             | 10.00am            | Fr Bill - ordination anniversary         |
| Fri 26        | Feria                                | Mass<br>Rosary   | 10.00am<br>10.30am | No Intention                             |
| Sat 27        | St Cyril of Alexandria               | No AM Mass       |                    |                                          |
| SUN 28th JUNE | Ss PETER & PAUL, YEAR A              | VIGIL (SAT) MASS | 6.00PM<br>10.00AM  | No Intention<br>+Veronica Pizer          |

**20/21 June** Reader EMHC  
Vigil (Sat) TR MH KD  
10.00am OB JP LE SS

**27/28 June** Reader EMHC  
Vigil (Sat) SD BD MH  
10.00am VJ JK JP 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.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today, Day for Life; next weekend, Peter's Pence.

**MARY TANNER:** Sadly, Mary has now been placed on palliative care. Please keep her, Roy, and their family in your prayers.

## PARISH HALL DECORATION:

Our hall is in real need of redecoration. Can you help? We're looking to form a team of painters to blitz the place over a long weekend sometime soon. Can you help? Please email the office to offer your time, brushes, and rollers. Many thanks.



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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, Anne Harries, Pat Newman, Giselle Bazerghi.

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**A Parishioner's Blog**  
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**Diocesan website**  
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