



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

SUNDAY 26TH
JULY 2026
17TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
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King Solomon and the Bee, by Jacob Chayat, reproduced under CCA-S4.0

KING SOLOMON: In our first reading today we hear of King Solomon asking for wisdom. But who was King Solomon? Solomon was one of the sons of King David and acceded him as King of Israel in about 961BC, crowned by Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet (subject of Handel's famous anthem sung at all modern British coronations). We can read about him in the Bible in 1Kings, and 2Chronicles. His reign is noted for its longevity, relative peace, culture, sensible administration, expansion, and, above all, the building of the stupendous First Temple in Jerusalem. However, in later years, he caused consternation among the people for taking wives from non-Israelite faiths and embracing some of their worshipping practices. His famous meeting with the Queen of Sheba didn't help in that regard. Solomon died in about 922BC and was succeeded by his son, Rehoboam, whose abuse of power led to the permanent separation of the Kingdom into two halves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR BILL CELEBRATING HIS 59TH BIRTHDAY ON WEDNESDAY!

PARISH SUMMER BBQ:

Today at 3.00pm. £10 per person (children under 10 free). Please sign up at the back of the church. Tickets are available today. Come and join us for this popular annual event celebrating Fr Bill's Birthday. There is football, kite making, table football, and much more for the children. There is also a separate BBQ for vegetarian options. **PLEASE BRING PICNIC SETS OR BLANKETS TO SIT ON, PLUS SUNCREAM, WATER, AND HATS.**

PARISH HALL: As you'll see, the hall has had a glow-up! We are so grateful to Nick and Pat who did most of the work, aided by Ashley, John, and Colin. The hall looks great. Many thanks to all who made it happen.

CAFOD WRITES:

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE

APPEAL: CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Thank you.

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 26TH JULY	17H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Robert Vernon Malcolm Davies (b'day)
Mon 27	Feria	No Mass		
Tues 28	Feria	No Mass		
Wed 29	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Mass	10.00am	Fr. Bill (b'day)
Thurs 30	St Peter Chrysologus	Mass	10.00am	Sarah Broadwell
Fri 31	St Ignatius of Loyola	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	People of the parish
Sat 1 AUG	St Alphonsus Liguori	No AM Mass		
SUN 2ND AUGUST	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Mary Tanner +Mary Tanner

25/26 July	Reader	EMHC	01/02 Aug	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	TR	BD KD	Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD BD
10.00am	OB	SS JK LE	10.00am	MP	JP LE 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.



TODAY: Is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents. It falls today as it would have been the memorial of Joakim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Please make your grandparents feel special today.

HOT WEATHER: Please remember to bring water with you to Mass. There is also water available at the back of the church.

FIRE WARDENS: Fire Wardens sought; if you wish to be a fire warden (i.e. assist in fire drills), OR signed up on the list at the back of the church (mislaidd when church was cleared for painting), please contact Colin or Fr Bill.

FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION: Summer Camp 17th—21st August, ages 11—17 years old
www.fanningtheflame.co.uk

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, 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, Jean Peltier.

LUMINISCE – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL :

An immersive audio visual experience is wowing audiences this summer. A ground-breaking take on the concept of son et lumière, is a 360° video projection concert that narrates the story of London and the iconic Neo-Byzantine mother church of the Diocese of Westminster. For more information please visit: westminstercathedral.org.uk

DIVINE DESIGNS: Art competition calls for cover designs for the Bible's 73 books, Deadline to register interest: 31 July 2026
www.stjohnswaterloo.org/arts/devinedesigns

CANON PETER TURBITT: Please pray for Canon Peter, a long-standing retired priest of our diocese who died last week. May he rest in peace.

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