



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

SUNDAY 28
JUNE 2026
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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 a final extract:

197. The Holy See has recently observed that the growing ease with which autonomous weapons systems can be deployed makes war more "feasible" and less subject to human control. This violates the principle that armed force should be used only as a last resort in cases of legitimate self-defense. For this reason, the development and use of AI in warfare must be subject to the most rigorous ethical constraints, to guarantee respect for human dignity and the sanctity of life and to avoid a race to develop such arms. Sometimes there is talk of "artificial moral agents," as if machines were able to distinguish between right and wrong with greater consistency than a human being. Yet moral judgment cannot be reduced to calculation, for it involves conscience, personal responsibility and the recognition of the other as a person. Therefore, it is not permissible to entrust lethal or otherwise irreversible decisions to artificial systems. No algorithm can make war morally acceptable. AI does not remove the intrinsic inhumanity of conflict; indeed it can only bring about conflict more quickly and render it more impersonal, lowering the threshold for resorting to violence, transforming defense into threat prediction and thus reducing victims to data. In this way, it will accustom us to the idea that violence is inevitable and needs only to be optimized. This does not diminish the importance of instilling, as far as possible, values and sound judgment into the artificial systems we build, so that they can contribute to a moral ecosystem in which humans are better able to listen to their own consciences, as well as allowing AI models to establish appropriate boundaries.

Question: Do you think AI will make war "safer"? If so, for whom?

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Today, Peter's Pence.

MARY TANNER: Please continue to pray for Mary who died this week. Please also keep Roy, and their family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

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 28th JUNE	Ss PETER & PAUL, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Claire & Harry Bryce +Veronica Pizer
Mon 29	Feria	No Mass		
Tues 30	First Martyrs of Church of Rome	No Mass		
Wed 1 July	St Oliver Plunkett	Mass	10.00am	+Nicholas Donnelly (1st anniv)
Thurs 2	Feria	Mass	10.00am	No Intention
Fri 3	St Thomas	No Mass No Rosary		
Sat 4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	No AM Mass		
SUN 5 JULY	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	No Intention +Veronica Pizer

27/28 June	Reader	EMHC	4/5 July	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	BD MH	Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD MH
10.00am	VJ	JK JP JN	10.00am	RG	JP JN SS

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



NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Congratulation to Louis Edoo who has been appointed to the role. Louis' first day will be Friday 10th July and he will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays each week, times to be confirmed. From 10th 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 is the selection process. Special thanks to Sara Cronin, our organist, who has been giving up her time voluntarily to keep the office running.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kurvin, who celebrated his 18th birthday on Monday.

CRUCIFIX: Thank you to Brian and Paul for coating our corpus with preservative.

WINDOW: Thank you to those who have paid for the refurbishment of our first large window. Now we have to get a further quote for the rest, and permission from the diocese to go ahead.

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.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 18th July, Sacred Heart, Bournemouth. All welcome. For further info, please visit www adaywithmary.org.

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

PARISH HISTORY RESEARCH: We are looking for someone with the time and patience to trawl through local digitalized archives (newspapers, mainly) to see what we might add to our existing archive. Can you help? Please see Fr Bill or Colin.

NB: No Mass Friday as Fr Bil will be at Funeral of Fr Kevin Bidgood in Southampton.

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.

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