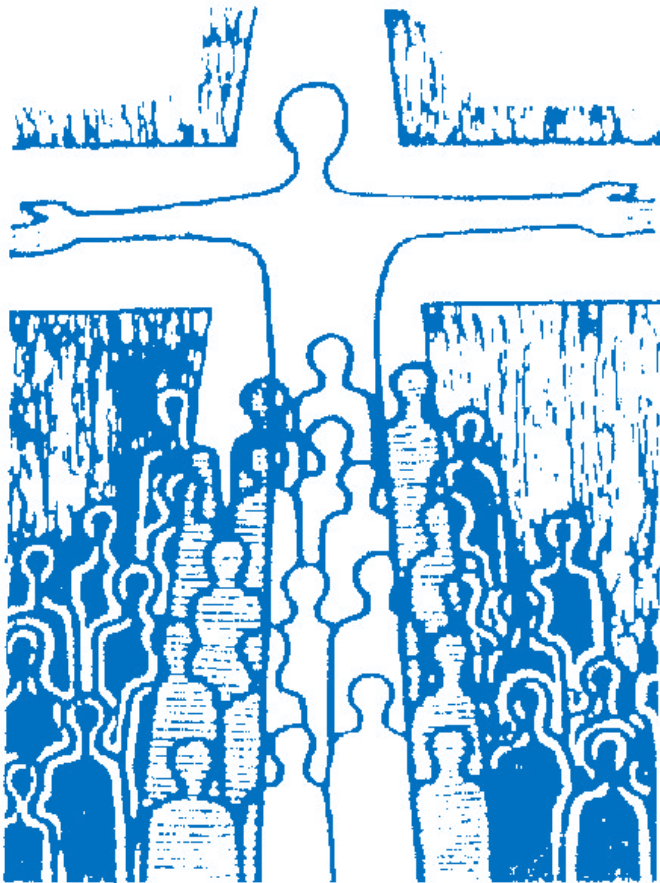




NEWSLETTER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEW MILTON

SUNDAY 30TH
AUGUST 2026
22ND SUNDAY
OF YEAR A



TODAY'S GOSPEL TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

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PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL:

Celebrating our diverse parish make-up, today, 3.00pm. No charge; just donations towards parish funds. Please bring your own drinks. See you there! NB, you don't have to bring food: there will be plenty to taste. Also, please bring picnic sets and blankets if the weather allows.

NB: No morning refreshments today because of the food festival later.

BAPTISM JOY: To Blythe Abigail Bico being baptised today.

WELCOME: To any Bank Holiday visitors today.

NEW SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

YEAR: Please pray for all staff and learners returning to education in the coming week or so, especially those moving further afield.

PARISH HISTORY RESEARCH: No volunteers have come forward. Such a shame.

PETER WATTS: Peter's Funeral Service will take place at Stem Lane Crematorium this Wednesday at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

VALERIE JOSEPHINE MCKENZIE-SMITH: Please pray for Valerie who died last week. Her Funeral Service will take place at OLOL on Wednesday 9th September at 1.30pm followed by Committal at Stem Lane Crematorium. Many she rest in peace.

PARISH CENTENARY MERCH: Please see sample tea towel and mug at the back of church. Order using the order sheet completed with all the necessary info supplied AND CASH PAYMENT or date/time of card payment. These would make GREAT Christmas presents.

TEA TOWELS: £5 EACH

MUGS: £8 EACH

TEA TOWEL & MUG SET: ONLY £12

ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!!

PENS AVAILABLE SOON.....

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 30TH AUGUST	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Thomas Merifield People of the Parish
Mon 31	St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne	No Mass		
Tues 1	Feria	No Mass		
Wed 2	Feria	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thurs 3	St Gregory the Great	Mass	10.00am	Helen & Harley Wdg. Anniv. T'giving
Fri 4	St Cuthbert	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	Frances & Antony Wdg. Anniv. T'giving
Sat 5	St Teresa of Calcutta	No AM Mass		
SUN 6TH AUGUST	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Mary Tanner +Pauline Kelleher

29/30 Aug	Reader	EMHC	5/6 Sept	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	TR	None	Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD BD
10.00am	CB	SS LD JK	10.00am	OB	JP SS 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.



NEPAL DISASTER: As details continue to come it and the death toll rises, we pray for all concerned; those who have lost their lives, families, and homes, those undertaking search, recovery, and rescue, and Nepal's government. Nepal is a great friend to the UK, not least through the Gurkha military family of whom there is a substantial number in our diocese, especially in Farnborough.

Here is a hymn we might like to meditate on in times of disaster. It speaks of God's abiding presence with us and for us in the face of enormous suffering,

1. As if you were not there,
the skies ignite and thunder,
rivers tear their banks asunder,
thieves and nature storm and plunder:
all beware, as if you were not there.

2. As if you were not there,
famine and flood together
usher death, disease and terror:
stricken mothers wonder whether
God heeds prayer, as if you were not there.

3. As if you were not there,
we televise the dying,
watch the helpless victims crying,
salve our consciences by sighing
'Life's unfair!' as if you were not there.

4. As if you were not there,
your Son, when faith defied him,
faced a crowd which crucified him,
leaving friends who had denied him
in despair, as if you were not there.

5. Because he rose again
and showed God's love is vaster
than the ultimate disaster,
we entreat you now to master
strife and pain, because he rose again.

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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, Roy Tanner, Gill Norris, Mary Dene, Philippe Hamon, John Hamon, Doreen O'Halloran, Liz Willis, Jenny Adams, Deacon Steve Bowler, Fr Kevin, Anne Harries, Giselle Bazerghi, Jean Peltier.

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