



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

SUNDAY 6TH
SEPTEMBER
2026
23RD SUNDAY
OF YEAR A



SEPTEMBER IS THE SEASON OF CREATION

Image, Parish wild garden, pic by Fr Bill

POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE SEASON:

Highlights the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. Such degradation constitutes both a serious violation of our duty to care for creation, as well as a long-term threat to the lives of hundreds of millions of people. The interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts. War creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life and reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, are an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD

FESTIVAL: What a great event and turn-out. Many thanks to all who worked behind the scenes and those who provided really good food. Thankfully, the weather was kind to us. Well done!

VALERIE JOSEPHINE MCKENZIE-SMITH:

Funeral Service at OLOL on Wednesday 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 an order sheet 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.....

Paid orders can be collected from sacristy entrance after Mass on Saturday and in the hall after Mass on Sunday.

PARISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP: Meets tomorrow (Monday) at 5.00pm in the hall. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS AHEAD:

Today, Centenary Fund; next week, Catholic Education Service; week after that, Home Missions.



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 6TH AUGUST	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Mary Tanner +Pauline Kelleher
Mon 7	Feria	No Mass		
Tues 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass		
Wed 9	St Peter Claver	Mass Funeral Service	10.00am 1.30pm	Shavkat & Family Valerie Josephine McKenzie-Smith
Thurs 10	Feria	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 11	Feria	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	Mass Intention available
Sat 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary	No AM Mass		
SUN 13TH AUGUST	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Roy Fittell +Alexander Graham Thomas

5/6 Sept	Reader	EMHC	12/13 Sept	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	SD	KD BD	Vigil (Sat)	BD	MH KD
10.00am	OB	JP SS JN	10.00am	SS	LD JN JK

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



ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Is being voted on in Parliament this Friday. Bishop Philip is clear that such a Bill has no place in our society. The network of disabled people who oppose the Bill, *No Dead Yet UK*, is asking us to write to our MPs today to ask them to vote against the Bill. To help us, it has produced a postcard outlining its objections and asking us to post it to our MPs at the House of Commons. All we need to complete is our name, address, the name of our MP, and add a stamp. Of course, this is a very emotive and challenging issue that can leave many of us torn as to what to think, especially if we have accompanied loved ones through great suffering. Please, at least read the postcard and the arguments it presents before making a decision as to whether to send it or not. Thank you.

POLITE REMINDER: Please try to get to Mass before it starts (not always possible, we know), and please keep conversations to a minimum and at a whisper. Many thanks.

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.

ST CUTHBERT: On Friday we celebrated the memory of St Cuthbert. Along with Ss Aidan, Bede, Oswald, Paulinus, Wilfred, Hilda, and many others, he was instrumental in the development of Christianity in the North East of England. His shrine is located in Durham Cathedral. Here is a link that we might like to follow:

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/explore/treasures-collections>

DIOCESEAN PRAYER

INTENTIONS: Please pray for our Diocese at this time, for our clergy and parishes as new appointments are being made, and for our 67 Catholic schools as they prepare for the new academic year. Let us also pray for those who have been killed or are missing in Nepal following the devastating floods there, and for an end to the senseless war in Ukraine, which is now well into its fourth year.

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