



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

SUNDAY 9TH
AUGUST 2026
19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A



TODAY'S GOSPEL: "Lord, save me!"

Image: Book of Hours of Simon de Varie, Master of Jean Rolin II, 1455, Public domain, WikiCommons

PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD

FESTIVAL: Celebrating our diverse parish make-up. Sunday 30th August, 3.00pm. Please bring your own traditional tasty food to share with us. We already have offers from Kerela, the Philippines, Brazil, Poland, China, Sweden and UK. No charge; just donations towards parish funds. Please bring your own drinks. See you there!

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

OFFICE HOURS: Please note revised hours for this week: Tuesday 9am – 1pm, Thursday 12pm – 4pm.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION: Is transferred to Sunday 16th this year. So both Masses next weekend will be of the Solemnity with all texts taken from the Mass during the Day. We welcome back Fr Laurence who will be offering both Masses.

EXAM RESULTS TIME: Please keep all of our young people who have or will receive exam results at this time. We hope they did as well as they expected and that their preparations for moving on will go smoothly.

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

LUMINESCENCE – 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

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 9TH AUGUST	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	BBQ Helpers Aneesh & Milo: Wed/Anniv.
Mon 10	St Laurence	No Mass		
Tues 11	St Clare	No Mass		
Wed 12	St Jane France de Chantal	Mass	10.00am	+Mary Tanner
Thurs 13	St Pontian, St Hippolytus	Mass	10.00am	Happy Tapper Pam w/b
Fri 14	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	Mass Rosary	10.00am 10.30am	People of the Parish
Sat 15 AUG	Our Lady on Saturday	No AM Mass		
SUN 16TH AUGUST	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Tom Kelleher +Tony Hill

08/09 Aug	Reader	EMHC	15/16 Aug	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	None	Vigil (Sat)	GG	None
10.00am	JP	LD JK SS	10.00am	RG	SS 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.



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. It would be a great project for a budding historian or media student. Would look impressive on a university application CV! Can you help? Please see Fr Bill.

THE PROPHET ELIJAH: We hear about Elijah in our first reading today. But who was he? We read about him in the latter part of 1 Kings and the first part of 2 Kings in the Bible. Here he is portrayed as a mighty prophet of the Lord God, born about 900BC. He was the harsh critic of idolatry and a thorn in the side of King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel. He was an

extraordinary miracle-worker and visionary. His ministry as prophet was passed on to his closest disciple, Elisha when Elijah was taken up into heaven on a fiery chariot from whence it was thought he would return to herald the Messiah. For this reason, observant Jews always leave a place for him at table, just in case. John the Baptist and Jesus were sometimes thought to be the returning Elijah. He was present at the Transfiguration of Jesus presenting Jesus as the completion of the prophetic witness.

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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