



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Corpus Christi

Year A

18 June 2017

THIS IS MY BODY BROKEN FOR YOU – THIS IS MY BLOOD SHED FOR YOU - TAKE EAT AND DRINK

The gift of the Lord, the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive, is the greatest gift possible. It is His sacrifice on the Cross, made real in the Eucharist for us to eat and with which to be nourished. Somehow or other, many of us have lost the wonder and awe, the respect and reverence, that the Eucharist deserves. Just consider the number of people who cease attending Church in the summer. They will respond, “We are good people. We believe in God and that is all that matters.” But the problem with their argument is that there is no place for God’s greatest gift, the Eucharist, in their lives. The awe, the respect, the reverence for the Eucharist is missing from their lives. There are times that the reverence for the Eucharist is not all it should be in our life. Too often, I prepare for Mass focusing on the homily, while not remembering that far more important than the homily is the reception of the Word Made Flesh in Communion. Perhaps, too often, you join the line to receive communion without taking the time to consider what you are doing or whom you are receiving. Too often, people receive communion and then head for the doors drive home immediately. Of the seven days in a week we find it hard for just one hour to adore God, Tell him we are sorry for our sins, thank him for all that he has given us and ask for him for many more blessings.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord was established in the thirteenth century to promote respect and reverence for the Eucharist. The celebration has retained its purpose. We need to stop, today, and consider our reception of communion. We need to ask God to rekindle in us, and in all our people, the awe, the respect, and the reverence that is fundamental to understanding the reality of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.



What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ? The liturgical gestures reflect reverence, respect, and adoration. It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church, but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour;

We all believe that here is a Eucharistic Crisis that is growing in our Churches. The Crisis being a lack of faith and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus who takes on the appearance of Bread and wine. This leads us to say that there also the crisis of Faith and belief in Jesus' Real Presence in the Tabernacle but there is a profound misunderstanding and lack of respect for the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ and the way Jesus is received in Holy Communion. [Our picture clearly presents to us the image of the consequences of improper reception of Jesus in Holy Communion. What happens to the sacramental particles that fall to the ground and the Precious blood that is spilled?]

- Disrespectable behaviour in the House of God.
- The small numbers of those devoted to Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- A lack of spiritual preparation by not going to Confession regularly.

How can I play my part in reversing this great crisis? Am I truly devoted to Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar?

Fr George Ngwa

From the Bishop

Please note the following clergy appointments, which take effect from 8th September 2017 The new appointments become effective on 8th September. Do pray that in the new appointments the Lord will bless these pastors and their communities abundantly.

- Canon Paul Townsend to Sacred Heart and St. Theresa of Lisieux, Ringwood and Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge
- Fr. Mark Hogan to St. Peter and The Winchester Martyrs
- Fr. Chris Whelan to Basingstoke St. Joseph
- Fr. Anthony Glaysher to Aldershot St. Joseph and St. Mary
- Fr. Stephen Restori to Ryde St. Mary's
- Fr. John Cooke to Immaculate Conception, Christchurch; also as the parish priest of Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe
- Fr. Peter Hart to St. Margaret Mary's, Park Gate
- Fr. James Carling to St. Mary's Alton
- Fr. Paul Obada to Hedge End and Southampton Christ the King and St. Colman
- Fr. Paul Lyons to Netley and Southampton St. Patrick
- Fr. Claro Conde to Portsmouth Corpus Christi and St. Joseph
- Fr. Philip Carroll as assistant priest to Cathedral and Bishop's Secretary
- Fr. Andrew Moore as Parochial Administrator to Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, with Fr. Bernadine Nsom, Coordinating Pastor, as parish priest;
- Fr. John Paul Lyttle as assistant priest to English Martyrs Reading and as Reading Hospital Chaplain;
- Fr. Ansel D'Mello as assistant priest to the Cathedral;
- Fr. Robert Stewart as assistant priest to St. Edmund's, Abingdon.

- Vittorio Scomparin, Neo-Catechumenal Way chaplain, as soon as practicable to St. Swithun's Southsea as priest in residence.

We welcome to Sacred Heart Bournemouth Fr. Dominic Jacobs (CongOrat) and Fr. Peter Edwards (Southwark), together with postulant members Wojtek Rudnicki and Kari Hinktikka, as the Oratory in Formation, assuring them of our prayers.

Please pray for Fr. Richard Maniak who is unwell at this time. I thank Fr. John Lavers for going (temporarily) to English Martyrs, Reading, as Assistant Priest and Hospital Chaplain.

I thank Fr. Innaiha Maddineni for becoming diocesan coordinator of *Missio*.

A small number of other appointments will be announced soon and included in a subsequent Ad Clerum.

Please pray for Ansel D'Mello and Robert Stewart who will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 25th June 2017, here at the Cathedral. Please also pray for James Snyder who will be ordained as a permanent deacon here on Saturday 1st July 2017.

Many thanks to Deacon Paul Wilson who has kindly agreed to take over the leadership of our diocesan Marginalised and Inactive Catholics Team.

PALS - IMPORTANT NOTICE Our monthly outing on Wednesday, 21st June:

Please be at usual venue at **7:50 a.m. for departure 8:00 a.m.** Return to local area **5:15- 6:15 approx.**

HOLY WATER FOR YOUR HOME

The Holy Water stoup by Our Lady of Lourdes altar and the votive lights has been filled for you to collect the water and take home in your own container.

PARISH POST BOX

The Parish Post Box is for your convenience situated on the shelf at the back of the church by the Confessional.

At the moment there is post to be collected, some still there after many weeks - even Christmas!

Please check for any surprise post!

Please distribute if possible.

Any 'old' post will be destroyed at the end of June.

It is very useful to be able to use the post box between parishioners, (not the Priest), as a way of convenient communication.

NB The Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul is celebrated next Thursday. Not every solemnity outside of Sunday mass is a Holyday of Obligation. But the feast of Ss Peter and Paul is a Holyday of Obligation. In which case there will be a vigil Mass on the Wednesday.

Father George is away from 29th June until the end of August. If there is anyone who would be able to volunteer to be a church warden for a week or at least take on some of the duties of opening and closing the church, please let Johanna know. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT. Because Father George is away, the office will not be taking any further Mass offerings for Masses to be said during that time. If you would like a Mass for a special intention in July or August you must speak directly to the priest who is saying the Masses. He will know which days are free. Those intentions which have been promised will be put in the newsletter to be said as organised unless you are contacted otherwise. NB There are no days free up until Father goes. Thank you.

Please can we ask that all altar linen that is washed be returned by Saturday morning after Mass as a couple of times Father George has found he has not enough to set up for the evening Mass. Sorry for any inconvenience but sometimes more than expected get used in the week. Thank you very much for doing this service.

Don't forget, the Summer Fete is next Saturday 24th June 11am till 4pm. Please bring all sold and unsold raffle tickets. Thank you for all your generous raffle prizes and other items.

Prayer to St Michael, said at the end of Masses. St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Sunday 18 June	Corpus Christi	6pm Vigil Mass- <i>Hilary Sendall's Intentions</i> 10.00 Holy Mass- for the intentions of the First Holy Communion Children and their families	Coffee and tea in Hall after Mass Please come as there is cake to celebrate.
Monday 19 th June	St Romuald, Abbot, optional memorial	No Mass	
Tuesday 20 th June	St Alban, Martyr, optional memorial	18.00 Exposition 18.30 Rosary 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass- For Holy Souls and thanksgiving for the life of Captain Michael Halle	
Wednesday 21 st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, memorial	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 9.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass- Roger Nicklin RIP	Rosary intentions for the sick of the Parish. Confessions after Mass
Thursday 22 nd June	SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 9.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – Clara Fitzgerald RIP	Rosary intentions for Peace in the world
Friday 23 rd June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, solemnity	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 9.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass- Mary and Jack Loftus RIP	
Saturday 24 th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist , solemnity	9.30 Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of the relic of Sister Faustina 10.00 Holy Mass- Mary Tanner intentions for health and wellbeing 6pm Vigil Mass of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time- <i>intentions for ELZA RIP</i>	Confessions after Mass FETE 11am - 4pm Confessions before Vigil Mass
Sunday 25 th June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass- for the spiritual and temporal welfare of Sophie Beaton	Coffee and tea in hall after Mass

For enquires about **Baptisms** please contact the office for forms, and for funerals please discuss dates first with the funeral directors and meet the parish priest with a date. Enquiries about weddings please email the office with your details. Copies of Baptism certificate £5

COLLECTIONS

4/5 June. Loose £284.13 Gift aid envelopes £115.00. 10/11 June. Loose £292.48 Gift aid envelopes £251.00
Thank you for your continuing support of this parish. There is a second collection this weekend for Day for Life and next week is for Peter's pence. (both obligatory)

Readers 17/18 June
 Sat: P Thorpe, M Hobbs
 Sun: G Mambo, M Tanner
 EMoHC:
 Sat: J Coyne, M Newland, B Coyne
 Sun: G Mambo, Akhil Joseph, J Nichols

Readers 24/25th June
 Sat: M Newland B Dempster
 Sun: S Ramsay, J Thomas
 EMoHC
 Sat: J Thomas, C d'Espagnac, M Harwood
 Sun: P Clarke, S Salinger, A Caneda

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