

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

15 Mount Ave, New Milton. BH25 6NT.

Parish priest: *Father George Ngwa*

Church opening hours 7am to 7pm



23rd Sunday of the Year

Year A

10 September 2017

Pope Francis says-

To follow Christ means also to accept the cross



Last Sunday Pope Francis spoke about the sacrifice of the cross, explaining how as followers of Christ we must embrace suffering, because it is through the suffering and death of Christ that his love is made known to us. “Always, even today, the temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross, rather, No, this will never happen.” But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love, and there is no true love without Christ’s self-sacrifice. We must embrace suffering, because as Christ told his disciples: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Pope Francis reflected on our call as Christians not to be absorbed by the world’s vision to live an easy life, but rather to go “against the current,” pointing out the challenge to self-centeredness found in Christ’s words, “Whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my cause will find it.”

“In this paradox is contained the golden rule that God has inscribed into the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life,” Spending our time, talents and our energy only to save and take care of ourselves actually leads to loss, to a “sad and sterile existence,” he explained. Whereas, if we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy.

The Pope pointed out that we rediscover the mystery of Christ’s cross every time we participate in the Eucharist. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Christ’s redeeming sacrifice, "in which the Son of God completely loses himself to receive himself again from the Father," is made present. In the Eucharist, we, the lost, are found by Christ. The love of Christ crucified and risen is given to us as food and drink.

Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus to Calvary, also accompany us and help us not to fear the cross,” “Not a cross without Jesus, the cross with Jesus, that is, the cross of suffering for love of God and brethren.”

After the Angelus, the Pope prayed for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, which hit the Gulf Coast of the United States last week, particularly Texas and Louisiana, asking for the special intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“I also want to express my deepest interest in the suffering of the people of Texas and Louisiana suffering from a hurricane and exceptional rain that have caused casualties, thousands of displaced persons and massive material damage,” he said.

He also renewed his spiritual closeness to the people of South Asia, who have also been affected by severe flooding, asking, “Mary the Most Holy, comfort of the afflicted, to obtain from the Lord the grace of comfort for these our severely tested brothers.”

ADVANCE NOTICE

There is a Clergy meeting with Bishop Philip on Thursday/ Friday 21st /22nd September. Therefore there will be Mass as usual on Thursday morning at 10.00 but Mass on Friday will now be at 7pm (19.00) and NOT in the morning.

There is a funeral Mass on Tuesday 19th September at 10.00 AS WELL AS the usual evening Mass at 19.00.

The funeral is for Luzbella Delmo. (known as Bella). Please keep the family in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

There are no Mass intentions for our parish. Please offer and apply the benefits of the sacrifice of the Holy Mass to yourself, family, friends and loved ones.

Fr George Ngwa

Please remember Cardinal Cormac in your prayers – May he Rest in Peace. His Requiem mass is Wed 13th September at 12.00 at Westminster cathedral. Entrance by ticket only. More information is on the Portsmouth Diocese e- news website

PALS - IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Our Christmas lunch has been booked for 12th December at 12:00 a.m. for 15 places. The venue is now fully booked on this day.

We choose an early date to avoid family commitments etc. nearer to Christmas Day. If you would like to book a place please let Jane know, she will tell you the price and deposit necessary. (Deposit to be made later).

At our September meeting we all agreed this date, also being on a Tuesday.

Phone / See Jane ...01425 501 126

Our next meeting is October 6, time and place as usual.

Please write in your diary!

Someone has asked me (Bishop Philip) what the purpose of the Eucharistic Congress next year is. For info, these are the officially stated aims:

- To rejuvenate Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes
- To encourage greater love for the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
- To engender a deeper understanding of the place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church
- To provide practical resources for Eucharistic Adoration for Parishes and Schools
- To better form Extraordinary Ministers
- To better equip Parish catechists and Schools
- To confirm Parish ministry around the centrality of the Eucharist

Because Adoration of the Eucharist deepens our relationship with Christ, it enables us to be more effective disciples who will be better able to lead others to the life of the Church that has the Eucharist at its heart.

HOT news- From the First Sunday of Advent 2017 the Bishops of England and Wales, with the approval of the Holy See, have decided to reinstate two Holydays of Obligation. The Epiphany and Ascension day. Only if the Epiphany is on a Saturday or Monday will it be transferred to the Sunday.

CAFOD Harvest Fast day Friday 6th October

This Harvest fast day we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Many thanks.

The 15th September is the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It is a title which dates back to the 12th century. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary. These are known as the Presentation, Flight to Egypt, loss of Jesus for 3 days, the Way of Calvary, the Crucifixion, the Descent from the cross and the Burial of Jesus. The Stabat Mater we sing after each station of the cross during Lent is a traditional prayer to meditate on today.

New Forest Basics Bank

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support of this very worthwhile organisation. As part of their harvest appeal due to start imminently, they would appreciate the following items:-

TINNED MEATS: Hot meals: Chicken, Irish stew, Minced beef, Chilli,

TINS Cold meals : Ham, SPAM, Corned beef.

TIN other: Hot dogs, meat balls, fish, pasta

All tinned vegetables including potatoes

Tinned Fruit, custard

Pot noodles

UHT milk, Coffee, biscuits savoury and sweet, Jam, Marmalade.

Washing up liquid, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste and toilet rolls

You may like to know that BASICS BANK often comment about the generosity of our Church and thank you most sincerely for your gifts.

God Bless you- Katherine Dempster.

Sunday	10	Sept	23rd Sunday of the year in Ordinary time	6pm Vigil Mass – 10.00 Holy Mass –	Coffee and tea in Hall after Mass
Monday	11	Sept	In Ordinary time	No Mass	
Tuesday	12	Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary, optional memorial	18.00 Exposition 6.30 Rosary 19.00 Holy Mass –	
Wednesday	13	Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	9.30 Rosary 10.00 Holy Mass- in thanksgiving to the Rosary group for their devotion	Rosary for sick of parish. Confessions after Mass
Thursday	14	Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 10.00 Holy Mass –	Rosary intentions for Peace in the world
Friday	15	Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 10.00 Holy Mass –	
Saturday	16	Sept	Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial	9.30 Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of the relic of Sister Faustina 10.00 Holy Mass – 6pm Vigil Mass –	Confessions after Mass Confessions before Vigil Mass
Sunday	17	Sept	24 th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass- Clive Legg RIP	Coffee and tea in hall after Mass

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

The second collection this week is for the Catholic Education service. Thank you. Next week there is a collection for the Home Missions.

Collections 2/3 Sep	
loose	£295.32
envelopes	£216.00
Thank you for your continuing support of this parish.	

	Sat 9 Sept	Sun 10 Sept	Sat 16 th Sep	Sun 17 th Sep
Reader	J Marriot	S Ramsay	B Coyne	M Tanner
	C Barfoot	J Thomas	T Gearey	M Tanner
EMHC	J Coyne	S Salinger	R/M Yon	M Tanner
	M Newland	A Caneda	C d'Espagnac	A Joseph
	B Coyne	J Kurian	M Harwood	J Nichols

There are some dates that need filling in the readers rota to replace Clare Barfoot. Please fill in the Master list on the notice board if you can do, 21st Oct, 25th Nov, 6th Jan, or 10th Feb. Thank you

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Our Parish Live streaming: <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

Website: wwwnfw.org.uk

Safeguarding: Katherine Dempster 01425 611643

Hall Booking via parish Office

Please note. Johanna is away from the office Monday 11th September to Friday 18th September.

