

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

15 Mount Ave, New Milton. BH25 6NT.

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Church opening hours 7am to 7pm



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## **OBEDIENCE: CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS**

Our Gospel reading presents a situation of two sons to their Father's demand for obedience. It is important to note that none of the two did obey the Father, although one of them did the father's will. So this brings us to the question: **Should children obey their parents? and, should parents insist upon their children's obedience?**

It is very true to say that many parents today have completely given up on the issue of responsible parenthood. Many parents doubt their ability to direct their children and may even doubt their right to demand obedience. Many of these I have talked to here in the UK, point and grudge state legislations that protect children against abuses as overbearing, and thus giving children the leeway to question, disobey and even kickback on parental control.

Yet the Bible insists that children are to obey their parents and that parents are to enforce their children's obedience. At one time or another just about every Christian parent has quoted this verse to their disobedient kids: "Children, obey your parents as believers in the Lord. Obey them because it's the right thing to do. Scripture says, 'Honor your father and mother.' That is the first commandment that has a promise. 'Then things will go well with you. You will live a long time on the earth'" (Ephesians 6:1–3). From this we find that there are three important reasons why children need to obey their parents. There are three important reasons why parents must insist that their children obey.

(1) Children need to obey their parents because nature demands it. God has created human beings in such a way that his law is written on our hearts. There are certain truths we know simply because we are human, because we are created in God's image. One of these truths is that children are to obey their parents.

(2) Children need to obey their parents because the law demands it. Children are also to obey because it is a particular requirement of God's law, the Ten Commandments. This is a law that even has a great promise attached to it: "Honour your father and mother ... that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." This commandment bridges the first three which reflect our relationship to God, and the final five which reflect our relationship with others. Most scholars agree God placed it here because of the unique role parents play, a role in which they represent God to their children. To honour and obey parents is to honour and obey God. And those who give such honour and obedience to their parents open themselves to special blessings. The gospel assures our children they can joyfully obey their parents and that gives them the motivation to actually do so.

(3) Children need to obey their parents because the gospel demands it. Best of all, children are to obey their parents "in the Lord." Even children are to put their faith in Jesus and then, because of their personal relationship with him, to joyfully do all that brings glory to his name. Christian children learn to obey with gladness, for this pleases the Lord. They remember the loving submission which Jesus himself gave as a boy to his parents. Now this same Jesus is their Lord and Saviour, and the creator of the new order, so they are anxious to do what pleases him. The obligation is not merely on the side of the child, who must obey, but also on the side of the parent, who must enforce the obedience. This is because the parent stands as God in relationship to the child. To teach the

child to obey the parent is to teach the child to obey God. To allow the child to defy and disobey the parent is to teach the child to defy and disobey God with all the obvious consequences. If we love our children too much to require them to do what is right, then we have not really loved them enough.

## **Tips for Obeying Your Parents**

Obeying your parents is one of the most difficult things to do as a teenager. This is a time that you want to spread your wings and do things on your own. You want your independence, and you want to prove you can be a responsible adult. Yet there is still a level of needing your parents to guide you through this time, and there is still so much you can learn from them while you're still a teen.

### **Obeying Your Parents Leads to Wisdom**

There are times when obeying your parents can be really tough. We all think we know enough to make our own decisions. But do we really? God reminds us that it is a foolish man that does not seek to become more disciplined and wise (Proverbs 1:7-9). The most important people in our lives are our parents. They can be the greatest guides we have in this life, and they can lead us in the path God has for us...if we let them. For most of us, our parents offer advice and discipline out of love, and we would do well to listen and learn from what they have to say.

### **Obedience Brings You Closer to God**

God is the father of us all. If we cannot obey our earthly parents, how are we to obey our Heavenly one? Faithfulness comes out of obedience to God. As we learn to obey, we learn to be wise in making our decisions in life. As we learn to obey, we learn to open up our eyes and ears to God's plan for us. Obedience is the first step in living a Christian life. It helps give us strength in our faith and the ability to overcome temptations that can lead us astray.

It is difficult to obey: No one says obeying our parents is easy. Sometimes it feels like our parents are from a whole other world. Sure, they come from a different generation, and we may not always understand their reasoning. However, we don't always understand God, either, but we know that what God does is for our own good. In the case of our parents, it's that way, too. We need to realize, though, that there will be pitfalls in obeying our parents, and there will be times that obedience becomes so difficult. Yet obedience is good and holy.

### **HOW CAN I EFFECTIVE OBEY MY PARENTS?**

**First and always listen.** One of the easiest ways to learn from your parents is to listen to what they have to say. It's hard to obey your parents when you don't actually hear what they're telling you. You'd be amazed at what you'll hear when you take the time to absorb what your parents are telling you.

**Always manifest filial respect.** There is nothing as frustrating when a parent is talking to their children as watching their body language. You may not agree with your parents' decisions, but obeying your parents begins with showing them respect. It's okay to ask questions or ask for clarification on a rule or something you disagree with, but it's important to do so in a respectful manner. If you just push and yell and scream, it is unlikely that your parents will actually hear your objections. Disrespect will put a wall between you and your parents immediately.

**Be patient.** It's easy to immediately jump on your parents when you disagree with them. It's also easy to hold a grudge when they're wrong. However, your parents are human just like you. Obeying your parents means accepting that all they do isn't perfect. They do make mistakes too, just like you. So, have some patience for the times that they don't quite do things right, and know that you can learn just as much from their mistakes as your own.

**Communicate.** Communication is crucial to having a good relationship with our parents. For instance call to inform that you will be late coming home or why you cannot do your assignments as required. When you communicate with them about what's going on in your life, you will find that they will accept that you are becoming a responsible adult. Ask them for advice, talk to them about school ... it's every child's desire to be private, and some privacy is understandable, but know that when you don't communicate it breeds suspicion. A great way to obey your parents is to talk to them about things.

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Unfortunately there will be no children's liturgy for the next 3 weeks due to lack of helpers. It will commence again after the half term break in October. Naomi Mincham

**After Mass this Sunday there is a Baptism. Please remember the family in your prayers.**

Local parishioner looking for cleaning work in new Milton and surrounding areas. I am reliable and have lots of experiences , can do 1 off cleaning jobs or on a regular basis. Please call Liuda on 07877 82 84 72.

**REMINDER** Copies of the Bishop's pastoral letter which was read out in Church last weekend are still available at both entrances to the Church.

There will be an appeal at this weekends' Masses in advance of the **CAFOD Harvest collection which takes place on 7/8<sup>th</sup> October.** There are envelopes at entrances to the Church if you wish to contribute directly. Margaret Hobbs is our CAFOD representative. Thank you.

**40 days for Life campaign Sep 27- November 5 at Bournemouth.** Details of the plans for this campaign which some of you requested are available at the main entrance to the church and also on the notice board. Please keep the intentions of the campaign in your prayers.

All monies donated for the tea and coffee in the hall after the 10 am Mass on Sunday's are for Charity. We have now collected £135.38p for The international Refugee Trust . This money will be sent to Steven Smith for this Trust. Thank you all for your support. Our next Charity is for The Apostleship of the sea, to be collected weekly until January 2018 We need help to serve tea & coffee after Mass on Sunday's. If you can help please contact Robin Bantin in the hall or on 838227.

We also need help to clean the Church. It will be cleaned next week but for the last few weeks there has been no one volunteering. Please consider giving some of your time to help. Thank you.

Due to the large number of notices of events in the diocese a separate page is inserted in the newsletter for you to keep. Please make sure you keep this and pass on any information to those you think will be interested.

**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 latest Portsmouth People magazine came this week.** Please remember to pick up your copy

Jenny Haig sends a big thank you to all in Our Lady of Lourdes who sponsored her on her 'memory walk'. She raised £525.

**CHOIR** - Future dates **October** -5th and 26th  
**November** - weekly as usual  
**PALS** - **Oct. 6th Friday** - Monthly meeting - 10:30 Hall  
Please bring Christmas Lunch deposit.  
**Oct. 10th** - Outing, meet 10:00 in Church Car Park.  
**Oct.25th** -.Monthly Lunch

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT. Please note.**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be Rosary at 9.30 instead of the Divine mercy Chaplet.**

If anyone is interested, the St Paul Centre (where Scott Hahn works) are offering their series of talks 'The Bible and the Sacraments' free online in the autumn. These are excellent. The link to sign up is -  
[https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/the-bible-and-the-sacraments/?mc\\_cid=37e08a11ac&mc\\_eid=32cf6b0400](https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/the-bible-and-the-sacraments/?mc_cid=37e08a11ac&mc_eid=32cf6b0400)

**Pope's intentions for October** - That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common

<b>Sunday</b>	1	Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year	<b>6 pm Vigil Mass – Roy Fittsell RIP &amp; Munn family</b> <b>10 am Holy Mass – Missa Pro Populo</b> <b>12.00 Baptism of Aimi Rose Bibin</b>	Coffee & tea in hall after Mass
<b>Monday</b>	2	Oct	Holy Guardian Angels	<b>No Mass</b>	Living Rosary Meeting in Hall 5.45
<b>Tuesday</b>	3	Oct	Ordinary Time	<b>18.00</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 18.30 Rosary and Benediction <b>19.00 Holy Mass- Brian and Joan Coyne's intentions</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	4	Oct	St Francis of Assisi	<b>09.00</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 09.30 Rosary and Benediction <b>10.00 Holy Mass- Patrick Mambo birthday intentions</b> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>	Rosary intentions for the sick and housebound of the parish
<b>Thursday</b>	5	Oct	Ordinary Time	<b>09.00</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 09.30 Rosary and Benediction <b>10.00 Holy Mass-Edmund Mambo RIP</b>	Rosary intentions for peace in the world <b>Choir practice today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	6	Oct	St Bruno, optional memorial	<b>09.00</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 09.30 Rosary and Benediction <b>10.00 Holy Mass- Private intention for a mother RIP</b> <b>18.30 Holy Mass in Latin</b>	Autumn FRIDAY FAST DAY for CAFOD <b>PALS</b> meeting after Mass in hall
<b>Saturday</b>	7	Oct	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 Rosary *****</b> <b>10.00 Holy Mass – Confessions after Mass</b>  <b>Vigil Mass Of the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00-</b>	Rosary intentions for the people of the Parish  <b>Confessions before Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8	Oct	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00 Holy Mass- Louis d'Espagnac 70<sup>th</sup> birthday intentions</b>	Coffee and tea in the hall after Mass

<b>Collections 17/18 Sept</b>	
loose	342.95
envelopes	241.31
Cathedral	191.62
Thank you for your continuing support of this parish.	

	Sat 30 Sept	Sun 1 Oct	Sat 7 October	Sun 8 October
<b>Reader</b>	B Dempster	H Fawcett	M Hobbs	J Thomas
	M Newland	C Fradd	C d'Espagnac	M Tanner
<b>EMHC</b>	R or M Yon	J Kurian	M Newland	J Nicholls
	F Fallon	M Tanner	B Coyne	P Clarke
	J Thomas	A Joseph	J Coyne	S Salinger

For enquiries about **Baptisms** please contact the office for a form, For copies of Baptism certificates there is an admin charge of £5. For **funerals** please discuss dates first with the funeral directors who will liaise with parish priest and then arrange to meet with him. Enquiries about **weddings** please email the office with your details.

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Secretary: Johanna Thomas Wed/ Fri 10.45-12.00.

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

Website: [wwwnfw.org.uk](http://wwwnfw.org.uk)

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