

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. From November 07.30- 17.00



32nd Sunday of the Year Year A 12 November 2017

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Remembrance Sunday in the United Kingdom also referred to as Poppy Day or Armistice Day, honours the heroic efforts, achievements and sacrifices that were made in past wars by our wartime heroes and heroines while serving their country. The main observance is on the second Sunday in November, but 2 minutes of silence is also made on November 11. People stop work to observe a moment of silence at 11am on November 11, which is the time and date when hostilities formally ended after more than four years of battle during World War I. Poppies are worn as a symbol of respect and tribute on Remembrance Sunday and/or November 11. The day is also marked by events such as memorial services, church services and parades. A national commemoration takes place at Whitehall, a road in the City of Westminster in central London. Remembrance Day is an observance and not a public holiday in the UK. Many businesses may temporarily pause activity at 11am for 2 minutes of silence on November 11.

By recalling the fortitude of these service men and women, we come to a greater appreciation of what service itself means. We appreciate that those soldiers, sailors and airmen were not just fighting for their country, they were fighting for our freedom and our future. It is service that connects all our Armed Forces past, present and future.

So today, as we come together as a nation to remember them, let there be pride for the service, as well as sorrow for the sacrifice, because we will remember them not just with sadness, but also with eternal respect and gratitude, in the knowledge that we are living the future they fought for. As Dorian de Wind writes *“These heroes are dead. They died for liberty - they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless Place of Rest.”*

YES - Remembrance Sunday is a time to remember the fallen and honour their sacrifice; *but of great importance, it is a time to remember the families that share in that sacrifice everyday*; and it is a time to reflect on our own mortality and utter dependence on God. There are countless, and in many cases nameless, men and woman who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedom certainly worth defending. We read from **John 15:13**: **“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”** There is no higher expression

of love then to give up your very life – to be willing to leave family and friends behind, knowing death is immanent. To the many brave heroes who have gone before, thank you for your sacrifice of love. **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

PORTSMOUTH – BAMENDA SUNDAY

Last Sunday the Diocese celebrated the twinning of the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Bamenda which comes up every first Sunday of November. However it was deferred in our Parish because I knew I was going to be out for a Mass in Bournemouth and the Visiting Priest coming from another Diocese would not be in a position to talk about the link.

Four months after my Ordination to the Sacred priesthood I took up my first appointment in St. Matthias' Parish, Widikum. The Parish then had 48 mission stations and only 15 were accessible by a 4-wheel drive truck; it was an area of primary evangelization. This was the first time I experienced the much-needed help as a parish and diocese from the Diocese of Portsmouth. Later on as the Parish priest of St. Pius X Parish Akum for five years, Youth Chaplain of the Archdiocese for 7 years, the Communication Director for 5 years and then Principal of St. Paul's Comprehensive College, Nkwen for five years, I continued to receive substantial and valuable help from Portsmouth. Portsmouth Diocese is a household name in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, because her many priests who worked there scored a resounding success in their ministry of Evangelization. Many of them have their names chiselled in everlasting memory in the hearts of the people of Bamenda.

During the second visit of Bishop Crispian Hollis to the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Archbishop Paul Verdzekov, of blessed memory, made me the chauffeur for Bishop Crispian and his delegation from Portsmouth, to bring them to the various areas designated on his itinerary. He visited many parishes, colleges and institutions to see the projects which were financially sponsored or supported by the generous contributions from the good-hearted Christians from the Diocese of Portsmouth. As expected, the turnout of the people in these respective areas to welcome their august visitors was always overwhelming; they came firstly to say thank you and welcome.

There was always a visible sign of satisfaction on the faces of Bishop Crispian and his delegation when the projects, at various stages of completion, were presented. However, one could also notice how worried and concerned Bishop Crispian became when the next paragraphs of these presentations produced a list of many demands (a litany reminiscent of Oliver Twist wanting some more). I still remember vividly the Bishop telling the people that he couldn't do much alone, without the help of the people of Portsmouth. He encouraged us in Bamenda to continue to pray and ask God to bless the people of Portsmouth for their generosity and to bless the twinning of the two dioceses.

Today I am in Portsmouth Diocese as a *Fidei Donum* Priest, (a gift of Faith) not so much to pay back what the Diocese through her Clergy and Christians did for us and are still doing in Bamenda - but only to say that now I can do it too, because the Priests from Portsmouth showed us how. May God richly bless you and the Portsmouth – Bamenda link

Bishop Philip invites young adults (16 - 35) from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on the 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the 6pm Mass, after which there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Isaac Withers from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales; Former President of Birmingham University Cathsoc: "Being a Catholic Student"

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS): "Discipleship on Campus"

This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese.

Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Ages 16+ £7

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME FOR THE HOLY MASS WITH BISHOP MICHAEL BIBI, AND ALL WHO PROVIDED FOR THE RECEPTION BOTH IN THE HALL AND

PRESBYTERY. HE WAS HAPPY WITH HIS SHORT STAY HERE AND PROMISED TO MAKE A LONGER WORKING HOLIDAY WITH US IN THE FUTURE. THANKS

NEW to this PARISH?

Please let us have your name, address, telephone and email address, if you have one, for the Parish register. They will not be given out to anyone without your permission, but we need to record our numbers. If you want your child baptised, or make their First Holy Communion, or are thinking of getting married, or want your child to attend a Catholic school, it is helpful if you are registered parishioner.

Also If you are moving away please let the office know so we can take your name off the register.

IMPORTANT

If you are finding it increasingly difficult to manage coming to Mass on Sunday, please inform the Office so that Father is aware.

PALS - Monthly outing

Friday, December 17th. Please be at our usual pick-up for coach by 8:40 a.m. for early start. Return arrival time N.M. 6:00/7:00 p.m.

N.B. Your own individual ticket will be given to you with seat number as new arrangement from the office. Change seats between yourselves once on the coach if you wish.

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School. Pennington.

A vacancy for a Foundation Governor on the governing body is due to arise in early 2018 and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

If you wish to express an interest in this vacancy, in the first instance, please contact Nanette Allies, Head of School, who will be delighted to invite you to visit the school and tell you more about this rewarding role. T: 01590 672711 E: adminoffice@ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk Our school website is ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk where you can find our prospectus and more information about the school.

Sunday 19th November has been designated as World Day of the Poor.

Pope Francis writes: I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on [the World Day of the Poor] to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the

culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor, through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.”

PRAYER- Heavenly Father, Help us to see with your eyes, to judge with the loving heart of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through your Spirit, to put love in action. Amen.

(further information and ways in which you can commit to helping can be found on the Caritas website)

The Art of Dying Well

After centuries of ministering to the dying, the Catholic Church has a fund of experience to share in what was traditionally called the art of dying well or, in Latin, *Ars Moriendi*. The Catholic Church in England and Wales has produced an excellent **website** on the **Art of Dying Well**, with many helpful resources, not just for us to think about dying well ourselves, but also how we can help our loved ones when the time comes.

The website covers such topics as: ♦ **What is dying well?** ♦ **Talking about death** ♦ **Facing death personally** ♦ **Losing a loved one** ♦ **Caring for the dying.**

There are a few Prayer cards at the back of the Church. If you have not access to the internet and wish to know more, please contact the Secretary.

If you are a teacher or have an interest in Schools. There is a course on *Christ at the Heart of the Curriculum* organised by the Diocese, with Father Andrew Pinsent, and taking place at St Bedes Parish Basingstoke. It is starting this week on 15th November and has 4 modules on God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and The Grace filled life. For more information contact schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. **It is free.**

NOTICE

First Holy Communion Candidates for next year and Confirmation candidates must be registered with the Office.

If you would like there to be Catechism classes for your children, pre or post Holy Communion, please email the Parish Office so we can find out what interest and commitment there is to enable these to get started. Thank you.

REQUEST Please does anyone have a photo of last year's crib scene that you could email to the office?

Sunday	12	November	32 nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday	18.00 Vigil Mass – <i>Julia Marcin</i> <i>RIP</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Brigid Horan</i> <i>RIP</i>	Coffee & tea in hall after Mass
Monday	13	November	Ordinary time		
Tuesday	14	November	Ordinary time	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>Walter Dodd</i> <i>RIP</i>	
Wednesday	15	November	St Albert the Great	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Bridie &</i> <i>Thomas Sheehan</i>	Rosary intentions for the sick of the Parish
Thursday	16	November	St Edmund of Abingdon	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Sheehan</i> <i>family- deceased members</i>	Rosary intention for peace in the world
Friday	17	November	St Elizabeth of Hungary St Hilda St Hugh of Lincoln	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Jane</i> <i>recovering from surgery</i>	
Saturday	18	November	Dedication of basilica of Ss Peter & Paul Our Lady on Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy chaplet and veneration of the relic of Sr Faustina 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Brigid Horan</i> <i>RIP</i> Baptism of Ysabella Siguiante 18.00 Vigil Mass – <i>Sheila Feasey</i> <i>90th birthday thanksgiving</i>	Confessions after morning Mass & before Vigil Mass
Sunday	19	November	33 rd Sunday of the Year	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Donald Watts</i> <i>RIP</i>	Coffee & 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

Collections 4/5 November	
loose	341.60
envelopes	237.00
Bamenda	209.71
Thank you for your support	

	Sat 11Nov	Sun 12 Nov	Sat 18 Nov	Sun 19Nov
Reader	M Newland	S Ramsay	C d’Espagnac	
	M Hobbs	J Thomas	K Dempster	PCaffyn
EMHC	M Harwood	M Tanner	K Dempster	J Kurian
	R or M Yon	S Salinger	B Gearey	M Tanner
	C d’Espagnac	A Caneda	B Dempster	A Joseph

Please can someone volunteer on the Master Rota to be a reader next Sunday. Thank you.

Can all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take Communion to the Sick on Sunday let the Secretary know if you have capacity to see an additional person. Thank you.

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