

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours **07.30- 17.00** (during winter)



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B March 25th 2018

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK



The story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, is one of contrasts, and those contrasts contain applications to believers. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. His is not a kingdom of armies and splendour but of lowliness and servanthood. He conquers not nations but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us.

Today we begin our most solemn, life-changing journey into the Paschal Mystery of our Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection: the journey through Holy Week to Easter. In particular we focus on the 'three days' - the Triduum - as we enter into the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday: acclamation as King and triumphant leader, then hatred and rejection; a farewell meal with the commission to ministry and service; deep sadness and abandonment, then betrayal and arrest; trial and humiliation, corrupt judges and condemnation; pain and torment and an ignominious death; burial and that sense of loss, darkness and devastation - yet beyond all this, a glorious resurrection, a rising to new life, light out of darkness, hope out of despair, redemption for all mankind from sin and death and the promise of life eternal in the very presence of God. In the words of Mgr Ronald Knox, it is the Lord's resurrection from the dead that must overshadow, for us, all other triumphs and all other deliverances.

And so we ask ourselves 'How may we best undertake this journey?'

The Church has given us a wonderful gift by which this becomes not only possible but easily accessible - the Sacred Liturgy - which the Church has celebrated down the centuries to re-present for God's holy people the central truths and reality of our redemption in Christ. When we gather to worship God in prayer and praise, song and silence, thanksgiving and supplication, we enter into an earthly glimpse of the heavenly liturgy and the eternal destiny to which each one of us is called. We are the people of God; we are the Body of Christ; we are the pilgrims on that journey of dying and rising again to glory and salvation. Whether we have a specific role or ministry or whether we take our place in the congregation alongside many others, we are all contributors to and participants in the Paschal Mystery. Whenever we gather to pray and to take part in the Sacred Liturgy our faith is formed and informed - and our lives are *transformed*, to enable us to become ever more ardent disciples of the Lord.

This is expressed in the dictum translated from the Latin: 'The Law of Praying (liturgy) which leads to the Law of Believing (what we believe and most importantly, in whom we believe - Jesus the Lord) which in turn leads to the Law of Living (living out our faith, expressed in our love of God and love of our neighbour). How can we do this as committed disciples of Christ unless we participate? Put another way, if we walk out of Mass today only to appear again on Easter Sunday, what gifts and graces will have been missed?

The Sacred Triduum is *one* liturgy in three parts: the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday afternoon and the glorious Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Saturday, culminating in the first Mass of Easter. If we have not entered fully into this unique treasure of the Catholic Church up to now, might not this be the year in which we commit ourselves to walking this path alongside Jesus, sharing both his sorrow and joy, and coming out with him into the sunlight of Easter morning, in a glorious and uplifting renewal of our life and our faith?

CHRISM MASS:

On Holy Thursday morning, or another date chosen by the Bishop for pastoral reason; the bishop, joined by the priests and religious and lay faithful of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass, and bless the oils.

Unity, Renewal of Vows and Promises: The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, deacons and priests renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. The entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises and pray for their Bishop and Priests. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.

THE OFFERING GIVEN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS.

For a time now we have been having various opinions and interpretations about Mass Offering/ Stipends. I have been asked by many and the Parish Pastoral Council to explained and get this issue cleared up, since many say they were asked to give anything for a stipend. This explains why some people still continue to offer £5. The issue becomes even more complex when we discover that some religious priest refuse to collect Mass offering because they are sure of a steady income from their communities. Mass Stipends for hundreds of years in the Church formed the major source of the sustenance of Priests.

Canon 945 #1 of the code of Canon Law states that; A Priest celebration or concelebrating at Holy Mass is permitted to receive an offering to apply for the Mass for a specific intention. The Clergy handbook for the

Diocese of Portsmouth stipulates £10 as minimum amount for a Mass offering. Knowing that this money is for the up-keep of the Priests, some people give more than the stipulated amount for single Mass.

Sometimes people do ask the Priests to pray for them. It is recommended earnestly to priests that they celebrate Mass of the Christian faithful, especially the needy, even if they have not received an offering for it. Cf. Can 945 #2

Canon 946 reminds the Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention that they do contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and their works.

Canon 948 admonishes that separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted. This means that those who cannot afford £10 for a Mass should in person present their difficulties to the Priest as well as their intention.

2018 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMELINES

PALM SUNDAY AND THE LORD'S PASSION:

SATURDAY 24th MARCH – 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms in Church.

SUNDAY 25th MARCH -- Blessing of Palms in the Hall 9:30a.m. and procession to the Church. 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass

HOLY WEEK – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY 26th – 28th MARCH Stations of the cross: 9:30 a.m. - Mass in the morning : 10:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY 29th MARCH - 8:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper Washing of the feet, Blessed Sacrament Procession to the Altar of repose , Vigil with the Lord till Mid-night.

GOOD FRIDAY 30th MARCH – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 P.M. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 31st MARCH Morning Prayers and office 09:00 a.m.;

- 10.00 The blessing of the Easter food, or the "Swieconka" Easter Basket tradition dear to the heart of every Pole.
(immediately after morning Prayers)

HOLY SATURDAY– 31st MARCH - 8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL HOLY MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 1st APRIL - 10:00 A.M. HOLY MASS

EASTER OFFERINGS: Wherever you may be to celebrate this Easter, please remember that the offerings is for the Priests as mandated by the Bishops of England and Wales. Many thanks for your generosity.

Portsmouth Diocese Chrism Mass Tuesday 27th March 2018

A coach will be leaving from this Church in the morning of 27th March at 8.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. If you want to still book please contact Catherine Dempster on 01425 611642

Think ahead and Book Now. St John Paul II Pilgrimage. Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham 2-5th August. Poster with more information is up at back of Church. It is organised yearly by the Dominican Sisters at Sway. Please support if able.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please note

this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke. RG24 9DX

REQUEST Please do not leave any money in envelopes in the Parish Post Box as it is not secure. Thank you.

PS Please fill in the list at the back of the Church if you can help with all the extra readings, washing of the feet!

Palm Sunday Year B March 25th 2018

Sunday	25	March	Palm Sunday	18.00 Vigil Mass (Saturday) – Elza RIP 09.30 Blessing of Palms in Hall 10.00 Holy Mass – Missa Pro populo	Coffee & tea in hall after Mass
Monday	26	March	Of Holy Week	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Holy Mass- Sheila Vernon (health and wellbeing)	Confessions after Mass
Tuesday	27	March	Of Holy week	NO MASS	Coach at 08.30 for Portsmouth cathedral
Wednesday	28	March	Of Holy Week	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Holy Mass – Ray Carlile RIP	Confessions after Mass
Thursday	29	March	Maundy Thursday	20.00 Holy Mass – Amos and Grace Izeke RIP Vigil until midnight	NB. evening Mass
Friday	30	March	Good Friday	3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Saturday	31	March	Holy Saturday	09.00 Morning prayers and Office of Readings followed at 10.00 SWIECONKA 20.00 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper- John Louis d'Espagnac	Confessions after blessing of food SWIECONKA
Sunday	1	April	Easter Sunday	10.00 Holy Mass – Missa Pro populo	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 18/3/2018	
loose	£256.11
envelopes	£133.00
Thank you for your continued support	

	24 th March	25 th March	31 st March	1 st April
Reader	T Gearey	C Fradd	P Thorpe	S Ramsay
	A Nash	C Fradd	B Dempster	J Thomas
EMHC	B Dempster	S Salinger	M Harwood	M Tanner
	K Dempster	A Caneda	M Newland	A Joseph
	T Gearey	J Kurian	F Fallon	J Nichols

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*****A reminder that the Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday this week.*****

The Secretary will be available Thursday morning from 10.00am

