

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 **7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.**



CORPUS CHRISTI Year B 3rd June 2018

THE EUCHARIST IS “THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE”

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Jesus instituted the Eucharist as a memorial of his death and Resurrection and by commanding his apostles to offer this “in remembrance of me” until his return, by ordering its perpetual celebration he made them priests of the New Covenant. This was a measure of his love which made them sharers of his Passover, which is anticipated in the Last Supper, and celebrated in the Eucharist, the New Covenant sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus transformed the Last Supper into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of all men. He said, this is my body which is given for you” and “This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood” (Lk 22: 19-20; 1 Cor. 11: 24-25)

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which replaced the temple sacrifice of the Jews, the Church daily takes to heart the words of Jesus to the Apostles, “***Do this as a remembrance of me.***” The Mass is celebrated approximately 300,000 times each day all over the world, so that at any given moment, somewhere in the world, our Lord’s great Passover is being celebrated, remembered and consumed with reverence.

This is the principal act of worship of the Church, which offers itself as a total offering with Christ at each Mass. As St. Paul reminds us Christians are to offer themselves as a “living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom 12: 1). Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the ultimate communion, a personal relationship of great intimacy, holy and profound, and as Catholics say at every Mass before communion, we must say “Lord, I am not worthy, but only say the word and I shall be healed.” Let us give thanks to God as we approach this great mystery of our redemption!

The institution of the Eucharist is found in the synoptic Gospels accounts of the Last Supper (Luke. 22:14-20; Mt.26:26-30; Mk.14:22-26). In the Gospel of Matthew, for example, we read: ***During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples ‘Take this and eat it,’ he said, ‘this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. ‘All of you must drink from it,’ he said, ‘for this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.’ (Matthew.26: 26-30)***

Notice that Jesus does not say this is a symbol of my body or this represents my blood, but He is very literal in his description. The gift of himself, was symbolized by the “breaking of the bread,” and it was “this expression that the first Christians used to designate their Eucharistic assemblies.” As St. Paul testifies, “***Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.***” (1 Cor. 10:17). This is the fulfilment of the words of Jesus, when he said, “. . . I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matthew. 28: 20). The Church, taking Christ at His word, teaches that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of Christian life” and that Christ gave it to us, “to perpetuate

the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Pascal banquet ‘in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us’ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p.334, para.1323). What more powerful and loving gift could our Lord have given than the gift of himself?

The Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ, has always taught that these words are to be taken literally and this is evident if you study the words of the early Church Fathers, like St. Ignatius of Antioch, who provided the first written evidence that the Church called itself “catholic” which means “universal” and who referred to the Eucharist in the following terms in his letter to the Ephesians written before 110 A.D.

Come together in common, one and all without exception in charity, in one faith and in one Jesus Christ, who is of the race of David according to the flesh, the son of man, and the Son of God, so that with undivided mind you may obey the bishop and the priests, and break one Bread which is the medicine of immortality and the antidote against death, enabling us to live forever in Jesus Christ.

St. Paul and the Eucharist

What does Paul say on the subject? In his first letter to the Corinthians he urges them to shun the worship of idols and asks pointedly, “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break is it not a participation in the body of Christ?” (1 Corinthians 10:16). St. Paul’s words underline the sublime mystery of the Eucharist, namely its sacrificial character and the real presence of Christ. Because Jesus is really present in the meal they share “in remembrance of me.”

The Testimony of St. Justin Martyr

Writing to the pagan emperor Antoninus in about 155 A.D., St. Justin Martyr, who later died for his faith as his name suggests, wrote of the Christian celebration of the Eucharist in the terms present day Catholics can easily recognize from the Mass:

"We call this food Eucharist; and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who has been washed in the washing [baptism] which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [2 Pet 3:21], and is thereby living as Christ has enjoined.

The Testimony of St. Augustine

In a sermon to newly baptized Christians he said: ***You should understand what you have received, what you will receive, indeed what you should receive daily. That bread that you see on the altar and that has been sanctified by the word of God is the Body of Christ. That chalice—rather, that which the chalice contains—has been sanctified by the word of God and is the Blood of Christ. Through these things the Lord Christ wished to entrust to us His Body and his Blood, which he shed for us unto the remission of sins. If you receive them well, you are that which you receive. The Apostle says, ‘One bread and we, the many, are one body***

He also wrote, “He walked on earth in that same Flesh to us to be eaten for our salvation. Moreover, no one eats that Flesh unless he has first adored it . . . and we sin by not adoring it ”.

THE LIVING ROSARY GROUP is on Monday 4th June at 17.45 hours

PALS – Please note that the Lunch on 8th June has now been cancelled.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are an Ecumenical Group, meeting weekly in each other's homes and are looking for new members. If you would like to find out more, please phone Jill Parsons on 01425 291 961

A Message from Bishop Philip

Join me at the National Eucharistic Congress on 8th September

This is the last opportunity for you to be able to book to attend the Congress as part of Portsmouth Diocese. I am inviting all members of our Diocesan Community to join me in Liverpool at the Congress and especially on Saturday 8th September. A day trip to the Congress has been organised using a number of options including pilgrims own transport, coach, and plane the cost therefore reflects the option chosen (£40-£110). It may be possible for your pilgrimage to be sponsored by your Parish or through the Living Our Faith Fund.

Join me in Liverpool so that together we can be a public witness that the Church is indeed strong, alive and growing. Together, share with me and other members of our Diocese in this unique opportunity to worship Christ, crucified and risen and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. I hope that we will return from Liverpool renewed and refreshed so that we will all be able to go about the work of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church, with vigour.

If you would like to attend, you can book through congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The closing day was the 29th May but there maybe some places left. There are some hand-outs at each entrance to the Church with further information on cost and travel information.

CAN YOU HELP!

Helpers, on a Rota, for our Flower Arrangers – To help with dismantling etc.

Please contact: Jane Gow – Tel: 01425 501126

ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH – SUMMER CAMP 2018 – For Ages 10 to 25

The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph at Sway are putting on a Summer Camp from the 20th to the 24th August in the New Forest. Wherever you are in your Catholic faith, come and be refreshed and renewed in God's love for you!

For more information and booking forms visit
www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk

Welcome to all our Visitors

Especially in this holiday season. You can always get our Newsletter on line on our website
www.nfwp.org.uk

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Sunday	3	June	CORPUS CHRISTI	18.00 Vigil Mass 10.00 Holy Mass – Catherine & Louis D’Espagnac (Wedding Anniversary)	Coffee & tea in hall after Mass
Monday	4	June		No Mass	Living Rosary Group Meeting 5.45pm
Tuesday	5	June		No Mass	
Wednesday	6	June	St. Norbert	<i>09.30 Rosary</i> 10.00 Holy Mass) – 6 th Airborne Division & Canadian Colleagues 6 th June 1944	Confession after Mass
Thursday	7	June	9 th week in ordinary time	09.30 Rosary 10.00 Holy Mass – Thomas Nixon (RIP)	
Friday	8	June	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	19.00 Holy Mass) – Daisy (Joan) Evans(RIP)	NB Evening Mass
Saturday	9	June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – 18.00 Vigil Mass – Joseph Matthew (RIP)	17.30 Confession
Sunday	10	June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass – Ian Russell (RIP)	Coffee & tea in hall after Mass

IMPORTANT: MASS OFFERINGS/intentions If you would like a Mass said for your intention then please take one of the envelopes on the shelf by the Confessional and fill in your details, add an offering and pop it into the general collection at one of the weekend masses. The next available day will be booked in the diary. If you wish a specific date, please give plenty of time and phone the office during opening times or call in to check the date is available. Thank you.

Our Parish Live Streaming

Total Number of Viewers for the Month of May – 5,476 – Total Time Viewed – 2,640 hours

Collections 26/27 th May	
loose	£478.44
envelopes	£161.00
Thank you for your continued support	

	Sat. 2 June	Sun. 3 June	Sat. 9 June	Sun. 10 June
Reader	P. Thorpe	P. Caffyn	M.Newland	C.Barrett
	B.Dempster	P. Caffyn	M.Hobbs	C.Barrett
EMHC	A.Joseph	J. Kurian	C.d’Espagnac	J.Nichols
	M.Newland	M. Tanner		M.Buckland
		Akhil Joseph	M.Harwood	S.Salinger

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Secretary: Lizzie Davies Wed & Fri 10.00h-14.00h

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

Website: www.nfwp.org.uk

Safeguarding: Katherine Dempster Tel: **01425 611643** email: katherine.dempster@btinternet.com

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