

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

15 Promises of Our Lady to People who Pray the Rosary - A Must Read -

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roche, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.

Historical Facts: If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

Besides the Indulgences attached to the Rosary, Our Lady revealed to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche additional benefits for those who devoutly pray the Rosary. Our Lady's promise is shown in **darker blue text**. Additional explanation on and doctrinal connections to each promise is shown following in the smaller normal text font. Note that the Rosary is the prayer (non-

Liturgical) with the most published Magisterial / Papal documents expounding on its excellence. Vatican II's summary on Our Lady is contained in Lumen Gentium chapter VIII.

1. Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces. Signal Graces are those special and unique Graces to help sanctify us in our state in life. See the remaining promises for an explanation for which these will consist. St. Louis de Montfort states emphatically that the best and fastest way to union with Our Lord is via Our Lady [True Devotion to Mary, chapter four].

2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary. Our Lady is our Advocate and the channel of all God's Grace to us. Our Lady is simply highlighting that She will watch especially over us who pray the Rosary. (see promise #11) [a great more detail is available on this topic in True Devotion to Mary, chapter four, by St. Louis de Montfort]

3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies. This promise, along with the next, is simply the reminder on how fervent prayer will help us all grow in holiness by avoiding sin, especially a prayer with the excellence of the Rosary. An increase in holiness necessarily requires a reduction in sin, vice, and doctrinal errors (heresies). If only the Modernists could be convinced to pray the Rosary! St. Louis de Montfort states "Since Mary alone crushed all heresies, as we are told by the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary)..." [True Devotion to Mary #167]

4. It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for Eternal Things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means. This promise, along with the previous, is the positive part, of being in virtue. Becoming holy is not only avoiding sin, but also growing in virtue.

5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish. Since Our Lady is our Mother and Advocate, She always assists those who call on Her implicitly by praying the Rosary. The Church reminds us of this in the Memorare prayer, "... never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided ..."

6. Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life. This promise highlights the magnitude of Graces that the Rosary brings to whoever prays it. One will draw down God's Mercy rather than His Justice and will have a final chance to repent (see promise #7). One will not be conquered by misfortune means that Our Lady will obtain for the person sufficient Graces to handle said misfortune (i.e. carry the Crosses allowed by God) without falling into despair. As Sacred Scripture tells us, "For my yoke is sweet and my burden light."

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church. This promise highlights the benefits of obtaining the most possible Graces at the hour of death via the Sacraments of Confession, Eucharist, and Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick). Being properly disposed while receiving these Sacraments near death ensures one's salvation (although perhaps with a detour through Purgatory) since a final repentance is possible.

8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise. Our Lady highlights the great quantity of Graces obtain through praying the Rosary, which assist us during life and at the moment of

death. The merits of the Saints are the gift of God's rewards to those persons who responded to His Grace that they obtained during life, and so Our Lady indicates that She will provide a share of that to us at death. With this promise and #7 above, Our Lady is providing the means for the person to have a very holy death.

9.I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary. Should one require Purgatorial cleansing after death, Our Lady will make a special effort to obtain our release from Purgatory through Her intercession as Advocate..... *To be continued*

Fr. George Ngwa

LIVING ROSARY GROUP - Please note that our next Meeting of the Living Rosary Group is on Monday 1st October at 5.45pm.

CHURCH CHOIR: Since some members will be on the 'Trinity Pilgrimage' - N. Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania, **Regular practices will continue from Thursday October 4th.**

A DAY WITH MARY – On Saturday 13th October 2018 St. John's Catholic Cathedral in Portsmouth is holding a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Please see Noticeboard at the back of Church for further details.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - These will start on **Monday 15th October 2018** in the Church hall at 5.30 to 6.30 pm. This is the start of their preparation so if you have any queries please let me know beforehand. Thank you. We are blessed to have so many this year. Johanna Thomas 01425 291913

If you would like to assist at the Holy Communion preparation classes please let me know. It is a wonderful opportunity. Johanna Thomas

HARVEST SUPPER: We are planning to enjoy a Harvest Festival Supper in the Hall after Mass on Saturday 20th October. Please bring a plate of food for all to share; either hot or cold, savoury or sweet. Please bring it to the Hall on Saturday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Help needed with moving furniture etc.! Bring your own drink; glasses available in the Hall or bring your own. The Ukelele Group will be there to entertain you and we can sing along with them! We will be holding a Raffle so we would be grateful for any items towards it. Thank You! Robin and the Team.

CAFOD FAST DAY – There will be a 2nd collection on Sunday 7th October for CAFOD Harvest following CAFOD Harvest Day on Friday 5th October.

APF – MILL HILL - MISSIONNARIES APPEAL - (Association for the Propagation of the Faith). Eileen Tomkins will be giving a short Appeal for this very worthwhile cause on Saturday 6th at the Vigil Mass and at Mass on Sunday 7th.

OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH GARDEN – I think we have all enjoyed the beauty of this magical herbaceous garden that borders the Church carpark and which Bryad built up from scratch over the past 3 years. Now that Autumn has arrived, all the colourful flowers are dying off ready for the Winter. Bryad has had to stand back due to declining health but he tells me that all the plants need to be cut back to ground level in order to encourage new growth next year. Fr. George says we have the necessary tools, so can we get a team together to do a 1-off annual cut-back this Autumn, so that we can all enjoy this wonderful garden again next year?
Lizzie

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Sunday	30	Sept.	26 th Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Vigil Mass of 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- <i>Rosetta & Fred Vietro</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Giovanni Di Mai Da Loho (RIP)</i>	Coffee & Tea in Hall after Mass
Monday	01	Oct.	St Teresa of the Child Jesus		
Tuesday	02	Oct.	The Holy Guardian Angels	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>MPP</i>	
Wednesday	03	Oct.	26 th Week in Ordinary Time	0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Concetta Raffaella Trombetta</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	04	Oct.	St. Francis of Assisi	0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Daniel Thattarassery (RIP)</i>	
Friday	05	Oct.	26 th Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Tim Varghese Thattarassery (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	06	Oct.	Our Lady on Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – 18.00 Vigil Mass of 27 th Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Robert & Sheila Vernon (Well-being & Blessing)</i>	17.30 Confession
Sunday	07	Oct.	27 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Katie Loftus & Jacob Holland (3rd Wedding Anniversary)</i>	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 place 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 notice and phone the office during opening times or call in to check the date is available. Thank You!

Collections 22/23 September		Sat. 29 Sept.	Sun. 30 Sept.	Sat. 6 Oct.	Sun. 7 th Oct.
loose	£311.82	Reader M.Hobbs	P.Caffyn	J.Marriott	S.Ramsay
envelopes	£130.00	P.Thorpe	P.Caffyn	M.Newland	S.Salinger
		EMHC F.Fallon	S.Salinger	F.Fallon	Akhil Joseph
		M.Newland	J.Nichols	M.Newland	Joseph Kurian
Thank you for your continued support		M.Harwood	Akhil Joseph	T.Gearey	M.Tanner

2nd Collection on Sunday 30th for CAFOD Harvest

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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