

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 9.00am- 7.00pm



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 28TH OCTOBER 2018

Message of the Holy Father for World Mission Sunday **Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all**

Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. “Mission revitalizes faith” (*Redemptoris Missio*, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission

Every man and woman *is* a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be *attracted* and to be *sent* are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: “*I am a mission* on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

We proclaim Jesus Christ

The Church, by proclaiming what she freely received (cf. *Mt* 10:8; *Acts* 3:6), can share with you young people the way and truth which give meaning to our life on this earth. Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us, appeals to our freedom and challenges us to seek, discover and proclaim this message of truth and fulfillment. Dear young people, do not be afraid of Christ and His Church! For there we find the treasure that fills life with joy. I can tell you this from my own experience: thanks to faith, I found the sure foundation of my dreams and the strength to realize them. I have seen great suffering and poverty mar the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters. And yet, for those who stand by Jesus, evil is an incentive to ever greater love. Many men and women and many young people have generously sacrificed themselves, even at times to martyrdom, out of love for the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters. From the cross of Jesus, we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice (cf. *1 Cor* 1:17-

25) as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world (cf. *Jn* 3:16). To be set afire by the love of Christ is to be consumed by that fire, to grow in understanding by its light and to be warmed by its love (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14). At the school of the saints, who open us to the vast horizons of God, I invite you never to stop wondering: “What would Christ do if He were in my place?”

Transmitting the faith to the ends of the earth

You too, young friends, by your baptism have become living members of the Church; together we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. You are at the threshold of life. To grow in the grace of the faith bestowed on us by the Church’s sacraments plunges us into that great stream of witnesses who, generation after generation, enable the wisdom and experience of older persons to become testimony and encouragement for those looking to the future. And the freshness and enthusiasm of the young make them a source of support and hope for those nearing the end of their journey. In this blend of different stages in life, the mission of the Church bridges the generations; our faith in God and our love of neighbor are a source of profound unity.

This transmission of the faith, the heart of the Church’s mission, comes about by the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfillment in life. The spread of the faith “by attraction” calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love. It is not possible to place limits on love, for love is strong as death (cf. *Song* 8:6). And that expansion generates encounter, witness, proclamation; it generates sharing in charity with all those far from the faith, indifferent to it and perhaps even hostile and opposed to it. Human, cultural and religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church represent the extreme peripheries, the “ends of the earth”, to which, ever since the first Easter, Jesus’ missionary disciples have been sent, with the certainty that their Lord is always with them (cf. *Mt* 28:20; *Acts* 1:8). This is what we call the *missio ad gentes*. The most desolate periphery of all is where mankind, in need of Christ, remains indifferent to the faith or shows hatred for the fullness of life in God. All material and spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, is always a consequence of the rejection of God and His love.

The ends of the earth, dear young people, nowadays are quite relative and always easily “navigable”. The digital world – the social networks that are so pervasive and readily available – dissolves borders, eliminates distances and reduces differences. Everything appears within reach, so close and immediate. And yet lacking the sincere gift of our lives, we could well have countless contacts but never share in a true communion of life. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself in the vocation that God, who has placed us on this earth, chooses to give us (cf. *Lk* 9:23-25). I dare say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation.

Bearing witness to love

I am grateful to all those ecclesial groups that make it possible for you to have a personal encounter with Christ living in His Church: parishes, associations, movements, religious communities, and the varied expressions of missionary service. How many young people find in missionary volunteer work a way of serving the “least” of our brothers and sisters (cf. *Mt* 25:40), promoting human dignity and witnessing to the joy of love and of being Christians! These ecclesial experiences educate and train young people not only for professional success but also for developing and fostering their God-given gifts in order better to serve others. These praiseworthy forms of temporary missionary service are a fruitful beginning and, through vocational discernment, they can help you to decide to make a complete gift of yourselves as missionaries.

The Pontifical Mission Societies were born of young hearts as a means of supporting the preaching of the Gospel to every nation and thus contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth. The prayers and the material aid generously given and distributed through the Pontifical Mission Societies enable the Holy See to ensure that those who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are. Let me repeat the words of encouragement that I addressed to the young people of Chile: “Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me” (*Meeting with Young People*, Maipu Shrine, 17 January 2018).

Dear young people, this coming October, the month of the missions, we will hold the Synod devoted to you. It will prove to be one more occasion to help us become missionary disciples, ever more passionately devoted to Jesus and His mission, to the ends of the earth. I ask Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Blessed Paolo Manna to intercede for all of us and to accompany us always. Pope Francis - © Libreria Editrice Vatican

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET – The Clocks go back this weekend – An extra hour Lie-In this Sunday! Also the Church opening times during the Winter months will be from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. each day.

LIVING ROSARY – Please note that our next Meeting of the Living Rosary Group is on Monday 5th November at 5.45 p.m.

Thanksgiving Mass for the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero – Saturday 24th November 2018

Matthew Quinn (Headteacher at Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College) would like to invite you to a Thanksgiving Mass for the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. This Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 2.00pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. The service will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of Saint Oscar Romero. The Mass is an opportunity for us to thank God for the life and example of Saint Oscar Romero, who was canonised on Sunday 14 October 2018 in Rome. Saint Romero is known as a modern saint who stood up for the oppressed and is still seen as a voice for the voiceless. His teaching and example have inspired us to start the Oscar Romero Award for Catholic Schools; an Award that will help schools think about their role as practitioners and promoters of Catholic social justice.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mugeni Sumba by email on m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org or 07843 514376.

GDPR – As you will have no doubt already read, the General Data Protection Regulations came into force in May this year and we are required to receive your personal permission before using any of your personal details. There are still quite a few envelopes at the back of Church which have not been collected yet. If you are prepared for us to use your personal information in future for any Church business, including notifications about forthcoming events etc., would you please ensure that you pick up your envelope and complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me as soon as possible. If you are unable to find your envelope, please take one of the blank questionnaire forms at the back of Church. Thank you! Lizzie Davies.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1st – 7th November. Bishop Philip believes that Legacy income is vital for the future of our parishes and diocese and he is encouraging us all to consider giving a gift in our Wills for the long-term benefit of the Catholic community. This coming week is Catholic Legacy Week, a time for contemplative thought on this important subject. Thank you!

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Sunday	28	Oct.	30 th Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Vigil Mass of 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- <i>Jack & Mary Loftus (RIP)</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Tanner Family (grace & blessings)</i>	Coffee & Tea in Hall after Mass
Monday	29	Oct.			
Tuesday	30	Oct.	30 th Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>MPP</i>	
Wednesday	31	Oct.		0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Len & Louise Castle (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	01	Nov.	ALL SAINTS	0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Derrick Hobbs (RIP)</i>	
Friday	02	Nov.	ALL SOULS	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Felix & Doreen Tobin (repose of the souls)</i> 3.00 p.m. <i>For the Faithful Departed at the Cemetary</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>English Mass for the Faithful Departed</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	03	Nov.	St. Martin de Porres	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – 18.00 Vigil Mass of 31 st Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Charles & Minnie Garbett (RIP)</i>	17.30 Confession
Sunday	04	Nov.	31 st Week in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass -	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 20 th /21 st October		Sat.27 Oct.	Sun.28th	Sat. 3 Nov.	Sun. 4 Nov.
loose	£291.36	Reader K.Dempster	P.Caffyn	T.Gearey	S.Ramsay
envelopes	£250.00	A.Nash	S.Salinger	P.Thorpe	P.Caffyn
		EMHC F.Fallon	M.Tanner	B.Dempster	A.Caneda
Thank you for your continued support		J.Thomas	A.Caneda	K.Dempster	Akhil Joseph
		T.Gearey	J.Nichols	T.Gearey	S.Salinger

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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