

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 9.00am- 7.00pm



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1-7 NOVEMBER 2018

“Legacy income is vital for the future of our parishes and diocese, and we believe it is important to take positive steps now, to inform and encourage parishioners to think about leaving gifts in their Wills for the long-term benefit of the Catholic community. Relatively few people think about continuing their lifetime support through gifts in their will. Yet legacies are a very valuable and lasting way to be involved in the Church’s ministry and mission, helping to meet the needs of future generations. Although it is a sensitive subject, people are generally only too happy to consider it if asked gently...” *Bishop Philip Egan.*

My legacy to the church?

When making one’s will one might want to consider leaving such a gift to one’s local church or denomination, just as we might leave a gift to friends or family. Giving a legacy to your church is an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church’s life, through mission and ministry to all God’s people. Our Church exists to continue the ministry of Jesus. We can express our commitment to him by reaching out to the people of the world he loves. As followers of Christ we are called to serve those whom society often rejects or excludes – the homeless, the friendless, those who are ill and in pain be it physically, mentally and/or spiritually. We also seek to care for the isolated and vulnerable and we invite the ‘heavy laden’ to take rest in the welcoming heart of our Church. In order to respond to Christ’s call to evangelise the world we also have to:

- work to empower all God’s people to be ministers of Christ,
- continue to train our clergy and lay ministers to be caring pastors and effective ministers,
- Maintain the beautiful churches and cathedrals built by the early Christians and the daily costs using them for worship.

Scripture tells us that Jesus was able to do his work because of the generosity of his friends and supporters. A gift in your Will is a testament to your commitment to the ministry of Christ and can help to ensure God’s mission for years to come.

There are also many Christian missionary agencies and other organisations, that our local church may support and you may wish to remember in your Will. You are not limited in the amount of support you may choose to give, or in the types of gift/legacies you may wish to leave. For example someone who is unsure of the value of their estate could decide to leave cash (pecuniary legacy) as well as a share in their estate’s residue (residuary legacy).

What about you? What sort of legacy do you want to leave? How will you touch the lives around you? Will you leave the world a different place than you found it? There is often a gap between how we want to be remembered and how we will be remembered. Thank you for your generosity to the Church.

Fr. George Ngwa

NOVEMBER THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

First, we might start with a question? Why death? Why was our beloved husband, wife, child or friend, taken from us? We simply do not know the answer to that? That is one of the mysteries of life that Scripture does not answer.

But when is death convenient? When is death ever timely for the individual or for the family and friends? When is death not a shock? When is death normal? Certainly, sometimes it is a relief because of sickness or the pains of this life, but who can ever really be thankful for death. So let's ask a question.

Death Is An Enemy: According to Scripture, death is not really normal or natural even though it is a persistent fact of human history. Why? Because man was created by God to be a unity of body, soul, and spirit and in that state to live forever with God in fellowship with Him. This is the natural, normal state that God planned for man. This is why we have the hope and promise of the resurrection (cf. 2 Cor. 5:1-9).

Further, according to Scripture, death is an enemy, the last enemy to be conquered by God, and as such, it is the result of a cause, the result of sin and the fall of the human race. "For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death" (1 Cor. 15:25-26). How is death our enemy?..... To be continued

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND -

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update, please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

SHEILA VERNON

A Vigil Mass will take place for Sheila Vernon at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 12th November and her Funeral Mass will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 13th November. Please note there will be no evening Mass.

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.

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!

PILATES CLASSES

If you are interested in joining a beginners' Pilates class or Fit4all fitness class on a Monday or Tuesday morning here at the Church hall please contact: Jules Scarratt 07953 284 536 for more information

November Prayer for the Dead

In November, please pray each day for the holy souls in Purgatory, that is, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died, and those with no one to remember or pray for them. During November, many of our priests will be visiting cemeteries to bless graves and to pray for the dead: keep an eye open for notices in your parish newsletter. There may also be special memorial Masses and other liturgies, particularly for the bereaved, in your parish too. Finally, remember that it's possible between 1st and 8th November to gain a plenary indulgence (one per day) applicable to the dead by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. To gain this, you must be in a state of grace, have no attachment whatever to sin even venial, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion within a few days of the work, and say prayers for the Pope's intentions (e.g. *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*).

I'm always amazed by how few people know the traditional prayers for the dead so here they are. Please check that your children know them too: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they + rest in peace. Amen.***

The Advent Wreath

We're now only a few weeks away from Advent and I wanted to suggest you make for your home an Advent wreath. The origins of the Advent wreath are German and Lutheran but in recent times Catholics, too, have adopted them as a way of marking the progression of Advent to the Nativity. The wreath is formed of evergreens (yew or fir or laurel) and is either suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table. Fastened to it are four candles standing upright, at equal distances, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, at a set time, the family gathers for a prayer and each Sunday of Advent one more candle is lit, until all four candles shed their cheerful light to announce the forthcoming birthday of the Lord. The symbolism is a reminder of the Old Testament, when humanity was "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 2:79); when the prophets, illumined by God, announced the Redeemer; and when the hearts of all burned with desire for the Messiah. It is common to use three violet candles and one rose, symbolizing the respective liturgical colours of the four Sundays of Advent, though in Germany, red candles are used.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER DEAD LIST – Please ensure your name is also included on the envelope.

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| Sunday | 04 | Nov. | 31 st Week in Ordinary Time | 18.00 Vigil Mass of 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- <i>Charles & Minnie Garbett (RIP)</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – | Coffee & Tea in Hall after Mass |
| Monday | 05 | | | | |
| Tuesday | 06 | Nov. | 31 st Week in Ordinary Time | 18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Thomas & Sarah Nixon (RIP)</i> | |
| Wednesday | 07 | Nov. | St. Willibrord | 0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Harriett Pendry (RIP)</i> | Confession after Mass |
| Thursday | 08 | Nov. | 31 st Week in Ordinary Time | 0.90 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Della Loftus (RIP)</i> | |
| Friday | 09 | Nov. | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Vincent Halliwell (RIP)</i> | Confession after Mass |
| Saturday | 10 | Nov. | St. Leo the Great | 09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>MPP</i> 18.00 Vigil Mass of 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Ange & Lewis d'Espagnac (RIP)</i> | 17.30 Confession |
| Sunday | 11 | Nov. | 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday | 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Marcin & Julia (RIP)</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 27 th /28 th October | | Sat. 3 Nov. | Sun. 4 Nov. | Sat. 10 Nov. | Sun. 11 Nov. |
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| loose | £333.10 | Reader T.Gearey | S.Ramsay | B.Dempster | C.Fradd |
| envelopes | £202.00 | P.Thorpe | P.Caffyn | K.Dempster | C.Fradd |
| | | EMHC B.Dempster | A.Caneda | M.Newland | J.Nichols |
| | | K.Dempster | Akhil Joseph | F.Fallon | S.Salinger |
| Thank you for your continued support | | T.Gearey | S.Salinger | M.Harwood | M.Tanner |

2nd Collection on Sunday 4th November for Bamenda

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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