

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

IS TEMPTATION A SIN?

The Truth About Temptation

Sooner or later today, temptation will come your way. There is no escape for any of us. However we play a key role in how effectively we resist it. While it's true Satan plays a role in tempting you, you must first cooperate with him before you give in.

Temptation's Entryway: Have you ever been amazed after falling into sin and asked yourself how you ended up there? It was through a series of events that led you to ultimately rationalize that sin. Temptation generally comes in through the realm of your imagination. Think of it as if an unwelcome visitor were knocking at your door. You know you will have trouble if you open it. In the same way, when the enemy comes with temptation, do not open the door. In fact, don't even look through the peephole. Do not underestimate sin or the power of it. As Christians, we face three enemies every day: the flesh, the world, and the devil. The ***flesh*** is the evil nature we all have within us - that propensity, that vulnerability to do the wrong thing. Next, there is ***Satan*** with his outward enticements. Then, of course, there is the ***world***. You might say that the flesh with its desires is the ***internal foe***. Satan with his enticements is the ***infernal foe***, and the world with its enticements is the ***external foe***.

Temptation's Origins: We must recognize that temptation originates with our bent toward doing the wrong thing. When we give in to temptation, we have only ourselves to blame (cf Romans 6:16), but sometimes we blame God. But as we read in James, "Let no man say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone'" (James 1:13).

Temptation's Timing: Temptation generally comes after great times of blessing. It hit Jesus when he went to the Jordan River and was baptized. The Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove, and God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Immediately after this, Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After the dove, came the devil. After the blessing, comes the trial.

Temptation's Targets: In a broad sense, everyone is tempted. However, the enemy focuses his attacks on those who are young in the faith and those who are making a difference in God's kingdom. Many Christians would recall that when they first came to Jesus, they were hit with some serious temptations. Likewise, any Christian who says, "Lord, I want you to use me," must know that Satan will attack. Be aware.

Temptation's Antidote: It's important to note that the primary weapon Jesus used to resist temptation was the Word of God. In the same way, when the devil comes and tempts you, your first line of defence is the Bible. For example, if he whispers in your ear, "Go ahead and sin. No one will ever find out," your response should be something like: "No. It is written in Hebrews 4:13, 'All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.'"

Temptation's Defeat: Temptation is the devil's primary method of attack. We all know a lot about it. None of us enjoys being tempted. But it is something that every Christian will experience. However, temptation can be resisted. James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endures temptation...". A better translation of the word blessed would be happy. Happy is the person who makes it through temptation. If you respond as you should, then you ultimately will hold that much tighter to the Lord Jesus Christ the next time Satan comes with some kind of an enticement.

All of us have been tempted to do things we know are wrong and outside of the will of God. We face these temptations and when we fail, we often feel the guilt and shame from the sin that we committed. Even people that are trying to do the right thing will fall into traps that Satan uses to ensnare us.

Temptation is exactly the same now for us as it was for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The Bible teaches that Satan tempts us in the same way today as he tempted Jesus. Satan tempts us today through “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16).

As we often say *Temptation is not a Sin*. So it is not a sin to be tempted. Everybody is tempted. Many Christians have an idea that when they are beset by temptation, it must be sin. But it is not a sin to be tempted. *The devil tempts you, and God tests you*. The devil can tempt you only so far, in the permissive will of God. He can go only so far. Scripture says that God always makes a way to escape.

In the wilderness there was a duel, in a sense, between the devil and the Lord Jesus Christ. The devil was strong. Jesus was tired, emaciated, facing all the forces of hell and evil. He had not eaten for 40 days and 40 nights. How could He stand up against the devil, who had defeated Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Adam and Eve had everything they wanted to eat. They were strong. They had been made in the image of God. Yet when they were tempted, they failed; they sinned against God. In the same way, you and I have yielded. We are sinners by birth. The Bible says, “In sin my mother conceived me” (Psalm 51:5). We are also sinners by choice. There comes a time when we make a deliberate choice not to keep Holy the Sabbath day, to tell a lie, to steal, to covet. Then we become sinners by practice. The more we do it, the easier it is to practice lust, greed, hate, lying and stealing, or whatever it may be—pride, jealousy, anger. These things beset all of us, and we yield to Satan’s temptations. Each of us is responsible before God.

The devil is subtle—he is like an angel of light. He ensnares people by trying to make us believe a lie by misquoting the Scriptures, misapplying them or taking a verse out of context. We are to compare Scripture with Scripture, “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). In our study of the Scriptures we are to be led by the Holy Spirit. The devil was tempting Jesus to put on a show, to be spectacular. It was a real temptation, a temptation to doubt the Word of God. Jesus “was in all points tempted as we are” (Hebrews 4:15), the Bible tells us.

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Matthew 6:13 - *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Matthew 26:41 - *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*”

Luke 11:4 - *and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.*”

Luke 22:40 - *And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*

1 Corinthians 10:13 - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

1 Timothy 6:9 - *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

Fr. George Ngwa

NOVEMBER REMEMBERING THE DEAD

Masses for the faithful departed. Just as we pray for others here on earth, we are encouraged by the Church to pray for souls who may be in purgatory. Why? We are all in need of grace to come into

the perfection of charity. We cannot enter heaven if we have not been completely cleansed of sin and all punishment due to sin. *See Catechism of the Catholic Church #1031 and 1472*

Since the Mass is the "source and summit" of the Christian Life, we naturally look to that Holy Sacrifice of Christ, containing the perfect prayer, to offer for our deceased relatives and friends who may still need the help of our prayers. Priests are under a strict obligation to remember in a special way the person for whom the Mass is being offered. Often you will hear the priests say the name of the person in the part of the Mass which specifically remembers those who have gone before us. Sometimes the intention for the Mass is listed in the bulletin or announced before the Mass. We can't really speak of "time" since the deceased person has entered eternity, but we can speak in terms of "final purification" before entrance into heaven. We believe that a Mass offered for a departed relative or friend may help hasten that final purification which he/she may still be undergoing in purgatory. So yes, a Mass does help lessen the soul's time in purgatory. And since the Mass truly *is* the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, it is the most perfect prayer and sacrifice. As such, there is nothing more glorious that we can offer to God on behalf of souls. **Please place your envelopes in the Wooden Box on the Altar of St. Joseph**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from Barbara - A very big thank you to all who made Sheila's Mass so special, Organist, choir, flower arrangers, readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and everyone who worked so hard in the Hall afterwards. Robert and I are extremely grateful, THANK YOU!

PALS -

Reminder for those going on our monthly outing - long distance - is 20th, Tuesday. meeting at coach pick-up strictly 8:50.a.m. Arrival back in N.M. approx. 7:00 / 8:00p.m.

SAFEGUARDING – IMPORTANT – RE-CHECKS

Portsmouth Diocese are in the process of updating all volunteer applicants who completed a CRB form prior to June 2013 to change them over to the new system of DBS (Disclosure and Barring) in line with current legislation. This applies to all volunteers who visit the sick and those that have ANY contact with children either inside or outside the church, on behalf of the Parish. For example Children's Liturgy or organised events.

As you can appreciate I am now tasked with updating Our Lady of Lourdes and to make it easier I have booked the Hall on TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER at 4.00 pm to issue the relevant documentation. There will be no need to re-apply for the volunteer role(s) you already hold and IF there are no other changes to your circumstances i.e change of address, there is no further need for references.

NEW FOREST CATENIAN MEETING

Our next Circle meeting will be held at **19.00 on Tuesday 27th November** at the Crown Manor Hotel, Lyndhurst as usual followed by **dinner at 20.00.**

As on several occasions during the year our Ladies will be joining us for dinner. Should you wish to enquire further about our Circle please contact: Nick Coghlan 01425 673906

CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving

Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH ON A MONTHLY ROTA BASIS – usually in groups of 4 or 5. If you can help, please phone Robin Vantin on 01425 838 227. Thank you!

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Sunday	18	Nov.	33rd Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Vigil Mass of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Eddy Kelleher</i> 10.00 Holy Mass For the repose of the souls of Lucien's family members & friends	Coffee & Tea in Hall after Mass
Monday	19		33 rd Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday	20	Nov.	33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass -	
Wednesday	21	Nov.	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>MPP</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	22	Nov.	St. Cecilia	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass –	
Friday	23	Nov.	St. Clement I	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Denis & Betty Bolland (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	24	Nov.	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Holy Souls</i> 18.00 Vigil Mass of 34th Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Elza (RIP)</i>	17.30 Confession
Sunday	25	Nov.	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	10.00 Holy Mass - 13.00 Baptism of Lacey Lee Clarke	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 10/11 Nov.		Sat. 17 Nov.	Sun. 18 Nov.	Sat. 24 Nov.	Sun. 25 Nov.
loose	£363.20	Reader M.Newland	P.Caffyn	J.Marriott	S.Ramsay
envelopes	£230.00	P.Thorpe	P.Caffyn	M.Hobbs	S.Salinger
		EMHC F.Fallon	M.Tanner	K.Dempster	Akhil Joseph
		J.Thomas	A.Caneda	T.Gearey	M.Tanner
		M.Newland	S.Salinger	B.Dempster	Joseph Kurian

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

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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