

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours **8:00am - 4.00pm**



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR "C" 3RD MARCH 2019

PAPAL INFALIBILITY – LAST PART

Case of Peter - As a biblical example of papal fallibility, Fundamentalists like to point to Peter's conduct at Antioch, where he refused to eat with Gentile Christians in order not to offend certain Jews from Palestine (Gal. 2:11–16). For this Paul rebuked him. Did this demonstrate papal infallibility was non-existent? Not at all. Peter's actions had to do with matters of discipline, not with issues of faith or morals.

Furthermore, the problem was Peter's actions, not his teaching. Paul acknowledged that Peter very well knew the correct teaching (Gal. 2:12–13). The problem was that they thought that he wasn't living up to his own teaching until he explained to them the vision he saw. Thus, in this instance, Peter was not doing any teaching; much less was he solemnly defining a matter of faith or morals. Fundamentalists must also acknowledge that Peter did have some kind of infallibility—they cannot deny that he wrote two infallible epistles of the New Testament while under protection against writing error. So, if his behaviour at Antioch was not incompatible with this kind of infallibility, neither is bad behaviour contrary to papal infallibility in general.

The rejection of papal infallibility by "Bible Christians" stems from their view of the Church. They do not think Christ established a visible Church, which means they do not believe in a hierarchy of bishops headed by the Pope. This is no place to give an elaborate demonstration of the establishment of a visible Church. But it is simple enough to point out that the New Testament shows the apostles setting up, after their Master's instructions, a visible organization, and that every Christian writer in the early centuries—in fact, nearly all Christians until the Reformation—fully recognized that Christ set up an ongoing organization.

One example of this ancient belief comes to us from Ignatius of Antioch. In his second-century letter to the church in Smyrna, he wrote, "Wherever the bishop appears, let the people be there; just as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church" (*Letter to the Smyrnaeans*, 8, 1 [A.D. 110]). If Christ did set up such an organization, he must have provided for its continuation, for its easy identification (that is, it had to be visible so it could be found), and, since he would be gone from earth, for some method by which it could preserve his teachings intact. All this was accomplished through the apostolic succession of bishops, and the preservation of the Christian message, in its fullness, was guaranteed through the gift of infallibility, of the Church as a whole, but mainly through its Christ-appointed leaders, the bishops (as a whole) and the pope (as an individual).

The Action of the Holy Spirit - It is the Holy Spirit who prevents the Pope from officially teaching error, and this charism follows necessarily from the existence of the Church itself. If, as Christ promised, the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church then it must be protected from fundamentally falling into error and thus away from Christ. It must prove itself to be a perfectly steady

guide in matters pertaining to salvation. Of course, infallibility does not include a guarantee that any particular pope won't "neglect" to teach the truth, or that he will be sinless, or that mere disciplinary decisions will be intelligently made. It would be nice if he were omniscient or impeccable, but his not being so will fail to bring about the destruction of the Church.

But he must be able to teach rightly, since instruction for the sake of salvation is a primary function of the Church. For men to be saved, they must know what is to be believed. They must have a perfectly steady rock to build upon and to trust as the source of solemn Christian teaching. And that's why papal infallibility exists.

Since Christ said the gates of hell would not prevail against his Church (Matt. 16:18b), this means that his Church can never pass out of existence. But if the Church ever apostasized by teaching heresy, then it would cease to exist; because it would cease to be Jesus' Church. Thus the Church *cannot* teach heresy, meaning that anything it solemnly defines for the faithful to believe is true. This same reality is reflected in the Apostle Paul's statement that the Church is "the pillar and foundation of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). If the Church is the foundation of religious truth in this world, then it is God's own spokesman. As Christ told his disciples: "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me" (Luke 10:16).

Preserving His Church - There are only two covenants, the old and the new. But the first Christians under the New Covenant had a living and infallible guide to the truth in Christ himself. Surely the lack of such a guide in future times would constitute yet another covenant -- the difference would be so radical. The argument runs as follows: It is clear even from Scripture that Peter had a special commission and special powers from Christ to care for the flock of Christ, to bind and loose, and to confirm his brothers in faith -- indeed he had the very powers of the keys to the Kingdom. Obviously, these powers were essential to the Church as constituted by Christ. And Christ promised to be with the Church always to the end of time, and said that the powers of hell would not prevail against it.

Clearly Christ knew that Peter would not live until the end of time, so he must have intended that the power he gave to Peter would be carried on until His return. After all, Peter was to feed "my" (Christ's) sheep, and so was serving as the vicar of Christ in Christ's absence. When Peter died, a new vicar would take his place, and so on, until Christ returned to claim his own. The parable of the steward awaiting his Master's return is very much to the point.

Infallibility Defined – When the Pope (1) intends to teach (2) by virtue of his supreme authority (3) on a matter of faith and morals (4) to the whole Church, he is preserved by the Holy Spirit from error. His teaching act is therefore called "infallible" and the teaching which he articulates is termed "irreformable".

Fr. George Ngwa

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENT - It's good to have a plan for *doing*. It's also good to have a plan for *being*.

How do I want to *be* during Lent this year? More quiet and thoughtful? More open to God's desires? Better able to sit with people who need me? More attentive to sacred readings, whether in church or in private? Do I need to be more compassionate toward my own fears and failings? Do I need to become more courageous about using the gifts God has given me?

In the days prior to Lent, ask yourself:

1. Ask God, every day, *"What does my soul need?"*
 2. Ask God, every day, *"What about my life makes you happy?"*
- Tell God, and yourself, every day, *"I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season."*

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ROTAS MARCH TO AUGUST 2019

Please find copies of the new Readers' Rota and EMHC Rota on the Church Noticeboard. Also, individual copies are addressed to everyone listed on the Rotas and can be found in the post basket by the Confessional. If you are unable to undertake the duty as indicated on the rota, can you please exchange with someone else on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you all for your invaluable help! Lizzie

NEW SAFEGUARDING MINISTER

After six years as Safeguarding Minister at Our Lady of Lourdes I am retiring from the role and with effect from 01st March 2019 the new Safeguarding Minister will be Mr Tony Harwood.

I could not have been effective in this role without your constant support and patience in completing the application forms. This is a very necessary function to support those volunteers who work with our housebound and children and I know you will continue to support Tony as you did me.

Tony's contact details are 01425 511952 or email hughharwood314@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you and God bless you all! Katherine Dempster

Appointment of a New Safeguarding Minister for your parish

Following a meeting with Tony Harwood and the completion of the necessary safe recruitment process I am happy to inform you that Tony has agreed to take on the role of Safeguarding Minister for your Parish and has been appointed as such. **Angela McGrory** - Safeguarding Co-ordinator

THE LIVING ROSARY - The Living Rosary meeting is on the 4th of March at 5.45pm. Look forward to seeing you all then. Please bring along any petitions that you have. Thank you – Mary Tanner

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Please don't forget - our busy Children's Liturgy program starts on 10th March. Full details on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 15th March

CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> Thank you!

OUR LADY & ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking for a Yr5/6 Full Time Class Teacher from **September 2019** (MPR or UPR). Application forms, job description and person specification are available on the school website: www.olsjschool.co.uk or you can request an application pack from the school office. Please note we do not accept CV applications. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 5th March 2019** (12 midday). Please email your application to adminoffice@olsjschool.com or send hard copies to Mrs Nanette Allies, Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School, 83a Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington, SO41 8GY. *Interviews: Tuesday 12th March 2019*

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH – 10th – 18th March 2019 – The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 10 to 18th March 2019 at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email: novenamhm@gmail.com

Saturday Vigil	02	Mar.	EIGHTH SUNDAY YEAR "C" In Ordinary Time	18.00 VIGIL MASS 8 TH SUNDAY YEAR "C" - For Peace & Healing for Cameroon	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday morning	03	Mar.		10.00 Holy Mass – Fr. George Private Intention	
Monday	04	Mar.			
Tuesday	05	Mar.	8 th Week in Year C	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - MPP	
Wednesday	06	Mar.	ASH WEDNESDAY	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass – St. Joseph now & at the Hour of Death 18.00 Evening Mass of Ashes	Confession after Mass
Thursday	07	Mar.	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass - For the repose of the souls of Pauline, Cathy & Kit	
Friday	08	Mar.	Friday after Ash Wednesday	10.0 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Holy Mass Jack Garahee RIP	Confession after Mass
Saturday	09	Mar.	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass –	Confession after Mass
Saturday vigil Mass				18.00 - VIGIL MASS 8 TH SUNDAY YEAR "C" - Daniel & Bridgit O'Sullivan RIP & Patrick	17.30 Confession
Sunday	10	Mar.	SUNDAY OF 8 TH WEEK IN YEAR C	10.00 Holy Mass. – Speedy recovery for a Friend of Margaret Hobbs	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass

IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. If you would like Holy Mass said for your Intention(s), 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 23/24 th Feb.		Sat. 02 Mar.	Sun. 03 Mar.	Sat. 09 Mar.	Sun. 10 Mar.
loose	£287.32	Reader A. Nash	S. Salinger	B. Dempster	C. Barrett
envelopes	£206.20	C. d'Espagnac	S. Ramsay	K. Dempster	C. Barrett
		EMHC T. Gearey	A. Caneda	M. Harwood	M. Tanner
		B. Dempster	Joseph Kurian	J. Thomas	Akhil Joseph
		K. Dempster	M. Tanner	C.d'Espagnac	J. Nichols
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Secretary: Lizzie Davies Wednesday 12.00h-16.00h & Friday 10.00h-14.00h

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

Website: www.nfwp.org.uk

Safeguarding Minister: Tony Harwood Tel: **01425 511 952** or email hughharwood314@hotmail.co.uk

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.