

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

15 Mount Ave, New Milton. BH25 6NT.

Parish priest: *Father George Ngwa*

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR "C" 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

## **PLACING A BALANCE BETWEEN PUNISHMENT AND DISCIPLINE.**

All three of today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment, while giving them many "second chances" despite their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

There is not a single responsible parent on the planet who hasn't struggled with getting a child to obey, and it can be an excruciating experience. How do you get your children to mind without losing yours? That's a challenge, and God's Word has much to say about how we as parents can meet that challenge. It shows us how to provide the kind of discipline that helps our children fulfil their responsibility. If the most important thing for our children to learn is to obey, what do we do when they won't?

### **Four Parenting Styles as practiced by many today.**

First, it's important to understand how your parenting approach may be contributing to the problem, especially in a culture that has made discipline a dirty word. To speak of a parent disciplining a child today evokes images of unreasonable anger and brutal beatings. That is not biblical discipline. Good parents aren't perfect and that is okay. In order to be a great parent, it is important to first know and evaluate how you are doing, so as to raise the next generation of healthy, mature, and responsible children. Follow these assessments and become a better parent!

**1. The Permissive Parent.** The Permissive Parents represent parents who are high in love but low in discipline. Permissive parents tend to produce children with very low self-esteem and feelings of inferiority. Though the parents express a lot of love, the lack of boundaries leaves their children with a high level of insecurity. The kids feel loved, but they are never sure of their limits. Their parents are generally fearful, afraid of messing up and damaging their children's psyche, so they never set firm boundaries. The kids feel very loved and yet very unsure of themselves.

**2. The Neglectful Parent.** This is the worst form of parenting. This kind of parent doesn't express much love and also doesn't really care enough to discipline. Their children tend to grow up with little or no lasting relationship with Mom or Dad. They're estranged because they feel forsaken. The parents' neglect may not necessarily be intentional — they may simply be in the midst of their own traumas and chaos, like an addiction or an abusive situation. They don't purposely desire to neglect their kids, but they don't know how to deal with their own issues adequately and don't have the tools to be healthy

parents. These children grow up with unbelievably deep emotional scars, and their only hope is to find Christ, be surrounded by godly role models, and get some good Christian counselling.

**3. The Authoritarian Parent.** The authoritarian parent does not express love and affection well but is very high on discipline. They raise children who are provoked to rebellion. The bar is always high and the "musts" and "do not's" are always abundant, so there's a strong sense of safety. But this kind of parent isn't content just to win the war; they have to win every battle too. Communication between parent and child takes the form of arguing and fighting, especially when the child is old enough to fight back. Authoritarian parents squeeze their kids until the kids can't wait to leave home, and as soon as they do, they rebel. When Paul told the Ephesians not to overcorrect their children and exasperate them, he was warning authoritarians not to raise children who would reject the faith altogether.

**4. The Authoritative Parent.** The authoritative Parents are the **best combination of love and discipline**. This kind of parenting is authoritative — not an overbearing authoritarian, but a compassionate yet firm authority. They have clear boundaries but are also very loving. Everyone knows who the boss is, but there's also a connection between parents and child, a consideration that respects and honours who the child is while not compromising his or her disciplinary needs. The result is a child high in self-esteem and equipped with good coping skills.

Secular sociological study found that the parent who balances love and discipline, without compromising either, produces well-adjusted kids who maintain a positive relationship with Mom and Dad. This study, the best available today, affirms parents who express love well and maintain a high degree of control in their home.

	<b>PUNISHMENT</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To inflict penalty for an offense	To train for correction and maturity
<b>Focus</b>	Past misdeeds	Future correct acts
<b>Attitude</b>	Hostility and frustration on the part of the parent	Love and concern on the part of the parent
<b>Resulting emotion in the child</b>	Fear and guilt	Security

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **FR. GEORGE NGWA - 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination was last Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March. This presented me with something of a dilemma since, whilst I fully intend to celebrate this significant occasion, I did not think it appropriate to do so during the observance of Lent. Many people who have devoutly taken to a sincere spiritual journey in this holy season find it difficult to do any celebration which will make them indulge in things given up and to recommit themselves to them later. Therefore I think a more fitting time for us to celebrate will be the joyous period of Easter; **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the 10:00 a.m.** Holy Mass and the celebrations thereafter in our Parish Church.

It had always been my intention to have a big celebration here in New Milton with all my parishioners and friends, my Cameroon and African communities here in the UK and family members and friends abroad. However this presents me with the issue and a need of a bigger Church and hall for the celebrations.

However, unbeknown to me, my brother Bamenda priests in the UK have already started to organise a celebration to include fellow priests from various parts of the world with the Cameroon and African Communities and suggested that the **Annunciation Church, 218 Charminster Road Bournemouth; Dorset BH8 9RW** - will be more suitable as both the church and hall are much larger than our lady of Lourdes. This will take place in the summer and precisely **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** to which of course all parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes will be very welcome.

Fr. Bernardine Nsom the Parish Priest of The Annunciation and St. Edmund Campion, who has celebrated Mass here when I'm called away, intends to coordinate the activities to mark my special occasion. If you wish to make a donation to my celebration, you may do so by bank transfer into Fr. George's account as follows:

<b>Bank: Lloyds;</b>	<b>Sort Code: 77-49-23</b>	<b>Account Number: 72915960</b>	<b>Reference Silver Jubilee Gifts:</b>
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Alternatively cheques can be given to our secretary Lizzie Davies, made out to **Fr. George – Anniversary Gift.**

Thank you ever so much and may God richly bless you. - Fr. George.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY REP:** Our lady of Lourdes Parish is still in need of a Health and Safety Rep. Please do come forward and render your invaluable service to the Church and mankind. Thanks

**VOCATIONAL SEEKER EVENING Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** Wondering what God is calling you to? Why not join the monthly Seeker Group to explore further? Our Diocesan Vocation Seekers Group meets monthly, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. Next Meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. at The Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41-43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. For info/invite contact: Fr. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHRISM MASS 2019 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - This year's Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 11am in the Cathedral. If you will be attending, please let Susie know. Details in subsequent bulletins.

## **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is filling up so if you are thinking of joining us, please act soon! The pilgrimage lasts five days, from **Thursday 25th July to Monday 29th July 2019** with 4 nights' accommodation near the Grotto in the Hotel La Solitude. We fly from Southampton to Bordeaux, then there is a coach transfer from there to Lourdes. The cost, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner each day with a full pilgrimage programme, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Portsmouth, is £645. This also includes the usual airline taxes and charges, UK government levy and Lourdes city tax. In conjunction with the main pilgrimage is our diocesan youth pilgrimage. The youth will be staying with us in Hotel La Solitude. They will be leading some of the liturgies and generally assisting, as well as having their own programme of formation, prayer and fun. The youth pilgrimage lasts 7 days from Wednesday 24th to Tuesday 30th July and travels by coach. The youth pilgrimage costs £475 per person. For more details contact Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686.

**4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April – Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham tour** - The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel will be visiting the Cathedral from 4th to 7th April. The event timetable is now available at [www.dowrytour.org.uk/portsmouth](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk/portsmouth) Please encourage the many faithful to attend. – Bishop Philip Egan

**Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor Conference – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to be a parish that looks outwards and helps those in need? This joint conference from CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will show you practical ways of doing exactly that. By learning more about CAFOD's Living Simply award and Caritas's social action projects you can help your parish or community group to become more outward looking. So come along to St. Peters in Winchester on Saturday 4th May for the Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor conference and learn how to truly put your faith into living action. *"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it."* Pope Francis to the World Economic Forum.

Saturday Vigil	23	Mar.	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR "C"	18.00 VIGIL MASS of THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR "C" – <i>Thanksgiving for the Fittsell Family</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday morning	24	Mar.		10.00 Holy Mass –	
Monday	25	Mar.	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00 Holy Mass	
Tuesday	26	Mar.	Tuesday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	18.00 Exposition 18:30 Rosary 18:50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass -	No Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	27	Mar.	Wednesday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	09.25 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Rosetta &amp; Fred Vietro</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	28	Mar.	Thursday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Maria &amp; John Richardson</i>	
Friday	29	Mar.	Friday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	09.25 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Jack ~Garahee (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	30	Mar.	Saturday of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Tony Trent (for the repose of the Soul)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday vigil Mass			Saturday of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent – <i>Hilda Keeling (RIP)</i>	17.30 Confession
Sunday	31	Mar.	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Mmgr Edwin Barnes (RIP)</i>	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 16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Sat. 23 Mar.	Sun 24 Mar.	Sat. 30 Mar.	Sun. 31 Mar
loose	£356.62	Reader T. Gearey	S.Salinger	M. Hobbs	P. Caffyn
envelopes	£190.00	M.Newland	S.Ramsay	A. Nash	P. Caffyn
		EMHC K.Dempster	A.Caneda	J. Thomas	M. Buckland
		Cd'Espagnac	J.Kurian	M. Harwood	A. Joseph
		B.Dempster	M.Tanner	M. Newland	J. Nichols
Thank you for your continued support					

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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.nfw.org.uk](http://www.nfw.org.uk)

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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.