

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR "C" 19TH MAY 2019

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 27TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, (solemnly celebrated on 11 February 2019 in Calcutta, India,) the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved. Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the “tree of life” (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today’s culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that “gift” is the category best suited to challenging today’s individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. “Gift” means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. “Gift” differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. “Gift” is a reflection of God’s love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as “creatures”, before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life.

Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good. We should not be afraid to regard ourselves as needy or reliant on others, because individually and by our own efforts we cannot overcome our limitations. So we should not fear, then, to acknowledge those limitations, for God himself, in Jesus, has humbly stooped down to us (cf. Phil 2:8) and continues to do so; in our poverty, he comes to our aid and grants us gifts beyond our imagining.

In light of the solemn celebration in India, I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – a model of charity who made visible God’s love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, “Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the ‘salt’ which gave flavour to her work; it was the ‘light’ that shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God’s closeness to the poorest of the poor” (Homily, 4 September 2016).

Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. I express my gratitude and offer my encouragement to all those associations of volunteers committed to the transport and assistance of patients, and all those that organize the donation of blood, tissues and organs. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church’s care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance. I would also mention the many efforts made to raise awareness and encourage prevention. Your volunteer work in medical facilities and in homes, which ranges from providing health care to offering spiritual support, is of primary importance. Countless persons who are ill, alone, elderly or frail in mind or body benefit from these services. I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church’s presence in a secularized world. A volunteer is a good friend with whom one can share personal thoughts and emotions; by their patient listening, volunteers make it possible for the sick to pass from being passive recipients of care to being active participants in a relationship that can restore hope and inspire openness to further treatment. Volunteer work passes on values, behaviours and ways of living born of a deep desire to be generous. It is also a means of making health care more humane.

A spirit of generosity ought especially to inspire Catholic healthcare institutions, whether in the more developed or the poorer areas of our world, since they carry out their activity in the light of the Gospel. Catholic facilities are called to give an example of self-giving, generosity and solidarity in response to the mentality of profit at any price, of giving for the sake of getting, and of exploitation over concern for people.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other’s needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others.

With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Vatican City, 25 November 2018 - Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – **Pope FRANCIS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH - Thank you for letting me be a part of your special celebration and making me a part of the occasion as well as the celebration. I will always remember this special gesture that you made to me with a lot of fond affection and love. Thank you for doing this for me. They say there is no *I* in *team* and today is proof of this statement. I am grateful for everything and everybody that led up to this moment. In Ecclesiology we learn that if we can come together to celebrate then we can come together to do even greater things. This is what I see in this celebration; our ability to come together as a parish to achieve our common objectives. A thank you is a simple gesture to let you know what you have done. It may not be enough but it needs to be acknowledged. – Fr. George Ngwa

19th May – WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Mass for the **World Day of the Sick** this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. In this Holy Mass there will be Prayers and the administration of the Sacrament of the sick to whosoever desires. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards

THE TIME IS NOW

“The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth” Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si’* Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the Time is Now Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

CAFOD Portsmouth is organising a coach to the lobby leaving from Sacred Heart Church Ringwood cost £20. To book use the link above. You can park in the church car park for the day.

Priestly Ordinations of Deacon Lawrence: We hope to draw the line on the list of parishioners going for the Ordination of Deacon Lawrence today 19/5/2019. Please check and be sure you have your name on our list. Details of his ordination is Saturday 22nd June at 12 noon at Cardiff Cathedral.

VOCATIONAL SEEKER EVENING – Friday 7th June 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. – Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to consider a new trajectory? “The Spirit calls specific people to specific tasks”. For further information please contact:-

Fr. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or email to vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit us at www.portsmouthvocations.org.uk

Saturday 8th June 2019 at 12 noon All Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory are warmly invited to the **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of Brother Andrew Wagstaff, Cong. Orat.** By the Rt Rev'd Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Followed by Reception in our Catholic Institute Hall. First Masses: Solemn Mass in the Ordinary Form at 10.30am on Sunday 9th June Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 12.15pm on Saturday 29th June. For further information please contact Sharon Head Parish Administrator, Bournemouth Oratory & Sacred Heart Church on 01202 411 140 or email sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CATHOLIC YOUTH – We have received a list of Summer Activities for young people from Tom Sellars, Department for Education Chaplaincies at Portsmouth Diocese, which please see on our Noticeboard at the back of the Church. The next event is “**Formation & Networking**” for Youth Ministers & Catechists on **Saturday 15th June at St. Joseph’s, Bracknell**. For further information email on youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone 02392 893 609

CAFOD - Roisin Beirne, Candlelight Funds Officer, has written to give a heartfelt “Thank You” for all this Parish community does. “CAFOD belongs to you. With you and your Parish community, families around the world will continue to have hope for a world where everyone can flourish”.

MISSIO – “Thank You” from Missio’s APF and Mill Hill. As a Red Box holder or an Annual Member you are a missionary, helping spread God’s word and share God’s love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the APF-Mill Hill family, you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio’s chapel in London. Find out more about what your gift contributes to at mission.org.uk. **Fr. Anthony Chantry, Missio Director.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR “C” 19TH MAY 2019

Saturday Vigil	18	May	Vigil of the 5 th Sunday of Easter	18.00 VIGIL MASS of 5 th Sunday of Easter – <i>Brigid Horan</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday morning	19	May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Ian Russell (RIP)</i> 3.00 pm Holy Mass for World Day of the Sick – Coffee & Tea after Mass of the Sick	
Monday	20	May			
Tuesday	21	May	Of the 5 th Week of Easter	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass - <i>John King (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday	22	May	Wednesday of the 5 th Week of Easter St. Rita of Cascia	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – - <i>Roy & Mary Tanner Wellbeing</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	23	May	Thursday of the 5 th Week of Easter	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Elza (RIP)</i>	
Friday	24	May	Friday of the 5 th Week of Easter	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Peggy Tolliday (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	25	May	Saturday of the 5 th Week of Easter St. Bede	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Mary Davies Wellbeing</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil of 6 th Sunday of Easter	18.00 - Vigil Mass of 6 th Sunday of Easter - <i>Don & Agnes Campbell (RIP)</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	26	May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Johanna Mountevans for restoration to good health</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 11/12 May		Sat. 18 May	Sun. 19 May	Sat. 25 May	Sun. 26 May
Loose	£374.78	J.Marriott	P.Caffyn	T.Gearey	S.Ramsay
envelopes	£201.00	M.Newland	P.Caffyn	G.Gordelier	S.Salinger
		EMHC	T.Gearey	A.Caneda	M.Newland
			K.Dempster	Akhil Joseph	C.d’Espagnac
			B.Dempster	M.Buckland	M.Harwood
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.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