

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours **7:00am - 6.00pm**



PENTECOST SUNDAY OF YEAR "C" 9TH JUNE 2019

THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

The scriptures in Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and 1 Peter 4:10-11 speak about the gifts of the Spirit. These are the *gifts of prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, grace, miraculous powers, distinguishing between spirits, speaking of tongues and interpretation of tongues*. These gifts are given “so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other” (1 Corinthians 12:25) so “that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 4:11).

As for the fruits of the Spirit, these are: *“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22)*. From this verse we understand that the true fruit of the Spirit, that indicates that the Spirit lives in a person and that shows that person is saved, begins with love.

The Christian life is a battle of the sinful flesh against the new nature given by Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). As fallen human beings, we are still trapped in a body that desires sinful things (Romans 7:14-25). As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit producing His fruit in us and we have the Holy Spirit's power available to conquer the acts of the sinful nature (2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 4:13). A Christian will never be completely victorious in always demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the main purposes of the Christian life, though, to progressively allow the Holy Spirit to produce more and more of His fruit in our lives—and to allow the Holy Spirit to conquer the opposing sinful desires. The fruit of the Spirit is what God desires our lives to exhibit and, with the Holy Spirit's help, it is possible. The cluster of fruit should characterize the life of every Christ-born child of God. We are to be filled with love, we are to have joy, we are to have peace, we are to have patience, we are to be gentle and kind, we are to be filled with goodness, we are to have faith, we are to have meekness, and we are to have temperance.

THE OLD YOU: Every person, before coming to Christ, is dominated by one nature—the “old man.” You're controlled by your ego, your self. The moment you receive Christ as your Saviour, that self is put down. Christ is put on the throne in your life, and the Spirit of God dominates your life. However, self is still there—sometimes hidden, sometimes quiet—waiting for the opportunity and the chance to attack the citadel of your soul and take control again. You have the will as a Christian to yield either to the flesh and live a fleshly, carnal life; or to yield to the Spirit and live a Spirit-filled life. I cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit by my own strength. I cannot love, I cannot have joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance by myself. I have no power. But this Holy Spirit, who lives in me since I received Christ as my Saviour, is the one who gives me the power to love. He gives me the joy. He gives me the peace. He gives me the patience. He bears the fruit in my life.

The fruits of the Spirit:

Love “*Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth*” (1 John 3:18). Is your love unconditional? Or is your love most evident when everything goes your way? This type of

fruit keeps on loving even when it's difficult to show affection to others. The capacity to love grows out of the agape love from the heavenly Father. The first one is love, is the heart of it all, because all of them are wrapped up in this one word: **love**. There are three words for love in Greek. In English there is only one. But in Greek, **eros** is sensual love. **Philia** is love between friends or the love between a man and wife. And there is one word to describe supernatural love, God's love for us: **agape**.

Joy "*For the joy of the Lord is your strength*" (Nehemiah 8:10). Can you have joy in the chaos? Or does your moodiness hover over everyone like a cloud? Not that anyone should be joyful about the hard times, but rather your joy comes from #1) God is with you through it and #2) God uses every trial to help you become stronger in the faith. Seventy times in the New Testament it says that Christians should rejoice! Count it as joy, even when you face trials and tribulations and troubles. There is a vast difference between pleasure and Christian joy. Pleasure depends on circumstances. Many times it requires good health to really enjoy yourself. But Christian joy is completely independent of health or circumstances.

Peace "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-8). Is your inner person wrecked with anxiety and worry when everything falls apart? Or can you rest in God's peace?

Forbearance "*Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience*" (Colossians 1:11). Can you be still and wait on God? Or are you tempted to always move ahead so you can stay in control? Forbearance is a fruit that will grow with your experience of being stretched in faith especially in times of trial. Forbearance is another word for patience; you don't have to pray for patience...it's there already!

Kindness "*And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful*" (2 Timothy 2:24). Do others sense your kindness in words and actions? Or are they more accustomed to your angry response? A gentle word, a soft answer, or a helping hand—all demonstrate the fruit of kindness in this culture of rudeness and selfishness.

Goodness "*Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God*" (3 John 11). Are your conversations marked with genuine virtue and honor? Or is your conversation tainted with worldly language, immoral tendencies, or gossip? Goodness doesn't mean that you are perfect, but rather someone who sincerely reflects the integrity of God within. A believer who demonstrates the fruit of goodness has the tendency to believe the best about people.

Faithfulness "*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful*" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Does your reputation reflect dependability and steadfastness in the faith? Or do people expect you to be late, undependable, or to drop off the map on a project? Your faithfulness represents God's Spirit dwelling within. Those who cultivate the fruit of faithfulness are compelled to complete every good work for His glory.

Gentleness "*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near*" (Philippians 4:5). Is your meek spirit felt around those who live or work with you? Or do they feel that you are a hard and legalistic person to deal with? A spirit of gentleness gives grace freely and consistently. Believers and unbelievers should feel at ease around you because of your presence of gentleness.

Self-Control "*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age*" (Titus 2:11-12) Do you control your appetites? Or do they control you? Believers can demonstrate of life of self-control and discipline in a world where every day is an opportunity for gluttony. You have the power through the Spirit to control your cravings.

Results: Are we at 10%, 50% or 100% in your fruit productivity? What matters most is that We should not give up growing spiritual fruit. We cultivate it with the grace from Jesus Christ, aided by the Holy Spirit, strengthen by the the Word of God and the Eucharist, and with the fellowship of the saints. *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8).*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr Annie Rutherford - It is with sadness that we have learned that Dr. Rutherford of the New Milton Health Centre and who lived in Sway was killed in a road traffic accident in Brockenhurst on Thursday. May she be remembered in all our prayers. R.I.P.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place during the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 16th June and first Confessions will be after Mass on Saturday 15th June.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANIVERSARY MASS – Saturday 6th July - If anyone would like an Intention for this Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held at St. Bede’s Church, Basingstoke, on Saturday 6th July at 11.00 a.m., please ask Lizzie for a Mass Request Form, which will need to be completed and returned to St. Bede’s Parish Office (details on the form).

ORDINATION OF DEACON LAWRENCE – Saturday 22nd June The arrangements are now finalised for our trip to Cardiff Cathedral to join in the celebrations with Deacon Lawrence. The minibus will leave promptly from the church car park at 07.00 on the 22nd June. Our journey will take almost 4 hours (with a comfort stop). We will arrive back in New Milton at approximately 1930. The cost of the 16 seater minibus is £540.00 which was the best available ‘deal’ on the day. Therefore we are asking for a minimum donation of £25.00 per person to partially cover the cost. The balance will be, as stated previously, paid for from church funds. I will collect all monies, preferably cheques, or cash on the day of departure BUT please confirm with me which payment method you prefer. Cheques should be made payable to PRC DTR NEW MILTON. I will pass over cash given to me, to our Treasurer, Andy Thomas. My numbers are:- 01425 611643/mobile 07887 747493. Email katherine.dempster@btinternet.com Many thanks for your kind attention. I am sure we will all have a very enjoyable day. God bless you Katherine Dempster

MISSIO’S APF-MILL HILL RED BOX ANNUAL RESULTS 2018 – We have received a Thank You letter from Missio for the dedicated time and effort that has been invested in raising **£2,893,696** by Portsmouth Diocese in 2018. In the words of recently retired Local Secretary – Margaret Ashdown – *“It has been a privilege to be part of the APF team and see the generosity and support of people who want to improve the lives of those less fortunate than themselves. Through the work of the missionaries who share the Good News with all people this is being achieved by your wonderful work”*.

DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP - Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2019 – Fr Mark Hogan will be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian’s, Kintbury, Berkshire. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £210 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact Angela Mulkerne on 07764 761006 or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Rev. Dr. Fidelis Halifax Oppong Rev. has now published his book to be launched this month, June 2019. For anyone, or group you know, who would like to buy his book please contact him (details below). The price of the book is £20.

The book is called **'THE CULTURE OF LIFE'** The New Pro-Life; The face of a child seen in the weak and the vulnerable people; the unborn child, the infant; the aged; the sick and the poor. A call to defend and safeguard human life. To contact him - e-mail - halifaxgh@gmail.com - Facebook - Vultus Sanctus. *He passed this message to Jane Gow for your notification.*

FIRE DRILL - We are intending to hold a Fire Drill at the end of Mass some time before the end of June. The Assembly Point is at the Grotto in the front garden.

Streamlining Monthly Totals for May -Number of Viewers 6678 Number of Unique Viewers 1217

PENTECOST SUNDAY OF YEAR "C" – 9TH JUNE 2019

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| Saturday Vigil | 08 | June | Vigil of Pentecost | 18.00 VIGIL MASS of Pentecost – Paul & Gehane Gordelier – 21st Wedding Anniversary | Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass |
| Sunday morning | 09 | June | PENTECOST SUNDAY | 10.00 Holy Mass – Anthony McCourts RIP | |
| Monday | 10 | June | The Blessed Virgin Mary | | |
| Tuesday | 11 | June | St. Barnabas | 18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass - Lissa & Joseph Kurian Thanksgiving | |
| Wednesday | 12 | June | Wednesday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time | 09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – Frank Wenman RIP | Confession after Mass |
| Thursday | 13 | June | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST | 09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – Special Intention | |
| Friday | 14 | June | Friday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time | 09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – MPP | Confession after Mass |
| Saturday | 15 | June | Saturday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time | 09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – Johanna Mountevans Positive Outcome Health | |
| Saturday vigil Mass | | | Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity | 18.00 - Vigil Mass of Trinity Sunday - Brigid Horan RIP | Confession 5.30 pm |
| Sunday | 16 | June | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | 10.00 Holy Mass. – Don & Agnes Campbell RIP | 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 1 st /2 nd June | | Sat. 08 June | Sun. 09 June | Sat. 15 June | Sun. 16 June |
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| Loose | £346.10 | Reader C.d’Espagnac | C.Barrett | D.McCourts | S.Salinger |
| envelopes | £177.00 | G.Gordelier | C.Barrett | T.Gearey | S.Ramsay |
| | | EMHC K.Dempster | Akhil Joseph | M.Newland | S.Salinger |
| | | T.Gearey | M.Tanner | M.Harwood | M.Buckland |
| Thank you for your continued support | | B.Dempster | Joseph Kurian | J.Thomas | J.Nichols |

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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