

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR "C" 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

## Working in Pairs for the Spread of the Gospel - A Mantra for Christians.

In our Gospel reading today Jesus sends out his Disciples on a mission of vital importance. He does so group them in pairs. They were given strict orders as a code of conduct for this missionary journey. Working in pairs therefore would make them easily remember what their mission was and to be of help to each other.

The Word of God (Bible), does contain a lot of information about working together. Teamwork is evident in the societal structures of marriage, family, community, and business. Advice for daily living, conflict and management, we are designed to need God and each other. No one has all the skills, gifts, or wisdom necessary for a successful life. We are exhorted to use the gifts we receive—the talents and unique bents of our created nature, as well as our spiritual gifts—to serve one another with kindness, respect, and appreciation.

For Christians, working and being in community with one another can be a difficult or tricky thing. I think most of us realize that relationships are important in our walk with The Lord and that we need community, but often are not sure of how that should play out every day. Let's face it, we are sinful. And after following Jesus, we are still sinful. That means people are complicated, relationships are messy, and because of our own baggage it's typically easier to just remain in isolation, our comfort zone and to avoid community. I obviously cannot be the mouthpiece to everyone's situation, but our Gospel reading today is to call our attention to a few points in regard to Christian community and its importance.

**Isolation Is Never the Answer.** Sometimes we think going at life alone is really the answer, when it's not. While it may "seem easier" not to be involved with people and maybe sometimes conflict, the problem is you were designed for relationships. Satan would love nothing more than to keep you in isolation. That is where he will deceive you by telling you "you are not good enough," "you are probably not a Christian," and "you are better than those other people and you don't need them." Don't believe his lies because you need relationships. *"Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment."* – **Proverbs 18:1**

**We Are Going To Be With Each Other Forever.** Eternity is a real thing and we are going to be together forever, so why not start acting like it today? We can serve and love one another, call each other out, and be there for each other in ways that this world will never understand. And we can (and should) do all of that because we are family. We are family, for eternity. *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* – **Hebrews 10:24-25**

**There's A Real Purpose Behind Community.** Probably the most important reason that community should be a priority is that Jesus has provided a real purpose behind it. *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all*

*people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:34-35 “For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”*

### **1 Corinthians 12:14.**

The Church is made up of many members and not just one. God hasn't called you to follow Him and be on your own, but rather has given you a purpose and you are to live that out within the Church. If we are all part of one body, and let's say you are a "right arm," you can't just float out there on your own, but need to be a part of the larger body so the right arm can work the way it's supposed to work. If you're not in community and part of the Church, you're missing out on the purposes that God has for you.

### **What the Bible Tells us about working with each other**

The first examples of working together of teamwork found in the Bible are in the opening chapter of Genesis. There we find the Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, working in concert at creation (Genesis 1:1–3). On the sixth day of creation, God fashioned Adam and Eve, the first human team. They were designed to complement each other and mirror the image and the community—the teamwork—of the Trinity (Genesis 1:26–27).

Ephesians 4:12 refers to the church, the community of believers, as the "body of Christ." The church is to work as a team. 1 Corinthians 12:17–31 unpacks the idea of the church as a body in greater depth, using the systems of the human body as an analogy for the way team members need to rely on each other. Strong teams, just like strong bodies, are made up of interdependent members fulfilling defined tasks.

**No Jealousy.** There is no jealousy in teamwork. When the whole team is working for the glory of God, there is no internal competition: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6). The unified team understands that reaching goals is God's doing. And what God is doing requires teamwork on our part: "The sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus, the saying 'One sows, and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour" (John 4:36–38).

**Diversity:** Jesus' twelve-man team was marked by its diversity (Mark 3:13–18; Luke 6:12–16). One was a tax collector, several were fishermen, one was politically active and known as "the Zealot." The Gospels recount three years of intense training as the disciples spent time at Jesus' side as He taught and ministered to people. At the midpoint of their training as disciples, Jesus sent the twelve out in pairs (Mark 6:7–13). They were given authority, direction, and opportunity. Jesus followed up with review, correction, and rest (Mark 6:30–31).

Moses, leader of the Israelites and author of the first five books of the Bible, led more than a million people through a nomadic existence that lasted forty years. His earliest teammate was Aaron, his brother (Exodus 6:26–7:20). Later, on the advice of his father-in-law, he added leaders for teams of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens (Exodus 24).

Christian teamwork acknowledges God as the established leader and objective third party in every team, adding strength and cohesion to the bond. Having basic relational boundaries in place helps teams focus on the job at hand. With love for God and love for one another, unity is possible (Ephesians 4:13). It helps to be humble and "consider others better than ourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 speaks of the value of teamwork: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Laurence Bryce will officially celebrate his first Holy Mass with us on Saturday 13th July at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 14th of July at the 10:00 a.m. Mass respectively. The Parish Community will celebrate with him in the Parish hall after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass

**REMEMBRANCE AT THE INDIAN MEMORIAL – BARTON ON SEA – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019** - This important event, which recognises the Indian Soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives for us in the First World War, is taking place at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Guests will include local residents, associated community groups, embassy officials, local councillors and school children and Fr. George has been asked again this year to say the prayers and give a blessing. Your support attendance would be very much appreciated!

**THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP** are holding their **Annual Mass** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Liphook. Address 108 Headley Road, Liphook, GU30 7PT.

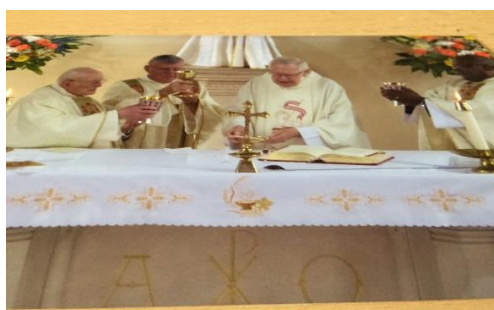
**HOLY REDEEMER HIGHCLIFFE – GOLDEN JUBILEE – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** – If you wish to attend either or both of these events, please sign the tick-off list on the Noticeboard at the back of Church in order to assist with catering arrangements.

**Do you attend weekday Masses, either regularly, occasionally or on a particular day of the week or month? Well....** The parish needs readers for weekday masses. The numbers of those willing or able has diminished and so there is additional burden on the few. If you read this and hear the call to help, even if you are unsure if you can do it, or have never read in church before, please come forward and speak with Johanna directly or give the office your details. If this is really not something you are able to do, you can still help by offering your Mass intentions that people hear the call and come forward. Thank you. Johanna (01425 291913)

**NEW FOREST BASICS BANK ROTA** "There is a new Basics Bank Rota for each volunteer who takes items to the Basics Bank office in Lymington, please collect yours from the sacristy. A copy is also pinned up by the sacristy door."

**Live Streaming Viewings for June – Number of Viewers 7373 Number of Unique Viewers 1346**

**FATHER GERRIT VERVENNE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE LUNCH** Father Vervenne celebrated his fiftieth year of Ordination on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and a celebration lunch was held in his honour in the church hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. His guests included Nora, Rev Michael Welch who was Deacon during Father Vervenne's time as Parish Priest, Michael's wife Hilary, Father Quarmby who has celebrated Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes and Father George. Also present were twenty nine past & present parishioners.



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR “C” 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

Saturday	06	July	Vigil Mass of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 VIGIL MASS of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Sarah &amp; Dan &amp; Children special Intention</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday	07	July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Clara Fitzgerald (RIP)</i>	
Monday	08	July			
Tuesday	09	July	St. Augustine Zhao Rong	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Joshua &amp; Joseph</i>	
Wednesday	10	July	Wednesday of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Holy Souls</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	11	July	ST BENEDICT	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Katie Loftus</i>	
Friday	12	July	Friday of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>In Thanksgiving J.M.</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	13	July	Our Lady of Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Sheena Kidd ( Birthday)</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Sheena &amp; Nick Kidd (30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	14	July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Veronica Graham (RIP)</i>	Refreshments in the Hall with Fr. Laurence 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 29/30 June		Sat. 6 July	Sun. 7 July	Sat. 13 July	Sun. 14 July
Loose	£373.32	<b>Reader</b> A.Nash	S.Ramsay	G.Gordelier	Annice Joseph
envelopes	£157.00	M.Hobbs	S.Salinger	C.d’Espagnac	A.Punchekunn
		<b>EMHC</b> J.Thomas	A.Caneda	T.Gearey	J.Nichols
		M.Harwood	M.Tanner	B.Dempster	M.Buckland
Thank you for your continued support		F.Fallon	M.Buckland	K.Dempster	A.Caneda

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July for Apostleship of the Sea – Sea Sunday

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

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