

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR "C" 1ST SEPTEMBER
2019**

. How Do I Find or Gain Favour With God ?

Many people today firmly hold that God has a class of people he favours and they are not included in this god's favourites. Our first reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus tells us that we should be humble in carrying out our businesses so as to find favour with the Lord.

All our lives, you and I have sought the FAVOUR of someone. Remember when we were little kids, how we would colour or draw a picture and take it to our mom or dad for their approval? We were seeking their favour. Did you ever have a favourite teacher in grade school or High School? Remember how much harder we worked in that teacher's class? It was because we wanted to find favour in their eyes. And who among us here today didn't do some pretty stupid stuff when we were teenagers.....to try to impress our friends or some boy or girl we really liked? It was because we wanted to FIND FAVOUR in their eyes.

“But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord.”

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Now contrast the life of Noah with the way the rest of the world was living at that time. *“The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth---men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air---for I am grieved that I have made them. But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord.” (Genesis 6:5-8)*

How Can You and I Find Favour in the Eyes of the Lord?

As we look a little more closely at NOAH'S life, we find THREE things he did that GOD found favourable.

1. **Noah Did What Was Right When Everyone Else Was Doing Wrong.** Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. 1. We have already learned that NOAH lived in a society where no one did what was right in the eyes of GOD.....everyone's mind was bent on doing wrong all the time.
2. While everyone around him was chose to do what was right in their own eyes, NOAH choose to do what was right in GOD'S eyes.
3. In his book, *The Cheating Culture*, Don Callahan says, we are living in a time when everybody seems to think it's OK to do wrong, just because everybody else is doing it. School Students cheat on tests, because “everybody's doing it.” Athletes take steroids, because “everybody else is doing it.” People cheat on insurance claims and tax returns, because “everybody else is doing it.”

“Doctors write unnecessary prescriptions, because “everybody else is doing it.” “People illegally download music and movies, because “everybody else is doing it.” Even many who claim to be Christians reject God’s standard of righteousness in favour of what “feels right” for them personally or what society accepts as right.

4. In the Eyes of GOD.....RIGHT is always RIGHT and WRONG is always WRONG.....No matter how many people are doing it. It doesn’t matter if all many countries pass laws to legalize every type of perverse behaviour known to man, from same-sex marriages to abortion to child pornography etc. etc.; it will never make it right.
5. If you and I are to find favour in the eyes of the lord we must do as Noah did in his day and that is DO RIGHT EVEN WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD IS DOING WRONG. Secondly Noah walked with God Even when no one else did. He was a righteous man, blameless along the people of his time, and he walked with God.
6. Spiritually speaking, when we Walk with God we “follow God’s footsteps. We stay in step with God, we follow in His path.” In Nosh’s day no one was walking with GOD, everyone made his own path. Only Noah walked with God - Only Noah stayed in step with God, - Only Noah followed God’s footsteps.

Noah Found Favour in the Eyes of the Lord by Doing What Was Right When Everyone Was Doing Wrong. He Found Favour in the Eyes of the Lord by Walking With God Even When No One Else Did.

Noah Trusted God, Even When He Didn’t Understand

1. God reveals to Noah his plan to destroy the world. God told Noah he was going to do this by bringing a flood upon the earth. Noah had never seen or heard of a flood before. God gave Noah specific instructions for building this huge boat, which was as long as three football fields and as high as a three-story building. He had never heard of an ARK before. God told Noah he wanted him to take two of every kind of animal on board this big boat, along with the seven members of his family. Noah didn’t understand just how he was supposed to get these animals on the Ark. as a matter of fact, he did not understand any of God’s plan, but did everything just as God commanded him.

2. In your life and mine, there are times when everything inside of us is crying out. ” God, this doesn’t make a bit of sense!” - God is telling us NO....when everything inside us is saying YES.

-GOD is telling us to WAIT.....when everything inside us is telling us to GO AHEAD.

-GOD is telling us to LEAVE IT ALONE.....when everything inside us is telling us to TAKE IT.

-GOD is telling us NOW IS NOT THE TIME.....when everything inside us is telling us NOW IS THE BEST TIME.

3. There will always be times when we do not understand God’s plan or His timing, or His Ways. But God does not ask us to *understand*, He asks us to **TRUST HIM and OBEY HIM**. Day after Day for many years, Noah worked on that ark perhaps without ever fully understanding what was to come, and yet he trusted GOD and obeyed him, by doing everything GOD commanded him to do. And Noah Found Favour in the Eyes of the Lord.

CONCLUSION: This account of Noah’s life has more to do with you and me than we might think. Do what is RIGHT even if everybody around you is doing wrong! WALK with GOD, even if it seems no one around is. TRUST in GOD, even when YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND. Like Noah, may it be our aim in life to FIND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF THE LORD!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIVING ROSARY GROUP Please note that the next Living Rosary Group takes place *Monday 2nd September at 5.45pm.*

PALS - SEPT. DIARY After our August holiday we make our return starting with lunch this **Wednesday 4th. Meet at Church car park 11:30** All members and new members welcome. Monthly meetings start this Friday 6th in our hall 10:30 after Mass. Our monthly outing is on 17th. Please bring your diary to plan future dates. Anyone in our Parish living alone, or if commitments allow, are very welcome to join and enjoy our monthly diary dates. *Jane Gow 501 126*

A DAY WITH MARY – St. John’s Catholic Cathedral – Saturday 7th September at 9.45 a.m. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given to Lucia at Fatima on 13th June 1917. Celebrant & Preacher The Rt Rev Philip Egan. For more details please see poster on the Noticeboard at the back of Church.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING – Saturday 21st September 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. You are invited to a CAFOD update Meeting on Saturday 21st September at St. Edmund Campion Church, 481 Castle Lane West, Bournemouth BH8 9TN. We hope to have a speaker from CAFOD head office, who has visited our projects overseas and will tell you how your donations are making a difference to people’s lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming. Email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329 385.

THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – 10th to 17th November 2019 – Walk in the Footsteps of Christ. Pilgrimage package includes return flights from Heathrow, 4 nights in Bethlehem, 1 night in Jericho, 2 nights in Galilee, breakfast & dinner daily, transportation throughout, local guides, full religious programme, 100% financial protection (ATOL protected). Price £1,195, Single Supplement £350, Deposit £500. To book call Jonathan on 0800 689 4792 or book on line at www.aglowpilgrimages.com.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020. The next Holy Communion Classes will be starting with the return to school in the Autumn. If you wish your child to receive instruction, and they are Year 3 or above, then please take a registration form, copies of which are at the back of the Church by the Confessional, and in the Sacristy. Please fill it in and return to the office (put it in an envelope labelled “The Secretary- reference Holy Communion Preparation “and post through the Presbytery letterbox) or give to either Johanna or Jacqui.

Registration day is **Monday September 9th 2019 at 6pm** and the first session takes place on Monday Sept 30th at 5.15-6.15pm and continues during term time right through to the First Holy Communion Day in June 2020. The actual date is still to be confirmed. At the Registration day parents must attend and bring their child’s Baptism certificate and order and pay for the Course Book “ I want to make my home in you “. (approx. price £8.25) A course programme of dates will be given at this meeting. For more information or any queries please contact Johanna Tel 01425 291913 Thank you.

Please note. The classes may have to be cancelled for this year and deferred to the following year if there are only 1 or 2 candidates.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS – We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. Please make yourselves known to one of our Parish team, who will be happy to answer any of your queries.

40 Days for Life Vigil at BPAS Abortion Centre, Royal South Hants Hospital Fr Philomeno James is running a “40 Days for Life” Vigil from 25th Sept Join us in this ecumenical witness alongside people of other faiths and those of no religious persuasion, standing in solidarity for the sacredness of life...

Your witness, fasting, and prayer is literally a matter of life or death... It is a most humbling spiritual work of mercy... we are not there to judge, just to BE THERE for a woman who has no one else to turn to in her crisis...

There's an opportunity for you to sign up after Mass or you can ring/text 07535937865,

email 40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com Website 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/southampton

Our launch event will include a showing of the highly acclaimed, sensitive “Unplanned” film which has had huge box-office success this year in the USA Launch: Tuesday, 17th September (8 days before the vigil starts) 7pm Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook SO16 4PL

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR “C” 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

Saturday	31	Aug.	Vigil Mass of the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 VIGIL MASS of the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Holy Souls</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday	01	Sept.	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Minnie & Charles Garbett (RIP)</i> 1.30 pm <i>Liv Zambeli's Baptism</i>	
Monday	02	Sept.			
Tuesday	03	Sept.	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>George Devis (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday	04	Sept.	St. Cuthbert	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Rev. Fr. Sebastian (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	05	Sept.	Thursday of the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>MPP</i>	
Friday	06	Sept.	Friday of the 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Margaret Morton</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	07	Sept.	Our Lady of Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of the 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Roy Fittell (RIP)</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	08	Sept.	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Ray & Philipa Tiller (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 24/25 Aug.	
Loose	£383.34
Envelopes	£213.00
Thank you for your continued support	

	Sat. 31 Aug.	Sun. 01 Sept.	Sat. 07 Sept.	Sun. 08 Sept.
Reader	K.Dempster	C.Barrett	A,Nash	C.Barrett
	B.Dempster	C.Barrett	C.d'Espagnac	S.Ramsay
EMHC	J.Thomas	S.Salinger	T.Gearey	A.Caneda
	T.Geary	A.Caneda	B.Dempster	Joseph Kurian
	C.d'Espagnac	M.Buckland	K.Dempster	M.Tanner

Next Sunday 8th September –2nd Collection for the Catholic Education Service

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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