

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR "C"
20TH OCTOBER 2019

Christian Mission

Christian mission is following Christ's call, sharing the gospel with the lost world through God's wisdom and strength. This is what we celebrate today World Mission Sunday.

Christian mission is obeying Christ

After Christ's death and resurrection, the Lord commanded the disciples to share the gospel, the message of His redemption: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19–20).

This Great Commission applies to Christians today. Rather than weighing us down with a burden, obeying God's call brings joy and reward in heaven. We should fulfil our mission not out of duty but love: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. . . . All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:14–21).

God could convert everyone using a blinding light and the voice of Christ as He did with the apostle Paul. Instead, He gives Christians the mission of reconciliation (Acts 1:8–9). He works through us, calling sinners to turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

Christian mission is sharing Christ - Our mission is proclaiming Christ as the only Saviour from sin and the only way to abundant, eternal life. Whom do we tell? Jesus told Christians to reach out to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus sends us to all people groups, to every ethnic culture without a gospel witness.

Christian missions, however, is not limited to overseas ministry. While believers should faithfully support those who go to the unreached on foreign soil, all Christians have the mission to share Christ on the home field with family, friends, co-workers, and the community. The Christian mission of sharing Christ does not end with a sinner's salvation. The commission was to make disciples—not immature believers. Thus, Christian missions involves not only evangelism but also discipleship.

Christian mission is relying on Christ - Sharing the gospel humbly, boldly, and passionately is our Christian mission. But we cannot do it alone. The power and results of Christian missions come from the Lord. He gives us the wisdom, strength, and desire to witness! Through our witness, He works repentance and faith in the sinner's heart (2 Corinthians 5:20–21).

Although mission is ultimately God's work, Christians are responsible to understand and share the gospel and to have a strong relationship with Christ. Such a relationship guards against hypocrisy. "But in your

hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander” (1 Peter 3:15–16). Jesus assured us that suffering would accompany missions, but God uses even suffering for good (Romans 8:28). In sum, Christian missions is obeying Christ, sharing Christ, and relying on Christ. Specifically, God sends missionaries through the support of the church to the unreached. All Christians, however, have the mission of reconciliation. The Lord works through them to rescue the lost. What greater mission can one have ?

Fr. George Ngwa

“THE GOD WHO SPEAKS” - “2020 THE YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD”

‘God’s Word Changed My Life,’ Says Former Street Kid

20-year-old Groum Pale knows first hand what it’s like to be a street kid – constantly hungry, afraid and in despair. Today, this dedicated young Christian spends much of his time among some of Addis Ababa’s many street kids, sharing God’s Word and love with them.

Groum and his sisters found themselves homeless and alone when their parents died of HIV and AIDS and spent years on the streets, surviving on scraps of food they found in rubbish bins. They were often ill and worst of all; they were in a constant state of anxiety, not knowing what the next day would bring.

But then, when Groum was nine, Hannah’s Orphanage – a Christian-run home for street kids – rescued them. The orphanage workers restored them to health, gave them a place to call home and shared God’s love with them. Groum said it took a while for him to trust this kindness.

Lost part of my childhood - “I lost a whole part of my childhood living on the streets because I saw horrible things,” he says. “There, you learn how to be a fighter and to be mistrustful of everyone. I had to learn how to trust.”

Reading the Amharic Bible - Within a year he was unrecognisable from the street kid he had been. He was excelling at school and had developed a strong faith in Jesus – thanks to listening to Bible stories on the *Faith Comes By Hearing* Proclaimer devices provided to the orphanage by the Bible Society of Ethiopia.

“We loved listening to those wonderful Bible stories,” he recalls with a smile. “We would listen hard and then, at night, as we fell asleep, we would try to repeat the stories to each other. I felt that the voice that came out of that little black box was actually God’s voice, and so, when I meditated and prayed, I could hear his words in my head. It encouraged me so much.

Recited Bible passages out loud - “Getting to know God’s Word changed my life. When my friends and I faced any difficulty we would recite out loud passages that we had heard and use them to encourage each other.” Today, Groum is in the final year at school, where he is top of his class, and plans to go on to study civil engineering at university. He says he wants to help change his country for the better.

Groum was delighted with his new Proclaimer - “This has all happened not because of my own potential but because I have Christ. If you have Christ, you have everything, even if you don’t have anything else. He is everything to me.”

Proclaimers devices were damaged or stolen - Most days, when his classes are over, Groum can be found helping street kids and the younger children at the orphanage. He used to play Bible stories for them on one of the orphanage’s Proclaimers, but they were all recently damaged or stolen when the orphanage had to move premises after the authorities took their land. So now he just reads out loud to them from the Bible.

“One passage that really spoke to me when I was 16 and listening to the Bible on the Proclaimer was where Paul talks about spreading the Word of God by ‘any means possible’. That has become my mission.” Groum was delighted when he was given a Proclaimer by visitors from the British and Foreign Bible Society, which will also be replacing all the other Proclaimers lost in the move. (Story by Grace Smith, British and Foreign Bible Society.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 20TH OCTOBER As we continue this **Extraordinary Month of Mission**, please continue to join in praying for missionaries around the globe. With the Synod on the Amazon taking place in Rome at this time, we are reminded of the continued need to reach out to some of the remotest places in our world in response to Jesus Christ's command to 'go and make disciples of all the peoples'. *You will find World Mission Sunday Missio envelopes at the back of Church.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES - First Holy Communion Preparation Classes will take place every Monday evening from 5.15 p.m. until approximately 6.30 p.m. term time only in the Church Hall.

PALS CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Would the person who gave Jane her money in a blue envelope last Sunday, please contact her as soon as possible, in person or phone 01425 501 126. *Thank you*

OUR LADY & ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Lymington, Open Mornings. The Executive Headteacher of Our Lady and St. Joseph in Lymington has issued an invitation to visit the school to see what they offer in providing a rich learning experience, where children are encouraged to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. She writes: *"Our aim is to provide your children with the skills to reach their full potential. We do this through our exciting, high-quality curriculum, which enables children to develop a 'thirst' for learning and to be challenged appropriately throughout their life at our school."* Open Mornings will take place on Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 5th December at 9.30 a.m. Invitation letters at the back of Church.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES FOR THE GROTTA - **Only 1 left!** If you would like to sponsor a bench, in memory of a loved one, please complete the order form available at the back of the Church and submit it in an envelope to: 'The Secretary', Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office, 15 Mount Avenue or come to the Office in person and speak to Lizzie. The cost of a bench including commemorative plaque with inscription amounts to approximately £200.

MY PICTURE MISSAL - There are several copies of "My Picture Missal" at the back of Church for children who can read but are not yet receiving Holy Communion. Please take one home with you for your child and help them to learn all the ways we worship God in the gestures and prayers we do and say at Mass. It is wrong to spend time at Mass teaching your child what you can appropriately do at home with this book. Please note that these booklets belong to the Church and should be returned after use. However, if you wish to buy a copy to keep, please let the office know. They are only £1.50 per copy.

BASIC BANK DONATIONS Thank you to everyone who supports this very worthwhile and necessary charity. Our church is one of the highest donors and we are frequently complemented by Lymington Basics Bank when delivering our 'offerings' to them. So please continue with your generosity and begin to think about Christmas when more seasonal gifts such as tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custards, tinned cream, Christmas puddings, cakes and other items used at this very special time of the year.

Just a reminder! Recently on checking the donations BEFORE they are delivered by the volunteer, several items of OPENED packets of rice, and pasta, sauce jars, syrup, tomato puree, stock cubes, fresh milk and fruit, were left. Additionally some items were out of date by 2 years. Please remember that any items of this nature are NOT ACCEPTED by the Basics Bank and although the thought may be well intentioned it's unacceptable to donate any item which is not in date.. Also note that only milk and fruit which are in a carton or tin can be included. **Please remember that it is to God you are offering these items. Also donate what you will like to receive yourself.**

Thank you for your continuing kindness. God Bless Katherine Dempster

STATISTICS FOR MISSION – OCTOBER COUNT. Would Counters please ensure that all Mass counts are completed in October and handed to me at the end of the month so that I can submit the total Mass figures for October, required for Statistics for Mission. Many thanks! Lizzie

Please Note:

It is highly recommended that the Parish Priest be notified and be in the know of any announcements and notices for the Newsletter that involves the parish as such in advance of going to press. Thank you.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR “C” 20TH OCTOBER 2019

Saturday	19	Oct.	Vigil Mass of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 VIGIL MASS of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Jack & Mary Loftus (RIP)</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday	20	Oct.	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Isabella Maynard (Birthday)</i>	
Monday	21	Oct.			
Tuesday	22	Oct.	St. John Paul II	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Sheila Vernon (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday	23	Oct.	Romsey -St. Ethelflaeda	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Elza (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	24	Oct.	St. Anthony Claret	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction, 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>David Watts (3rd Anniversary RIP)</i>	Council of Priests meeting EVENING MASS
Friday	25	Oct.	Friday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Len & Louisa Castle (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	26	Oct.	Our Lady of Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Marietta Obligacion (RIP)</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of the 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mavis Harris	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	27	Oct.	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Pat Boston (Anniversary RIP)</i> <i>Prayers for Blessing of 25 Years Marriage of Joseph & Annie Darly</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 12/13 October	
Loose	£423.44
Envelopes	£183.00
Thank you for your continued support	

	Sat.19 Oct.	Sun.20 Oct.	Sat.26 Oct.	Sun.27 Oct.
Reader	K.Dempster	Annicc Joseph	M.Newland	S.Salinger
	B.Dempster	A.Veluthedathu	T.Gearey	S.Ramsay
EMHC	M.Newland	S.Salinger	C.d’Espagnac	Akhil Joseph
	F.Fallon	J.Nichols	J.Thomas	Joseph Kurian
	M.Harwood	M.Buckland	T.Gearey	M.Tanner

Sunday 20th October - 2nd Collection for World Missions

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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