

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 08.30am – 5.30pm



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR "C"  
3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

## The Holy Souls in Purgatory November - we commemorate the faithful departed

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, and Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church offers us November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

In recent years, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood by Catholics themselves than the doctrine of Purgatory. Consequently, we tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort with the doctrine.

Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the *temporal punishments* resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but he has the assurance that he will ultimately enter Heaven when his punishment is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for us, and we should pray for the faithful departed that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven. We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us our mother and father, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us after they have been released from Purgatory. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.

**Eternal Rest Grant unto them oh Lord** - One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers in times past, this prayer has fallen into disuse in the last few decades. Prayer for the dead, however, is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform, to help them during their time in Purgatory, so that they can enter more quickly into the fullness of heaven.

**Weekly Prayers for the Faithful Departed** - The Church offers us different prayers that we can say each day of the week for the faithful departed. These prayers are especially useful for offering a novena on behalf of the dead.

**Prayer for Deceased Parents** - Charity requires us to pray for the dead. In the case of our parents, to do so should not be simply a duty but a joy. They gave us life and brought us up in the Faith; we should be happy that our prayers can help end their sufferings in Purgatory and bring them fully into the light of Heaven.

**Prayer for a Deceased Mother** - For most of us, it was our mother who first taught us to pray and helped us to understand the mysteries of our Christian Faith. We can help repay her for that gift of faith by praying for the repose of her soul.

**Prayer for a Deceased Father** - Our fathers are the model of God in our lives, and we owe them a debt that we can never fully repay. We can, however, pray for the repose of our father's soul and thus help him through the sufferings of Purgatory and into the fullness of Heaven.

**Prayer for Mercy on the Souls in Purgatory** - While we know (and the Holy Souls in Purgatory know) that the pains of Purgatory will end and all who are in Purgatory will enter into Heaven, we are still bound by charity to try to lessen the suffering of the Holy Souls through our prayers and deeds. While our first responsibility, of course, is to those people we have known, not everyone who ends up in Purgatory has someone to pray for him. Therefore, it is important to remember in our prayers those souls who are most forsaken.

**Prayer for All the Deceased** - This reminds us that Christ's victory over death brings us all the possibility of eternal rest. We pray for all of those who have gone before us, that they, too, may enter into Heaven.

**Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory** - Christ's mercy encompasses all men. He desires the salvation of everyone, and so we approach Him with confidence that He will have mercy on the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who have already proved their love for Him.

**De Profundis** - The *De Profundis* takes its name from the first two words of the psalm in Latin. It is a penitential psalm that is sung as part of vespers (evening prayer) and in commemorations of the dead. Every time you recite the *De Profundis*, ( *Out of the depths I cry to you oh Lord* ) you can receive a partial indulgence (the remission of a portion of punishment for sin), which can be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

#### BAMENDA SUNDAY NEWSBRIEF

You may already be aware that the English speaking regions in Cameroon are in crisis. This began as a peaceful protest in opposition to the state's discrimination against Anglophone education and laws but quickly descended into armed conflict, as security forces repressed protesters and some Anglophones became increasingly extreme in their views and actions - seeking independence and taking up arms against the state.

The International Crisis Group has stated that "both sides have committed abuses against the population, including burning villages, closing down schools and killing civilians. Violence has claimed around 3,000 lives, displaced half a million people and compelled another 40,000 to flee to Nigeria. It has deprived 700,000 children of schooling in their home areas and left one in three people in the Anglophone regions in need of humanitarian aid". The Catholic Church has been forthright in condemning the violence on all sides and advocating for peaceful dialogue.

This year, we would like to share with you some of the direct experiences we have been hearing from our friends in Bamenda. We have been told of: people's family members killed on sight and without question by the military in and around their homes; the kidnap and assault of workers who contravene Separatist boycotts in order to continue to provide services to others; pointless burning of harvested crops and homes, and of personal sacrifices made in order to support those rendered homeless.

This is happening right now to our brothers and sisters with whom we have exchanged the services of priests, twinned schools, made reciprocal visits and worked together on so many projects to enhance faith, education, health and social welfare over the past 45 years. Imagine just for a moment how hard it is then

for the latest two priests (Fr Anthony and Fr Gaston) to come from Bamenda leaving their family and friends in the midst of crisis, to study and to serve us here.

In the past year, our diocesan Bamenda funds have been sent to help feed and care for the thousands of people displaced by the crisis but we have also continued other projects such as training catechists and creating a youth centre in order to share our faith and provide hope for the people.

With your help, we can continue to support our friends in their time of need. Please could you consider saying a special prayer or having a Mass said? Who could you speak with to raise awareness of the crisis? Could you write to our MP to request political pressure is exerted to seek a solution? A cappuccino in a well known Coffee shop costs £2.55 – how many of those could you sacrifice to help rebuild lives in Bamenda? You can give here today or there is a donate button on the [bamendaandportsmouth](http://bamendaandportsmouth.com) website and of course, gift aiding your donation or setting up a standing order would make a big difference.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Opening Times** – Now that the clocks have gone back, please note that the Church will be open from 8.30 a.m. and will close at 5.30 p.m., except when there are evening Masses.

**BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.** Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned Diocese in Cameroon. For an update, please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: [www.bamendaandportsmouth.com](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com).

**LIVING ROSARY GROUP** - Please note that the next Living Rosary Group takes place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45 p.m.**

**CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK – 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November.** *Inspiring faith.* Legacy income is vital for the future of our parishes and diocese. Bishop Philip encourages us to take steps now to inform and encourage parishioners to think about leaving gifts in their Wills for the long term benefit of the Catholic Community. Will you inspire faith in future generations by leaving a gift in your Will? One of the most important decisions you'll ever make is choosing who to include in your Will. By remembering Catholic causes close to your heart, you'll inspire and touch the lives of many people. *"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."* (John 13.34). For further information, please see literature at the back of the Church.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – 2020** Can you please let the Office know, as a matter of urgency, the names of all candidates preparing for Confirmation in 2020.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER** Please find envelopes at the back of Church for you to add the names of your deceased parents, relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray during the month of November. Please place your envelope in the wooden box which is situated on Our Lady altar. *There will be a special Mass on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 p.m.*

**CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development** - **Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer?** Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation – but there is a shortage in this area and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. If you would like to find out more please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**LIVE STREAMING FIGURES FOR OCTOBER** - Number of Viewers 4,148 Number of Unique Viewers 1,100

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>18.00 VIGIL MASS</b> of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Charles &amp; Minnie Garbett (RIP)</i>	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Hall after Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Ray &amp; Philpa Tiller (RIP)</i> <b>13.00 Baptism</b> – Charlotte Muriel Virr	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>St. Charles Borromeo</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Tuesday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction</b> <b>19.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Rosamma Joseph (Recovery to good health)</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Wednesday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Harriett Pendry (RIP)</i>	<b>Confession after Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>St. Willibrord</b>	<b>09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Jane Sloman &amp; Family</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Friday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Margaret Morton (RIP)</i>	<b>Confession after Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	<b>09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion</b> <b>10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Isabella Robb (RIP)</i>	
<b>Saturday vigil Mass</b>			<b>Vigil Mass of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>18.00</b> – Vigil Mass of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Roy Fitsell (RIP)</i>	<b>Confession 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 Holy Mass</b> – <i>Bernard Delair (RIP)</i> <b>13.00</b> – Baptism – Charlotte Muriel Virr	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Hall after Mass</b>

**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!

<b>Collections 26/27 October</b>			<b>Sat.02 Nov.</b>	<b>Sun.03 Nov.</b>	<b>Sat.09 Nov.</b>	<b>Sun.10 Nov.</b>
Loose	£411.47	<b>Reader</b>	G.Gordelier	P.Caffyn	A.Nash	S.Ramsay
Envelopes	£155.00		C.d’Espagnac	P.Caffyn	M.Hobbs	C.Barrett
		<b>EMHC</b>	K.Dempster	M.Buckland	M.Harwood	J.Nichols
			B.Dempster	S.Salinger	M.Newland	M.Tanner
Thank you for your continued support			F.Fallon	A.Caneda	J.Thomas	Joseph Kurian

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Bamenda**

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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