

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR "C"  
27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

## Christian View on Human Dignity

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, tell us that God is a judge who has no respect of persons. He shows no respect of persons to the detriment of the poor, but listens to the plea of the injured party.

Our Gospel reading presents to us the publican who went home at right with God because he knew and did acknowledge how low he was in the sight of God; while the Pharisee who was so full of himself went home rejected. This brings us to the question. *Who do I deceive when I pretend to be holy? What is my Christian dignity?*

***Christian dignity:*** It is the essence of Christianity that we are all adopted sons and daughters of God, who not only created us but redeemed us from our sinful alienation, so that we might fulfil the destiny of entering into a union of love with Himself. This is, then, not only our destiny but our highest purpose and true end.

Through reason alone we have already discovered that we are spiritual beings, and that our dignity as human persons consists in living in accordance with meaning. Moreover, we had already intuited, that this meaning has a great deal to do with the moral life and with our ultimate relationship with a Divine Judge. Now, in the Revelation of Christ, we find all of this not only confirmed but sharply delineated. We find that the essential meaning of our lives is enshrined in the admonition by Christ Himself to "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48).

***Called and Gifted:*** Each human person, in accordance with his gifts, is called by God to eternal happiness by doing His will. As the old catechism used to say, we are all created to know, love and serve God in this life, and to be happy forever with Him in the next. This adoption as sons and daughters of the God who wills to be called *Abba - Father*, is the highest level of what it means to be human. Thus we learn not only our destiny but the nature of the perfection it requires, that is, how to live in accordance with what God has called each one of us to be and to do.

No other bodily creature possesses this unique destiny and purpose. But it has a twofold meaning. On the one hand, it means that each human being has incomparable worth as a unique and unrepeatable person destined for eternal life with God. On the other, it means that this destiny is actualized morally, through love of God and love of neighbour, which means that it is actualized freely, as a matter of choice. We possess this destiny because of

God's gift. But we can refuse it—throw it away—by refusing to love. Love includes learning what is good and true from God rather than trying to replace God with ourselves.

Insofar as we seek to know the good and live in accordance with it, we are realizing our dignity as human persons; insofar as we support others in knowing and doing the good, we honour their special dignity. Insofar as we do the opposite, we actually violate our own dignity, diminish it in ourselves and tend to diminish it in others. Every nobody can become somebody, and that is why everybody is worthy of spiritual growth. This is God's view of man, for it was while we were yet sinners that Christ died for the ungodly.

***What Does the Catechism of the Catholic Church Say about Human Dignity? Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church. New York: Doubleday, 1994.***

#1700 The dignity of the human person is rooted in his/her creation in the image and likeness of God. It is fulfilled in his/her vocation to divine beatitude. It is essential to a human being freely to direct him/herself to this fulfilment. By his/her deliberate actions, the human person does, or does not, conform to the good promised by God and attested by moral conscience. Human beings make their own contribution to their interior growth; they make their whole sentient and spiritual lives into means of this growth.

#356 Of all visible creatures only man is “able to know and love his creator.” He is “the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake,” and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity:

#357 Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

#362 The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. The biblical account expresses this reality in symbolic LANGUAGE when it affirms that “then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Man, whole and entire, is therefore willed by God.”

#1738 Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public.....*To be continued.*

*Fr. George Ngwa*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October** - Please Note - There will be a morning Mass on Monday to celebrate the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.

**PALS MEETING - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30 a.m. in the Hall.** All bookings for our **Christmas Lunch** are fully paid. Receipts will be distributed during our next meeting. New members are always welcome.

**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.

**BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.).** Every year we have a **special collection** to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. ***Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter*** to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times. ***Please find copies of the Bamenda Newsletter 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.

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

**CHOIR** - Our monthly practice is always 10:30 on the last Thursday of the month - this time, 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will be preparing for all November. New members are very welcome to augment our voices in praise of God.

**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)

**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

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR “C” 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Saturday	26	Oct.	Vigil Mass of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 VIGIL MASS of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time – <i>Mavis Harris</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday	27	Oct.	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Holy Mass – – <i>Pat Boston (Anniversary RIP) &amp; Prayers for Blessing 25 Years Marriage of Joseph &amp; Annie Darly</i>	
Monday	28	Oct.	St. Simon & St. Jude	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass	
Tuesday	29	Oct.	Tuesday of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Annie &amp; Joseph Darly (25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</i>	
Wednesday	30	Oct.	Wednesday of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Jack &amp; Mary Loftus (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	31	Oct.	Evening Prayer & First Mass of All Saints	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary 18.50 Benediction, 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Daisy Evans (Joan) (RIP)</i>	Council of Priests Meeting - NO MORNING MASS
Friday	01	Nov.	ALL SAINTS	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Derek Hobbs (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	02	Nov.	ALL SOULS	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>John Evans (Jack) RIP</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of the 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Charles &amp; Minnie Garbett (RIP)</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	03	Nov.	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Ray &amp; Philpa Tiller (RIP)</i> 13.00 – Baptism – <i>Charlotte Muriel Virr</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 19/20 October		Sat.26 Oct.	Sun.27 Oct.	Sat.02 Nov.	Sun.03 Nov.	
Loose	£396.73	Reader	M.Newland	S.Salinger	G.Gordelier	P.Caffyn
Envelopes	£172.00		T.Gearey	S.Ramsay	C.d'Espagnac	P.Caffyn
		EMHC	C.d'Espagnac	Akhil Joseph	K.Dempster	M.Buckland
			J.Thomas	Joseph Kurian	B.Dempster	S.Salinger
Thank you for your continued support			T.Gearey	M.Tanner	F.Fallon	A.Caneda

**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