

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours **07.30am – 4.00pm**



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR “A” 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

## **TAKING ST. PAUL AS A MODEL OF OUR FAITH.**

In our second reading today, St. Paul tells us that, **“During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.”** The apostle Paul had a strong commitment to know and serve Jesus Christ. His passion and love for the Lord was obvious—Jesus was always central in his thinking, whether he was working as a tent maker, preaching to the crowd, or even sitting in chains at prison.

### ***What increased his love for the Lord?***

Paul’s conversion experience on the Damascus Road was a motivating force in his life. Grateful for the gift of grace he had received at salvation, the apostle told many people about his encounter with the resurrected Christ and its impact on him. Paul’s zeal also came from his firm conviction that the gospel message was true and available to everyone (John 3:16). On the cross, Jesus took all our sins—past, present, and future—upon Himself (1 Peter 2:24). He suffered our punishment so that we might receive forgiveness and be brought into a right relationship with God. Through faith in Christ, we’ve been born again, and the indwelling Holy Spirit helps us every day (John 14:26). The more we understand what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf, the greater will be our passion to share the gospel. Developing a vibrant faith requires time and energy plus a commitment to obey God. Caring about the spiritual welfare of others will move us into action. Do we have a passion to serve Jesus wherever He leads?

### ***The good example of St. Paul***

We ought to follow the good examples of the apostle Paul as he said of himself; “Copy from me as I have copied from Christ”. We are to consider that the apostle did not say this of himself from an ambitious spirit, from a desire of being set up as a pattern, and eyed and imitated as an example to other Christians. His writings are not of any private interpretation, but he spoke as he was moved by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost directed that the good examples of the apostle Paul should be noticed by other Christians and imitated. There are spiritual obligations that lie on Christians to follow the good examples of this great apostle. And it has pleased the Holy Ghost in an especial manner to set up the apostle Paul, not only as a teacher of the Christian church, but as a pattern to other Christians. The greatest example of all, that is set before us in Scripture to imitate, is the example of Jesus Christ, which St. Paul shows us in his human nature, and then in his state of humiliation.

***First, we ought to follow the good example that the apostle Paul has set us in his seeking the good of his own soul.***

1. We should follow him in his earnestness in seeking his own salvation. He was not careless and indifferent in this matter. He did not halt between two opinions, or seek with a wavering, unsteady mind, but with the most full determination and strong resolution.
2. The apostle did not only earnestly seek salvation before his conversion but afterwards also. What he says in the 3rd chapter of Philippians (Phil. 3) of his suffering the loss of all things, that he might be found in Christ, and its being the one thing that he did to seek salvation. And also what he says of his o

running as not in vain, but as resolving to win the prize of salvation, and keeping under his body that he might not be a castaway were long after his conviction, and after he had renounced all hope of his own good estate by nature.

3. The apostle did not only diligently seek heaven after he knew he was converted, but was earnestly cautious lest he should be damned. Here we see the apostle is very careful lest he should be a castaway, and denies his carnal appetites, and mortifies his flesh, for that reason.

4. The apostle did not seek salvation by his own righteousness. Though his sufferings were so very great, his labours so exceedingly abundant, yet he never counted them as righteousness. He trod it under his feet, as utterly insufficient to recommend him to God.

5. In those earnest labours which he performed, he had respect to the thoughts of the reward. He did it for an incorruptible crown. 1 Cor 9:25. He sought a high degree of glory, for he knew the more he laboured the more he should be rewarded, as appears from what he tells the Corinthians.

### ***Second, some of the virtues of Paul, that more immediately we ought to follow.***

1. He was strong in faith. It may be truly said of him that he lived by faith. His faith seemed to be even without the least appearance of diffidence or doubt in his words or actions, but all seemed to proclaim, that he had God and Christ and the invisible world continually in view.

2. Another virtue in which we should follow his example is his great love to Christ. The Corinthians, who saw how the apostle acted, how he laboured, and how he suffered, and could see no worldly motive, were astonished. They wondered what it was that so wonderfully influenced and actuated the man. The apostle says that he was a spectacle to the world. But this was the immediate principle that moved him: His strong, his intense love to his glorious Lord and Master. This love constrained him, that he could do nothing else than strive and labour and seek for his salvation.

3. The apostle lived in a day when Christianity was greatly despised. Yet he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

4. Another virtue in which we ought to follow the apostle was his contempt of the world, and his heavenly-mindedness. He condemned all the vain enjoyments of the world. He despised its riches. Acts. 20:33,

5. We ought also to follow the example of the apostle in his abounding in prayer and praise. He was very earnest, and greatly engaged in those duties, and continued in them, as appears from many passages. Rom. 1:8, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." Eph. 1:15, 16,

6. We ought to follow him in his contentment of Divine Providence. He went through a great many changes, and was almost continually in suffering circumstances, but yet he had such a degree of submission to the will of God, as to be contented in every condition

7. We should follow the apostle in his great caution in giving an account of his experience, not to praise himself but that people should see God in his deeds.

### ***Third, some of those virtues of the apostle that more immediately respected people, in which we ought to follow his example.***

1. His meekness under abuses and his love to his enemies. There were multitudes that hated him, but there is no appearance of his hating any. The greater part of the world where he went were his enemies. But he was the friend of everyone and laboured and prayed earnestly for the good of all.

2. He delighted in peace. When any contention happened among Christians, he was exceedingly grieved by it. As when he heard of the contentions that broke out in the Corinthian church. He tells the Philippians, how he should rejoice at their living in love and peace, and therefore earnestly entreats them that they should so live.

3. He was of a most tender compassionate spirit towards any that were in affliction.

4. He rejoiced at others' prosperity and joy.

5. He delighted in the fellowship of God's people. He longed after them when absent.

6. He was truly courteous in his behaviour towards others. Though he was so great a man, and had so much honour put upon him of God, yet he was full of courtesy towards all men, rendering to all suitable respect.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** – This weekend, **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February** the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate *Racial Justice Sunday*. The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is *"You are at the heart of the Church"* and will celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of Racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities. To support the Church in its work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken this weekend. Your contribution, however great or small, will help to make a difference. If you require more information or advice about working with members of the Travelling Communities, you can contact Father Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624 891 or visit the websites of the Traveller Movement:- <https://travelermovement.org.uk> or Friends, Families & Travelers: [www.gypsy-traveller.org](http://www.gypsy-traveller.org).

**PALS - MONTHLY LUNCH** - Our lunch is this coming **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**. We are booked for our usual time 12:00 a.m. Please meet in our church car park 11:45 for transport.

All are welcome even if you were away when organised and venue chosen. - Any queries to Join PALS please contact - Jane 501 125 or any other member.

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMATE TO LOURDES - 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. Bishop Philip has sent out an invitation to join him in Lourdes this year. The Pilgrimage will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July flying by charter aircraft direct to Lourdes from Bournemouth Airport, the cost of the Pilgrimage is £695 per person for a shared room. For further details and video please visit <https://vimeo.com/367708674>.

This also includes a **Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes** and the costs for Youth Pilgrims is £545. The Catenians are offering a small bursary to those who participate in pilgrimages to Lourdes and all Youth Pilgrims are encouraged to apply. It would be wonderful if a young person (aged 16-25) or two or more from our Parish could attend this year's Pilgrimage. For further information, a video can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/lourdesvid> or contact Fr. P.J. Smith at Portsmouth Diocese on 07780 221 686.

**RECORDINGS ON OUR LIVE STREAMING SITE.** As you may know Masses, weddings, funerals and other services taking place in our church can be recorded via our live streaming, recordings are held by Church Services TV who host our live streaming site. CSTV have advised us that they can now only store recordings for a maximum of one year and that any recordings made before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 will be erased on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. All future recordings will be erased automatically after twelve months.

If you have any favourite recordings made before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 which you would like to keep you can download them to your PC. Go to <http://www.churchservices.tv/newmilton>, scroll down to 'WATCH VIDEOS', locate your recording via 'SEARCH VIDEOS' and click 'DOWNLOAD'. If you would like any help with this, please contact Brian Dempster on 01425 611643.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass Intention offered for a loved one, please complete an Intention Envelope at the back of Church. The Mass offered for your Intention will be the next available Mass but please check with Lizzie in the Office for availability for a particular date. Please note that the minimum Offering is £10. ( cf. Handbook for Clergy ) Thank you!

**LIVE STREAMING - Statistics for January**

Number of Viewers 3694    Number of Unique Viewers 998

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR “A” 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

Saturday	08	Feb.	Vigil Mass of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	<b>18.00 VIGIL MASS</b> of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – <i>Lisbet Hamon (wellbeing during Cancer Treatment)</i>	
Sunday	09	Feb.	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Fr. G. Vervenne (Birthday)</i>	
Monday	10	Feb.	St. Scholastica		
Tuesday	11	Feb.	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass - <i>Charles &amp; Minnie Garbett (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday	12	Feb..	Wednesday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Year A	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 9.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Mell Duigman (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	13	Feb.	Thursday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Year A	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Peggy Tolliday (RIP)</i>	
Friday	14	Feb.	ST CYRIL & ST. METHODIUS	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Bernard Delair (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	15	Feb.	Our Lady on Saturday	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Julia Shanaghy (RIP)</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Year A	18.00 - Vigil Mass of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A - <i>Roy Fittell (RIP)</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	16	Feb.	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A	10.00 Holy Mass – - <i>Mary &amp; Jack Conway (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!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this Sunday for Racial Justice**

Collections 01/02 Feb. 2020	Sat.08 Feb.	Sun.09 Feb.	Sat.15 Feb.	Sun.16 Feb.
Loose	£353.50			
Envelopes	£208.00			
Thank you for your continued support				
<b>Reader</b>	A.Nash	S.Salinger	B.Dempster	C.Barrett
	C.d’Espagnac	S.Ramsay	K.Dempster	C.Barrett
<b>EMHC</b>	T.Gearey	A.Caneda	M.Harwood	M.Buckland
	B.Dempster	Joseph Kurian	T,Gearey	Akhil Joseph
	K.Dempster	M.Tanner	C.d’Espagnac	J.Nichols

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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)  
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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**