

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

15 Mount Ave, New Milton. BH25 6NT.

Parish priest: *Father George Ngwa*

Church opening hours - **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR "A" 29TH MARCH 2020

Prayer of Pope Francis to the Blessed Virgin Mary during coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Pope Francis recites the rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love in Rome on March 11, 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, he entrusted the world to the Blessed Virgin Mary health of the sick.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND HEALING AGAINST CORONAVIRUS TO PADRE PIO.

Padre Pio, there are so many people in the world who suffer from coronavirus, we humbly seek your aid, that our bodies may be protected from coronavirus and all ills.

Padre Pio, I come before you today in the time of need to ask you, to Padre Pio come to our rescue, deliver us from coronavirus

Padre Pio, through the intercession of God, you received the gift of healing the sick. Deign to heal those who are already suffering from coronavirus and give them the strength to fight this virus and the tenacity to overcome convalescence.

O God that you have honoured Padre Pio by giving him the grace to perform miracles, have mercy on me and grant me for his intercession what I pray for.

Padre Pio gives strength to doctors who work in hospitals to treat coronavirus patients, make their hearts compassionate gives them wisdom makes them recognize Jesus in every patient.

Padre Pio illuminates the minds of researchers and scientists, guides their hands so that they can find an effective coronavirus prevention vaccine, extend your blessing on them.

Padre Pio, protect and heal us from coronavirus and let those who have already fallen ill all over the world and who regain their health grow in faith and hope for recovery.

Padre Pio, I thank you for those who, with your great compassion and mercy, are visiting and give heavenly comfort to those who have been called to the house by the Father.

Padre Pio come to my rescue, protect us from the coronavirus. I desire to get my life running as usual again. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE SHEPHERD BISHOP PHILIP. All Churches and Chapels in the Diocese of Portsmouth are closed until further notice. Priests will continue to say daily Masses but without the faithful present

MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS CHALLENGE. Fr. George will say Mass at 10.00 a.m. every day, including Mondays, plus a Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Saturdays. There will be no Evening Mass on a Tuesday for the time being. Unfortunately Masses will be closed to the public, in order to avoid virus cross contamination but you will be able to follow the Masses daily via Live Streaming. Just to remind you all, our Parish Live Streaming can be found at <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>.

DAILY PROGRAMME

**MONDAY 30TH March TO FRIDAY – 3RD April
2020**

9:25 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass (Priest alone)

6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
6:30 Holy - Rosary
6:50 p.m. - Benediction

SATURDAY 4TH April 2020

9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:50 a.m. - Veneration of the Relic of St.
Faustina
10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass (Priest alone)
6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday

SUNDAY 5TH April 2020

10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass - Palm Sunday (Priest alone)

PARISH OFFICE COVER. Lizzie, our Parish Secretary, will be self-isolating at home for the next few weeks but she will be carrying out Parish work from home. If you need to contact her, she is available on 07484 110 940 or via email on lizziedavies@yahoo.com. Alternatively you can contact Fr. George direct. If you wish to have an intention for a Mass to be celebrated for you, or your loved one(s), please call the Parish office, or leave a voice mail – or better still drop your written intention through the Presbytery letterbox.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT during the enforced Coronavirus Church Closure. If you are not a Gift Aider and would like to continue supporting your Church through this difficult time, you may wish to organise a Standing Order arrangement with your bank to pay your collection directly into our Church bank account. Details as follows: - Lloyds Bank - Sort Code 30-93-04, Account No: 00883116, Account Name – PRC DTR New Milton. Or you may prefer to give your donation directly to Fr. George. Thank you!

MOTHER'S DAY POSIES. Sadly, Mother's Day Mass had to be said last Sunday behind closed doors. But, if you came past Church any time that day, you will have seen the beautiful posies which were made by Veronica Sacco and Katherine Dempster and put out at the Church gates, for passers-by to help themselves to. Thank you "Flower Ladies" for bringing some joy into our lives at this difficult time.

HOW SHOULD CATHOLICS DEAL WITH THE CORONAVIRUS?

Now that public Masses are suspended in England, Wales and Scotland, this adds to the already strange new world we are currently confronted with. Every day we hear more reports of people dying from this new virus and as the supermarkets get busier and the streets quieter, fear is a very real phenomenon. It is understandably a very difficult time for us all. Yet as Christians we know we have something greater than our worries. Even with public Masses suspended, during this difficult time we can see how God is pulling us closer to Him. In the fear, He calls us to trust. In the quiet, He calls us to turn our focus on Him.

The Catholic Truth Society – CTS – have launched a new series of blog posts on the Catholic approach to COVID-19, where it is hoped you will find inspiration to draw closer to God during this difficult time. Every Monday they will be posting a new blog on their website . In addition, CTS will be working closely together with **Hozana** – the social prayer platform, to help you stay close to God, when your normal routine is disrupted and particularly when you can't get to Mass.

There are also several Apps offering daily Bible Readings and reflective prayer to offer comfort during this period of isolation and they are mostly free to download!

- We reach out to everyone of you, urging you to take whatever measures are necessary to stay safe and to keep your community safe. (Please stay at home).
- If you know of anyone who needs special help, please let us know.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR “A” 29THMARCH 2020

Saturday	28	Mar.	Vigil Mass of the 5 th Sunday in Lent – Year A	<u>18.00</u> VIGIL Mass of the 5 th Sunday in Lent – Year A – <i>Heather Williams (for health & well-being)</i>	
Sunday	29	Mar.	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -YEAR A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>The Living Rosary</i>	
Monday	30	Mar.	Monday of the 5 th Week of Lent	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>MPP</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	31	Mar.	Tuesday of the 5 th Week in Lent	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Holy Souls</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday	01	Apr.	Wednesday of the 5 th Week in Lent – Year A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>The Salinger Family (health & well-being)</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	02	Apr.	Thursday of the 5 th Week of Lent – Year A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Rosemary Middleton (RIP)</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	03	Apr.	Friday of the 5 th Week of Lent – Year A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Sister Maria Alonso (Intention)</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday	04	Apr.	Saturday of the 5 th Week of Lent– Year A	10.00 Holy Mass - <i>Thanks to our Lord for watching over our Mother, Jenny Bamford, & the whole Family</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A	17.00 Exposition, Adoration, 18.00 - Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A <i>Brigid Horan (RIP)</i>	
Sunday	05	Apr.	PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord - Year A	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Ray & Jean Carlisle (RIP)</i>	

IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. See notice above.

Your continued financial support during these challenging times would be very much appreciated

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Our Parish Live streaming: <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton> Website: www.nfwp.org.uk

Safeguarding Minister: Tony Harwood Tel: **01425 511 952** or email hughharwood314@hotmail.co.uk

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR DIOCESE – (to be said at home even with Church closure).

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew all the clergy, religious and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love and respect for one another and unify us as your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for the Catholic Faith, for Mission, Outreach and Service. Help us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and needy that many more souls may be saved by finding their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St. Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel - 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