

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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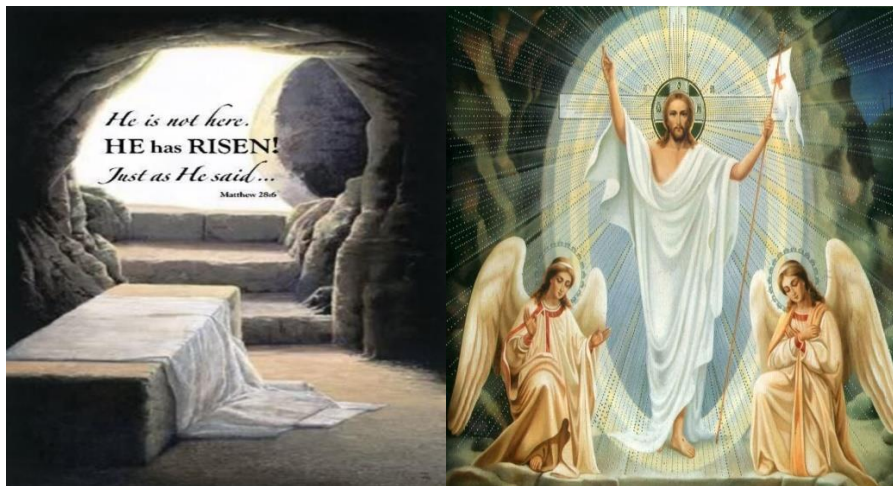
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EASTER SUNDAY- YEAR "A" 12TH APRIL 2020

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED - ALLELUIA



Dear Parishioners, Brothers & Sisters and Friends – Jesus Christ has truly risen. May the Easter morning fill your hearts with God's blessings pouring out on us from His Resurrection. May we experience his Joy and peace and know his merciful love.

This year, more so than in many centuries, Easter celebrations and the liturgies challenges us to see our creation totally in God's own realm. Easter is the most important date on the Christian calendar. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after the crucifixion on Good Friday.

It is chiefly about sacrifice beyond understanding, about relationships in all their many forms, and about the renewal of a world that has gone too far from God. But Easter above all, offers hope and possibility after a period of profound pain, loss and sorrow. The COVID-19 crisis has delivered, along with its human and economic ravages, a season of wholesale soul-searching. "*How did we find ourselves here?*". It has created an enforced period of stillness. It has encouraged contemplation. Not least of all, it has inspired an assessment of what's vital and what's not.

All around the world, as nations cope with the coronavirus that has killed tens of thousands and idled the global economy, people on their own, in their families, on streets and online, have been taking stock and seeking solace.

Sometimes we see Easter as just a period of bring Jesus back into our lives; but it is more than that. It is about God in the Trinity. The resurrection of Jesus is a sign that God, in his creation, is both indestructible and endlessly resourceful in the face of evil and death. In a world racked by terrorism, unresolved conflicts and flagrant injustice we need such a message of hope. The all-loving, all-compassionate Creator of all people declares war on no-one, even though when we as man/woman, or as a people and better still when every nation falls far short of the Creator's best intentions for them.

Fr. George Ngwa

Pope Francis' Holy Thursday Homily

The Eucharist - Service - Anointing. - The reality we live today in this liturgy is the Lord who wants to remain with us in the Eucharist. And we always become tabernacles of the Lord. We bear the Lord with us to the point that he himself tells us that if we do not eat his body and drink his blood, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the mystery of the bread and wine of the Lord with us, in us, within us.

The service. That gesture that is a condition for entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Serve, yes, everyone, but the Lord — in that exchange of words he had with Peter — makes him understand that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must let the Lord serve us, that the Servant of God is the servant of us. And this is difficult to understand. If I do not let the Lord be my servant, allow the Lord to wash me, to help me grow, to forgive me, I will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

And the priesthood. Today I would like to be close to priests. All of them — from the most recently ordained to the pope, we are all priests. The bishops, all ... We are anointed, anointed by the Lord; anointed to offer the Eucharist, anointed to serve.

Today we did not have the Chrism Mass. I hope we will be able to have it before Pentecost, otherwise we will have to postpone it until next year. But I cannot let this Mass pass without mentioning the priests. Priests who offer their lives for the Lord, priests who are servants. In recent days, more than 60 have died here in Italy, in the care of the sick in hospitals, and also with doctors, nurses ... They are “the saints next door,” priests who gave their lives by serving.

And I think of those who are far away. Today I received a letter from a priest, chaplain from a distant prison, in which he tells of how he lives this Holy Week with the prisoners. A Franciscan.

Priests who go far to bring the Gospel and die there. A bishop said that the first thing he did, when he arrived in these mission posts, was to go to the cemetery, to the grave of the priests who lost their lives there, young, by the local plague [local diseases]. They were not prepared, they had no antibodies. No one knows their names. Anonymous priests.

The country parish priests, who are parish priests of four, five, or seven villages in the mountains and go from one to the other, who know the people ... Once, one told me that he knew the name of all the people of the villages. “Really?” I said to him. And he said to me: “Even the name of the dogs.” They know all. Priestly closeness.

Well done, good priests. Today I carry you in my heart and I bring you to the altar.

Slandered priests. Many times it happens today. They cannot go out on the street because bad things are said of them, in reference to the drama we have experienced with the discovery of priests who did ugly things. Some told me that they cannot leave the house with the clergyman because they are insulted, and they continue.

Sinful priests, who together with the bishops and the pope, a sinner, do not forget to ask for forgiveness. And learn to forgive because they know that they need to ask for forgiveness and to forgive. We are all sinners. Priests who suffer from crises, who do not know what to do, who are in the dark ... Today all of you, brother priests, are with me on the altar.

You who are consecrated, I only tell you one thing: Do not be stubborn, like Peter. Allow your feet to be washed. The Lord is your servant. He is close to you to give you strength, to wash your feet. And so, with this awareness of the need to be washed, to be great forgivers. Forgive. A great heart has generosity in forgiveness. It is the measure by which we will be measured. As you have forgiven, you will be forgiven: the same measure. Do not be afraid to forgive. Sometimes there are doubts ... Look at Christ [look at the Crucifix]. There is everyone's forgiveness.

Be brave, also in taking risks, in forgiving in order to console. And if you cannot give sacramental forgiveness at that moment, at least give the consolation of a brother who accompanies and leaves the door open for [that person] to return.

I thank God for the grace of the priesthood. We all [thank you]. I thank God for you, priests. Jesus loves you! He only asks that you allow him to wash your feet.

Pope Francis - *Holy Thursday homily, delivered April 9 at the Basilica of St. Peter.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be a Holy Hour in the Church on Sunday 19th April 2020 (Divine Mercy Sunday) to celebrate Divine Mercy and gain the desired Indulgence as granted by the Church. This will begin from 2:30 - 3:30p.m. Please follow us through Parish Live Streaming: <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

2. The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday to Divine Mercy Saturday. You can join thousands of people in praying the novena this year! The Divine Mercy novena prayers were given to St. Faustina through an apparition of our Lord Jesus. Each day has a new petition that seeks God's mercy for different purposes. The message of Divine Mercy is a powerful and moving way to come closer to Christ. His Mercy is central to our lives and we must continually depend on it and ask for it daily. What a great time to pray with the Church for Divine Mercy. Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena beginning this Good Friday!

Here are the details about the plenary indulgence that is possible to gain on Divine Mercy Sunday - the Sunday after Easter.

DIRECTIVES

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!). Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but wish to acquire the plenary indulgence.

In addition, the decree requires that parish priests "should inform the faithful in the most suitable way of the Church's salutary provision. They should promptly and generously be willing to hear their confessions. On Divine Mercy Sunday, after celebrating Mass or Vespers, or during devotions in honour of Divine Mercy, with the dignity that is in accord with the rite, they should lead the recitation of the prayers that have been given above. Finally, since 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5,7), when they instruct their people, priests should gently encourage the faithful to practice works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of Jesus Christ, as is listed for the second general concession of indulgence in the Enchiridion Indulgentiarum." Fr George Ngwa

PARISH OFFICE COVER. Lizzie, our Parish Secretary, will be self-isolating at home for the next few weeks. 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 – PRCDTR New Milton. Or you may prefer to give your donation directly to Fr. George. Thank you!

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>

EASTER SUNDAY– YEAR “A” 12TH APRIL 2020

Saturday	11	Apr.	HOLY SATURDAY - VIGIL MASS OF EASTER – Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – For Maria Long and Family	
Sunday	12	Apr.	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>IrenaOleksik (RIP)</i>	
Monday	13	Apr.	MONDAYOCTAVE OF EASTER- Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – The consecration of Russia and the World through Blessed Virgin Mary	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	14	Apr.	TUESDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - For the control of the virus	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday	15	Apr.	WEDNESDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER- Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - <i>For Peggy Tolliday RIP</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	16	Apr.	THURSDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER- Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy MassFor Eugene Nolan RIP	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	17	Apr.	FRIDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER- Year A	10:00 a.m. <i>Holy Mass - ForDavid Watts RIP (Anniversary of death)</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday	18	Apr	SATURDAY OCTAVE OF EASTER- Year A	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass - For God’s grace and protection to all with covid-19 and eternal repose to the dead.	
Saturday Vigil	18	Apr.	VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- Year A	6.00 p.m. Charles and Minnie Garbett RIP	
Sunday	19	Apr.	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- Year A	10.00 Holy Mass For Andrew NolanRIP (<i>First Anniversary of Death)</i>	2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. See notice above.

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

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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.