

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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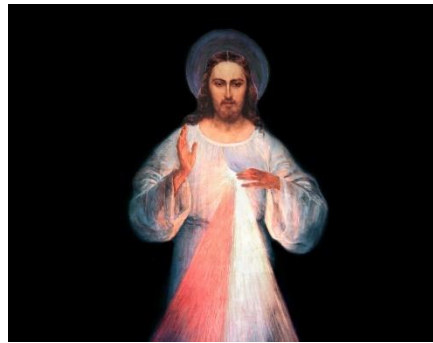
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Church opening hours - **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**DIVINE MERCYSUNDAY/ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR "A" 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

## DIVINE MERCY INDULGENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



### **With churches closed and Communion unavailable, can we still receive the graces and promises of Divine Mercy Sunday?**

That is the question most people are wondering about and asking since it appears we can't fulfil the two conditions for the promise Jesus made concerning the particular way to participate on Divine Mercy Sunday or the conditions for the plenary indulgence attached to Divine Mercy Sunday granted by St. John Paul II in 2002.

"Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday," stresses Father Chris Alar of the Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy. Remember, Jesus revealed the promise and its two conditions thorough St. Faustina: *I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy* (Diary, 1109).

Father Alar emphasizes what he calls "arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's *Diary*, when Jesus tells St. Faustina":

***I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).***

The Lord Jesus Christ promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession and receives Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. These are amazing graces to take advantage of on Sunday, April 19, 2020!

***Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can still receive these special graces. Do the acts Contrition for your sins, the act of spiritual communion and of trust below with the intent to return to the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession as soon as possible.***

**Act of Contrition (traditional)**- There are a variety of different **Acts of Contrition** suggested in the Rite of Penance. Here are a few of them.

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**1. Act of Contrition (alternate form)** - My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

### ***An Act of Contrition inspired by the Gospels***

Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child." Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom." Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."

**2. Make a Spiritual Communion** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**3. Say a prayer like this:** Lord Jesus Christ, You promised Saint Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace. Amen.

### ***Here's the official Holy See explanation of why, even in spite of not being able to get to church, you can get the plenary indulgence:***

*"For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill"* such as and including "the countless brothers and sisters, whom the disasters of war, political events, local violence and other such causes have been driven out of their homeland; the sick and those who nurse them, and all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes or who carry out an activity for the community which cannot be postponed, may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you*)."

The decree even adds: "If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day, they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, if, with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence, in the usual way, and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence."

***"There is no doubt, that Pope St. John Paul II was guided by the Holy Spirit when he established this, very, special plenary indulgence, with every possible provision, so that everyone can obtain the incredible gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment," writes Robert Allard, director of Apostles of Divine Mercy in Florida.***

Major Reminder

"This extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone." Tell non-Catholics about it. And while the normal requirement means for the punishment due to sin to be remitted, the person has to have

absolute perfect contrition, for the promise, “unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention

to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life! ... Jesus told St. Faustina, Divine Mercy is mankind’s last hope of salvation (*Diary*, 998). Please don’t let this grace pass you by.”

Please recall some of what Jesus told Faustina —

Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... (1146) Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy. (1588)

Let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them. (848) My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy. (300)

Join us on through our Live streaming <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton> of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Hour at 2:30 – 3:30p.m.

Fr. George Ngwa

## JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

### 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>

**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](mailto: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>

**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.

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<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A	<b>6.00 p.m. Charles and Minnie Garbett RIP</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A	<b>10.00 Holy Mass For Andrew Nolan RIP ( First Anniversary of Death )</b>	<b>2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	MONDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A	<b>10.00 a.m. Holy Mass –</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A St. Anselm	<b>10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - John Lee Williams RIP</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A  <b>Vigil Mass St. George</b>	<b>10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - For Bernard Delair RIP</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass St. George</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A St. George	<b>10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – For Andy and Johanna Thomas – Wedding Anniversary</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	FRIDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A ST. Adalbert	<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Mass –Holy Souls</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Apr</b>	SATURDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> week of Easter - Year A St. Mark	<b>09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion</b> <b>10:00 a.m. For Fr. George – safety at this difficult time.</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A	<b>6:00 p.m. For the Williams Family – For safety at this difficult time</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A	<b>10.00 Holy Mass For Michael Pearce and Anthony Cookson Anniversary of Death )</b>	

**IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. See notice above.**

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

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