

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR "A" 10TH MAY 2020



Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the
Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9:25 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass (Priest alone)
6 :00 p.m. - Exposition of Blessed
Sacrament (Priest alone)
6:30 p.m. - Holy Rosary
6:50 p.m. - Benediction

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
(Priest alone)
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 Sunday

SUNDAY

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

For daily Masses and Devotions Please Join Parish Live Streaming:

<http://churchservices.tv/newmilton>

The German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Pope Francis discussed the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the world in a phone call on Thursday and agreed on the need to help poorer countries, her spokesman said. The conversation centred on the humanitarian and political situation in view of the pandemic and the importance of cohesion and solidarity in Europe and the world. **“Both favoured supporting in particular poorer countries in the coronavirus pandemic”**. Merkel, daughter of a Lutheran pastor who has met Pope Francis before, also invited him to visit Germany as soon as circumstances allow.

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, keeping to the decree of the Bishop. However 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>**

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Saturday Vigil	9	May	VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass For Joseph and Gisele Bazerghi health and well being	
Sunday	10	May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A	10.00 Holy Mass For the intention of the Ferrier Family	
Monday	11	May	MONDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass For those affected by Covid-19	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Tuesday	12	May	TUESDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass -Thanksgiving for Lissama Birthday wishes	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday	13	May	WEDNESDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A OUR LADY OF FATIMA	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass For Augustine and Helen RIP	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	14	May	THURSDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A St. MATTHIAS	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – For Graham, Chris Owen. Health and well being	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	15	May	FRIDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Middleton	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday	16	May	SATURDAY 5 TH week of Easter - Year A	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. For Ian Russel RIP	
Saturday Vigil	16	May	VIGIL SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A	6:00 p.m. For John Williams – health and well being	
Sunday	17	May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A	10.00 Holy Mass Thanksgiving and well being for the Joseph Kurian family	

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.