

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours –



24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR "A" 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

SPREADING THE FRAGRANCE OF CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

We know the saying that “a word or nod from a good person has more weight than the eloquent speeches of others.” Just as plants yield fragrances, so people exert influence for good or ill.

What Is Influence? - *Influence sometimes is defined as the “ability to produce an effect without apparent force or direct authority.” Some people, by virtue of their personalities, have greater influence than others. A spiritual person longs to exude more influence for good.*

How can we develop greater Christian influence?

Display Genuine Interest in Others - Try to cultivate a *genuine interest* in people. Get to know the names of those with whom you have frequent contact — the lady at the market, your auto mechanic, your doctor, pharmacist, etc. Get on a first-name basis. Inquire about their families. Ask about their children. In a bustling society, people are surprised and pleased when someone expresses sincere, personal interest in them.

Don't Try to Domineer Others - When engaged in conversation with others, do not *dominate* the scene. Everyone has encountered the type of person with whom you cannot get a word in edgewise. Talkative or motor-mouths are not appreciated. Be willing to listen as well as to converse. Show folks that you value what they say — even if it is boring and sometimes almost nonsensical.

Embrace Humility as One of Your Core Values - Don't be a **know-it-all**. No one is, but not-a-few think they are. There is no subject upon which they cannot pontificate for hours on end whether they know anything about it or not. If you have a medical problem, they can completely diagnose it, recite a number of cases where friends have died of the ailment, and provide you with a healing remedy that may be ordered from Mexico. If your automobile is running rough, they know exactly what the problem is. One can hardly influence others when he acts as if he knows everything about everything.

Don't Criticize Others - In attempting to exert Christian influence upon worldly friends, do not begin by **correcting** everything you observe that is wrong in their lives. If you attempt to initiate a relationship by immediately calling attention to their dress, language, recreational activities, political orientation, and even religious aberrations, you likely will get nowhere. First, influence others by example. People listen to the way you talk. They observe how you dress. They soon become familiar with your patterns of religious activity. If they have a spark of spiritual interest, eventually they will comment or ask questions. Watch for open doors. You don't have to break them down.

Be Patient with Others - Be patient with people. Remember how long **it took you** to learn the fundamentals of the Christian life (read Tit. 3:1-3). Growth does not come instantly, but slowly and steadily. If you appoint yourself as the one who sets the timetable for growth in the Christian “babe” or for others who have spiritual problems, you will become frustrated and irritated when your expectations are not met. Furthermore, your frustrations will show in how you talk and behave — often causing your influence to shrivel up rather than blossom. Watch for signs of growth. Encourage and commend these. Compassion and *patience* are virtues, not compromises. Be Gentle, Not Abrasive

In teaching, learn the art of indirect manoeuvres - For example, suppose a person says: “We are saved by faith, not works. Baptism is a work, so it can't be a part of the salvation process.”

Instead of responding, “That's false doctrine!” why not say something like this. “You know, there are a couple of passages on this theme that are intriguing. Jesus described ‘belief’ as a work [Jn. 6:29; cf. Rev. 2:26], and God saw the ‘works’ of the people of Nineveh as they ‘repented’ [Mt. 12:41; Jon. 3:10], yet both belief and repentance are required by God. Why don't we study these texts?”

TO DO LIST OF LOVING DEEDS

Here are some of the things we can do keep ourselves focused on doing God's will and forgetting the wrong things people do to us in the everyday moments of life:

- 1. Be kind.** Never hurt people emotionally, physically, or spiritually (1 Cor. 13:4–7; Eph. 4:32). If you do hurt someone, ask for forgiveness and make amends if possible (James 5:16)
- 2. Treat everyone respectfully** (Rom. 12:10).
- 3. Be as generous as you can responsibly be.** What this looks like for each Christian will vary depending on circumstances that often—and usually do—change throughout life (Luke 21:1–4; Acts 20:35).
- 4. Help friends and family who are overwhelmed with life due to a variety of reasons by doing their yard work or household chores, or running an errand for them** (James 2:14–17).
- 5. Share with people the hope you have in Christ.** If they have questions, find good answers. Don't ever be afraid of the truth—as Jesus stated, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32; 1 Pet. 3:15).
- 6. Work** (Col. 3:23; 2 Thess. 3:10–12). Some Christians mistakenly think that work is part of the curse from the fall, but God gave humans work to do *before* Adam sinned (Gen. 2:15). God worked when he created the universe (Gen. 1). Humans are made in God's image and bring him glory when they work honourably and responsibly.
- 7. Play—as long as your duties get done** (Eccles. 3:13).
- 8. Rest** (Mark 6:31). God made humans to need rest. Getting too little rest makes you grumpy, short-tempered, and a safety hazard to others as well as yourself. If you neglect resting sufficiently over a significant period of time, your health will suffer. Due to circumstances beyond their control, people can't always rest as much as they need to do, but they should try the best they can to get enough sleep.
- 8. Listen thoughtfully when someone is talking to you—be understanding and empathetic.** You don't need to have an answer for everyone's problems. People need family and friends to stand with them and hold them up when they have trouble walking on their own (Eccles. 4:10).
- 10. Think of others before yourself** (1 Cor. 13:4). No one likes to be around a selfish, arrogant person (Luke 14:7–11; Phil. 2:3–4).
- 11. Forgive people who hurt you, but be sure to protect yourself and others from future harm** (Matt. 6:12). Trust is not a right—it must be earned.
- 12. During any social time before or after church, introduce yourself to people you haven't met and get to know them.** Make an extra effort if they are by themselves (Heb. 13:2).
- 13. Laugh—a lot if you can!** (Job 8:21). Yet, never do so at anyone's expense.
- 14. Send a friend a text to say hi or to remember a birthday or special anniversary** (1 Cor. 16:14).
- 15. Invite someone over for a simple dinner or to do something fun together** (Heb. 13:1–2).
- 16. When you can't find the right words to say to people who are hurting, don't say anything.** Give them a hug or do something helpful for them (Gal. 5:13–14; 1 Pet. 4:10).
- 17. Be courageous** (2 Tim. 1:7). You can always take heart, because Jesus has "overcome the world" (John 16:33).
- 18. Go on a walk or do some other form of exercise—by yourself or with a group—and smile at people you see along the way** (Luke 6:31; Eph. 4:32).
- 19. Meet up for coffee with someone who is struggling in some way** (Gal. 6:2).
- 20. Thank God for his creation.** Spend time outdoors and gaze in awe at all God has made: humans, animals, and the natural world (Ps. 19:1).
- 21. Thank God for the vast variety of art people create** (Exod. 35:35). Enjoy paintings, dancing, music, architecture, crafts. Make your own art for you and others to enjoy (Phil. 4:8).
- 22. Tell your family members you love them at the beginning and end of each day—and in between!** (Eph. 2:18; 1 John 4:19)
- 23. If you see a good sale on groceries, buy extra and drop off a bag of food at the door of a friend who is struggling financially** (Luke 6:34; 1 John 3:17).
- 24. If you see people perform an act of kindness, praise them** (1 Thess. 5:11).
- 25. Never criticize anyone publicly if it can be avoided without someone or something being harmed.** Think of how you would want to be treated in a public situation, and treat others likewise (Luke 6:31).
- 26. If you are invited to a God-honouring event, go and enjoy it** (John 2:1–2).
- 27. Give someone a compliment** (1 Thess. 5:11).

28. If you know someone who is suffering from abuse, illness, or calamity, do what you can to help, and find someone who can help in ways you can't (Prov. 17:17). Don't be like the people Jesus described who passed by the victim of a robbery and looked the other way (Luke 10:25–37).

29. Be a mentor in a small or big way—help someone succeed in a worthy endeavour (1 Pet. 5:1–5; Tit. 2:3–5).

30. Be happy for people when good things happen in their lives (Rom. 12:15).

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First Holy Communion Classes will start at the end of October on Monday evenings from 5 till 6.15 pm. You have a month to register your child if eligible. Proof of a valid Baptism is required and your child should be 7 or over. Please phone or email the office to give your contact details.

Candidates from last year who were unable to complete the course and make their First Holy Communion will have to join in with this year's new candidates. We will discuss with each family which classes they need to attend. Please can you also contact the office with your contact details and let us know if there is any change in your situation. Thank you and God bless.

Confirmation Classes will also start at the end of October on a day to be agreed upon with parents. You have a month to register with our Parish office. Proof of a valid Baptism and first Holy Communion document is required. Please phone or email the office to give your contact details.

Live-in Carer/ Companion. Please call Helen - 07867978558

BEFORE ENTERING AND IN CHURCH

Please wait for the Stewards to admit you into the Church before Mass, and observe social distancing in the queue

Sanitise your hands as you enter the Church.

Keep at least 1 metre from other people at all times.

Wear a facemask at all times (except when you have received communion)

Do not give the sign of peace, or make any other physical contact.

DO NOT Queue for communion – the Priest will come to you. Please take communion in the hand and avoid touching the hand of the Priest.

Observing the one metre distance Follow the way system in and out of the Church.

Face Coverings: Government has advised that cloth face coverings (and not surgical masks) should be worn for reassurance by people in enclosed areas. Churches do not need to supply face coverings for visitors. Clergy to wear face mask for distribution of communion.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MASS ATTENDANCE - BOOKING SHEET

Our Church is open, but due to government guidelines we have a limit to the number of people for Mass by the social distance rule we have to keep. Therefore following our Mass times we **MUST NOW** have to book for the Masses we wish to attend. Please book through Lizzie on a Wednesday or Friday or via email.

We have to take names and contact details for every Mass as directed, in case the information is required by **the Track and Trace policy put in place**. The easiest way of doing this is to complete the form as shown below. Parishioners and visitors alike can book and write down their contact details then. This form will be kept for 21 days, in case we have to track and trace.

YOUR NAME AND NAMES OF PERSONS ATTENDING THIS MASS	CONTACT DETAILS	NUMBER ON PEW SAT ON	SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS	SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. MASS	NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING THIS MASS

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!

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Sunday Vigil	12	Sept	Vigil 24 th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>for the deceased members of the Haddard Family</i>	
Sunday	13	Sept	24 th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	8:00 a.m. – <i>Christianned'Espagnac RIP</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – 4:00 p.m. –	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting
Monday	14	Sept	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		NO MASS AND BENEDICTION
Tuesday	15	Sept	Tuesday 24 th Week – Year A Our Lady of Sorrows	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>Mary McKeeves RIP</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday	16	Sept	Wednesday 24th Week - Year A St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - Elizabeth Rippon for well being	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	17	Sept	Thursday 24 th Week Year A - St. Hildegard of Bingen	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Paul Gordelier & deceased family members</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	18	Sept	Friday 24 th Week - Year A	10:00 a.m.- Holy Mass – <i>Roy Fitzell - RIP</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Bene.
Saturday	19	Sept	Saturday 24 th Week - Year A - Our Lady of Saturday	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass –	
Saturday Vigil			Vigil 25 th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Mary Davies thanksgiving for recovery after operation.</i>	
Sunday	20	Sept	25 th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	8:00 a.m. <i>Lesser Family thanksgiving for God's Blessing</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – 4:00 p.m. -	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting

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

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Hall Bookings suspended during the Pandemic.

Secretary: Lizzie Davies – Office Hours 12.00h to 15.00h Wednesday & 10.00h to 13.00h Friday

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