

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours –



**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR "A" 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

## **The Trap Called 'Greed'**

***Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourselves against every form of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Luke 12:15***

Our Gospel reading gives the opportunity to examine the vice in our society called GREED. Greed is a dangerous trap that destroys the lives of its victims, working stealthily to rob a person of life and joy. Proverbs 1:17-19 gives us a stern warning about the dangers of greed: "Surely, in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird; But they lie in wait for their own blood, they lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; it takes away the life of its owners."

**Greed as a Trap** - Greed works as a trap that catches unassuming people and keeps them held in bondage over their desires. It's a silent danger that lurks hidden beneath the sight of those who are caught in its grip. People who are greedy fall into a myriad of problems in their lives, because greed seems to invite a host of other issues. Here are but some of them:

- Greed for money might cause a person to accept bribes and participate in other unlawful means to gain more money.
- Greed for material gain might push a person to steal, cheat, deceive, and do other sly things to gain more material wealth and property.
- Greed for power might push a person to ignore the law, step on the rights of others, and be oppressive. In short, bullying.
- Greed for attention or fame might cause a person to do all sorts of things, even unrighteous ones, to gain the desired attention and fame.
- Greed, in general, will blind anyone to its dangers, leading its victims to soaring debts or ungodly relationships.

Greed also destroys a person's most important relationships: first with God, then with his family, then with his friends, and then his community. While some might disagree, the truth is that greed makes a person self-centred and thus unlikeable and unworthy of emulating.

**Staying Free From Greed** - The Bible has several instructions about staying away from bad company (which includes the greedy), and putting off covetousness which is simply the desire to get another person's belongings. Here are but some of them.

- "You must not steal." (Exodus 20:15)
- "You must not covet your neighbour's house. You must not covet your neighbour's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbour." (Exodus 20:17)
- "But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person." (1 Corinthians 5:11)

Stay free from personal greed, as well as away from the company of greedy people. Save yourself from such heartache.

"But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." – 1 Timothy 6:9-10

### **Pope Francis: 'Greed destroys people, families, relationships'**

Greed and attachment to money, destroys people, destroys families and relationships with others. "This is a day-to-day problem. How many families have we seen destroyed by the problem of money? Brother against brother, father against son. This is the first result that this attitude of being attached to money does: it destroys! When a person is attached to money, he destroys himself, he destroys the family. Money destroys! It does, doesn't it? It binds you. Money serves to bring about many good things, so many works for human development, but when your heart is attached in this way, it destroys you."

"Then too this greed makes you sick, because it makes you think of everything in terms of money. It destroys you, it makes you sick. And in the end - this is the most important thing - greed is an instrument of idolatry because it goes along a way contrary to what God has done for us. This is the reason, why Jesus says things "so hard, so strong against this attachment to money.

Fr. George Ngwa

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THREE NEWS ITEMS FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

**NHS Track and Trace System** - We have taken the view that all parishes should use the new NHS track and trace system for people attending both parish liturgies and hall events. You will need to go online and create a venue specific poster.

Everyone who visits will need to download the NHS track and trace app onto their phone.

If someone visits your church or hall without a phone, you must record their personal details as before. Simple and clear fact sheets to help are attached.

**Baptism** - The government have now updated their guidance for Baptism to restrict the number to 6 people, unless the Baptism takes place during the Mass. If the Baptism takes place during the Mass, the limit should be decided on the basis of the capacity of the place of worship following a risk assessment. Anyone 'working,' including the celebrant, are not included as part of the limit on those attending. (There has been no change to rules regarding First Holy Communion, as this Sacrament takes place during the Mass, so the limit should be decided on the basis of the capacity of the place of worship reflecting your risk assessment.)

### **Outdoor Rules - In the grounds of a place of worship**

***More than 30 people can pray in a place of worship or its grounds. The law allows for multiple groups of 6 people to participate, provided that these groups do not mingle. A risk assessment must be conducted and COVID-19 Secure measures implemented. The number of people who are able to gather will therefore be dependent on the size of the space available.***

**THE LIVING ROSARY GROUP:** Members are reminded of the meeting tomorrow Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00 p.m. through our live streaming. Please update the lists of those we are praying for.

**COMMUNION TO HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** - It has been a while now we have not been able to take Holy Communion to our Housebound Parishioners due to the lockdown and safeguarding measures to control the coronavirus. I would like to ask those who wish to receive Holy Communion to inform me and we can do this in the garden of your home without me coming into the house. All this will be done under the strictest measures of Mask, hand sanitization, no contact ( except in a situation where anointing with oil celebrating the sacrament of the sick is requested for ) and as brief as possible.

**COVID – Safety Measures** -With the escalation of Covid-19 cases nationwide, please keep to all the social and Church norms governing our safety during this period of Covid-19. As a Government regulation wear your masks and fill in your details for Track and Trace. It is mandatory for us to take names and contact details for every person attending Mass, in case the information is required by **the Track and Trace policy put in place**. This is for *your* safety as much as for everyone else's!

**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.

**CAFOD** Give today and save lives at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. With thanks for your generosity.

**MISSIO World Mission Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020** Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on World Mission Sunday. The Mission Today Autumn Magazine is available from Lizzie in the Parish Office on request. Please pick up a magazine and donate to this very worthwhile cause run by the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!**My Mission Prayer** – “Here I am, Lord, send me to share your love with all people. May I be empowered and carried by you to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing faithful witness to the merciful Father, to the love of His Son, Jesus Christ and to the divine life in the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever Amen.

**Head of Centre Volunteer - Marriage Care** Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and ongoing relationship support for couples across England and Wales. Our local centre which covers Portsmouth and the surrounding area is looking for someone with experience of team management to take on our Head of Centre role and lead and support our local team in delivering vital relationship support services. If you want to be part of a friendly team making a real difference in your community, please enquire. For more information you can visit us at: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**Return to Seminary** – Please remember in your prayers our Seminarians who have returned to their respective seminaries for the next year of Formation. We have 13 men in Formation at this time! Let us pray: “Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern Priesthood. We beg Your continued blessing on our Dioceses and families. Call forth even more men, of generous spirit and fervent love, whom You desire for this Holy work. Amen”

**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!

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Sunday Vigil	03	Oct	Vigil 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Gehane Therese Gordelier-Birthday wishes</i>	
Sunday	04	Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	8:00 a.m. – <i>BieAssoignol - RIP</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Mavis Harris Intention</i> 4:00 p.m. –	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting
Monday	05	Oct			NO MASS AND BENEDICTION
Tuesday	06	Oct	St. Bruno	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>Katie Loftus &amp; Jacob Holland – 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday	07	Oct	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Week - Year A - Our Lady of the Rosary	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass - <i>Jack &amp; Mary Loftus - RIP</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	08	Oct.	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Year A	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Christine – God’s blessing for the loss of her Mother</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	09	Oct.	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Week - Year A St. John Henry Newman	10:00 a.m- Holy Mass – <i>Rita Armstrong RIP</i>	NOROSARY AND BENEDICTION
Saturday	10	Oct.	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Week - Year A - Our Lady of Saturday	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass –	
Saturday Vigil			Vigil 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Rosamma Joseph RIP</i>	
Sunday	11		28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	8:00 a.m. <i>Eddy Kelleher - RIP</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Jack &amp; Mary Loftus - RIP</i> 4:00 p.m. -	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting

**NB: Next Weekend: Collection Obligatory for Foreign Missions**

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](http://www.nfwp.org.uk)  
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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**