

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours –



**30<sup>TH</sup>SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR "A" 25<sup>TH</sup>OCTOBER 2020**

**Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength !**

**But how...**

Today many people ask - What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength?

**Do this one thing and everything else follows – it is the Greatest**

Love God! Do this one thing and everything else falls in place. Jesus said this is the most important thing we can do in life, it is the greatest! But how?

**God is Love.**

God's love for us is unconditional and never ending. Before you can love God with all our heart, soul, mind, strength it is important that you understand how much God's love you and how high, wide, long, and deep His love for you is. When you begin to understand God's amazing love you are able to live at peace with God and with others. You no longer feel condemned. You have the joy of the Lord and you can love Him. To love God you first must comprehend His great love for you.

**God First Loved You**

1 John 4:19 says, "*We love Him because He first loved us.*" Because God has loved us, not because of anything we've done, but because He is love – we now have the ability to love Him. The most important thing you can do in life is love God. In fact God created you to love Him. Life is not about becoming famous or rich. It's not about acquiring a bunch of stuff or accomplish great things it is about learning to love God. When you love God first then all those other things will take care of themselves.

**Love God with All Your Heart**

First, Jesus says to love God with all your heart. There are so many things competing for our hearts and attention, but God wants our heart. This is where it starts. The heart refers to the very center or core of who we are – that is our spirit. As a Christian our spirit is alive in God and the things of God. Our spirit is the innermost part of our being. It is by our spirit that we are able to connect with God and hear from Him. (Romans 8:216)

Loving God with all of our heart means continuing to grow in our relationship with Him. It means that at the very core of our being, our spirit we desire to spend time with Him, talking to Him,

listening to Him, following Him, doing what He tells us to do, – it is abiding in Him. Loving God spiritually is beyond the emotion or physical aspect of love. It is much deeper.

Loving God with all our heart means our relationship with Him comes first. ***“In everything you do, put God first...”*** (Proverbs 3:6) Loving God with all our heart means loving, adoring, and serving God is our priority in the midst of doing things in the family, at work, school and hobbies. God is at the center of it all and we do.

### **Love God with All Your Soul**

Second, Jesus said love God with all your soul. Often people think of soul and spirit as the same. They will use the words interchangeably, but they are different. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that it is the Word of God that is able to, ***“divide the soul and spirit,”***. Your soul is your will and emotions. We are to love God with the emotion and feelings that love invoke. We should be moved and over whelmed with the emotion of loving God.

We are to love God by choosing to love Him and obey. ***“If you love Me, you will do what I say.”*** (John 14:15 ) These are acts of our will. God does not force us to love Him. He gives us the freedom to choose, but He has empowered us to love Him. Loving God is not a work, but a response to the overwhelming love He has toward us.

### **Love God with All Your Mind**

Third, Jesus said love God with all your mind. This means focusing our thoughts on Him – His holiness, goodness, His awesome works and creation, etc. We are to love God via our thinking and reasoning, not just our emotions. Proverbs 23:7 says, ***“As a person thinks in their heart so are they”***. It is important to thinking rightly about God. This means we need to have our minds renewed with the Word of God (Romans 12:2) so, that we get rid of bad thinking and replace it with right thinking.

### **Love God with with All Your Strength**

Finally, Jesus said love God with all you strength. This is talking about the physical aspect of our lives. Our actions should reflect and demonstrate our love for God. This means using our time, talents, and treasures in a way that brings glory to God.

### **God Wants All of You**

Jesus makes it clear that God wants “all of you”. He wants your heart, soul, mind, and strength focused on investing in your relationship with Him. It is only by all four of these working together that we truly love God. The great thing is God has empowered us to do it – with His grace working in us (Romans 12:6), with the help of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26), and with His love deposited in our hearts. (Romans 5:5) we are able to love God. It is just a choice we make each day. God love you – so you can love God! Love God with your heart, soul, mind, strength.

**COVID-19 Pandemic**– With the necessity to restrict the numbers of parishioners in Church for each Mass to 30, we are seeking ways of reducing the risk of disappointment when attending Masses on a Sunday. With this in mind, we are keen to introduce a new, more efficient, means of booking your place at Mass, which we are hoping to have in place as from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We have set up an “on-line” booking system, which you can find by visiting our Website at [www.nfwp.org.uk/our-lady-of-lourdes-new-milton](http://www.nfwp.org.uk/our-lady-of-lourdes-new-milton) and clicking onto the appropriate link. This will be available from week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October for your reservations at Masses in November and beyond. If any Parishioners do not have the facility to book on line, would they please contact Lizzie in the Parish Office on either a Wednesday between 12.00 noon and 3.00 p.m. or on a Friday between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Thank you!

**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 check your details for Track and Trace. ***Download the NHS app to your smart phones for track and trace. You can find this at the exits of our Church doors.***

**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. Therefore, we are hoping to extend our 4.00 p.m. Masses on a Sunday for as long as the weather permits!

**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.)

**COMMUNION TO HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** - It has been a while now since we have 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 Fr. George 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.

**LIVE-IN CARER / COMPANION** – Reliable trustworthy, excellent references DBS clearance, own vehicle please call Helen -07867978558

**Confirmation Classes** All who registered for this Sacrament will meet in the Parish hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct at 5:00 p.m. for a short debriefing on our Course.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT during the enforced Coronavirus Church Closure.** Whether or not you are a Gift Aider and you 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 the Office. Thank you!

**NOVEMBER PRAYERFUL MONTH FOR THE DEAD.** Please do remember to bring along the list of the dead you want us to pray for in November. The envelopes will be made available only under measures in keeping with the control of the Covid -19 virus.

**Obituary** – Sad to announce the death of , Beryle Crittal - Funeral on 29<sup>th</sup> October Peter Chick - Funeral here on 6<sup>th</sup> November and Edward Crisante – Funeral date still to be announced.

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Sunday Vigil	24	Oct	Vigil 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Soni Kochuvilayil – (18<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</i>	
Sunday	25	Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A	8:00 a.m. – 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Bernard Delair (RIP)</i> 4:00 p.m. –	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting
Monday	26	Oct	Ss Chad & Cedd		<b>NO MASS AND BENEDICTION</b>
Tuesday	27	Oct	Tuesday of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	18:00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19.00 Holy Mass – <i>Kevin Stephens (RIP)</i>	6.00-7.00 p.m. Rosary & Benediction
Wednesday	28	Oct	Ss SIMON & JUDE	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Keith Fitzpatric (RIP) &amp; his grieving Family</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	29	Oct.	Thursday of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10.00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Fr. Gerrit Vervenne (for health &amp; wellbeing)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	30	Oct.	Friday of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 a.m.- Holy Mass – <i>Terence Joseph Boland (63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – RIP)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday	31	Oct.	Our Lady of Saturday	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Sebastian (RIP)</i>	
Saturday Vigil			Vigil Mass of All Saints	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>John Gow (Anniversary RIP)</i>	
Sunday	01	Nov.	ALL SAINTS	8:00 a.m. 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Derrick Hobbs (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RIP)</i> 4:00 p.m. -	4.00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting

**NB: The Weekend 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT – 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV: Has been chosen for the Collection (Obligatory) for Bamenda**  
**Next Weekend Sunday 8<sup>TH</sup> NOV. Will be Remembrance Sunday**  
**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)

Safeguarding Minister: Tony Harwood Tel: 01425 511 952 or email [hughharwood314@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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**