

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours –



ALL SAINTS YEAR "A" 1ST NOVEMBER 2020

Reasons the Early Church Grew

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus promised to establish His Church. This glorious event took place on the Day of Pentecost. The book of Acts of the Apostles tells us on that day the God of Heaven launched the Church established by Jesus Christ and 3.000 people were baptised.

The Early Church Preached the Right Message

In Acts 4:2 we read the following: **“being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”** As the Apostles were teaching, opposition arose from the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection from the dead. There are many today who do not believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Sadly, that includes some who claim to be Christians. It took then, and takes today, boldness to proclaim the resurrection. We must proclaim it from our Church and our homes and with all we come in contact. The early church stressed the importance of proclaiming the resurrection of the Lord of Glory, The resurrection is the driving force behind the Gospel. It should be the basis of our message.

Jesus proved Himself to be the Christ through the resurrection. It makes the church and her mission strong. We should declare it as the bedrock of the Christian faith. If Christ did not rise from the dead, we are dead in our sins and have no hope of Heaven. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrated that God’s power was greater than that of Satan. The resurrection of Jesus is the most essential element of the Christian faith.

The Early Church Preached the Right Name

In Acts 4:12, we read: **Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”** This passage declares that salvation is in the Name of Jesus Christ. When the Bible uses the expression **“in the Name of,”** as used here and in Acts 2:38, it means by the authority of. Many are saying today that it does not matter what you believe in or who you believe in. This is not the case. A world that is under the sentence of death needs a redeemer. In John 14:6 we read: **Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.** The early church declared that Jesus was the hope of the world. Let’s lift up Jesus to a dying world. Let the world know what Jesus means to us. Jesus offers the only hope there is!

The Early Church Had Boldness in Defence of the Truth.

The Sanhedrin had commanded Peter and John not to preach about the resurrection under threat of punishment. In this passage we see the boldness of the Apostles. They were ready to go anywhere and everywhere in defence of the Gospel. What is the “Good News?” I 1 Cor. 15, sometimes called the resurrection chapter, verses 1-4 tell us that Gospel consists of the fact that Jesus died and was buried and that He rose from the dead. Let’s look at the boldness of the apostles and seek to have that same kind of boldness today.

We must know what we believe and why. We must believe that the Word of God is inerrant and infallible. If we know what we believe and why we can have boldness in presenting the Gospel to a lost world. In Jude verse 3 there is a passage that fits the situation, **“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”**

The early Church was a Praying Church

After Peter and John had been released by the Sanhedrin they went back to the rest of the apostles and fellow believers to give a report of what had transpired. Verses 24-31 record that the early Church was a praying church. In Acts 4:29 we read: **“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,”** They believed in the power of prayer and also of answered prayer. Many of the great figures of the Old and New Testament were people of prayer. God has told us to pray. If we pray, knowing that God hears, and expecting that God will answer in a way that will bring glory to His Name, we can have a victorious prayer life. Remember, it is our Creator that we are talking to. If we can recapture the prayer life of the early church we can better stimulate church growth.

The Early Church was One in Christ

If we are willing to learn from the experiences of the early church, we can have church growth. The early church spread across the known world. Everywhere Christians went and preached the Word. If we, today, can put into practice the methods used by the early church, we can have church growth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 1st 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 and clicking onto the appropriate link. The Links to book SundayMasses throughout November are as follows:.

Sunday 1st Nov: <https://forms.gle/fg7gipRM6taBEBtM9>

Sunday 8th Nov: <https://forms.gle/KemrsWRTf7XVUY5b7>

Sunday 15th Nov: <https://forms.gle/4B8UG9UFXuU5E7Af6>

Sunday 22nd Nov: <https://forms.gle/AimA8UDNjyB1jrem7>

Sunday 29th Nov: <https://forms.gle/32frHGqDdXjYERkH8>

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. when she will be happy to help you. 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.

Outdoor Rules - In the grounds of a place of Worship. Please Note that we have moved this Mass back to 3:00 p.m. More than 30 people can pray in the grounds of a place of worship. 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 3:00 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.

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 – PRC DTR New Milton. Or you may prefer to give your donation directly to the Office. Thank you! If you do decide to pay money directly into our Bank Account, it would be very helpful for our Treasurer if you could write what it is for in the Reference Box when paying on line, i.e. Church donation, Intention, Cafod etc.

Confirmation Classes Friday 6th November at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

Obituary – Peter Chick - Funeral here on 6th November at 12:00 noon and Edwardo Crisante – Funeral 12th of November at 12:00 noon

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Sunday Vigil		31	Oct	Vigil Mass of All Saints Year A	6:00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>John Gow (Anniversary R.I.P.)</i>	
Sunday		01	Nov.	ALL SAINTS Year A	8:00 a.m. – <i>Raymundo III, Raymundo Sr. & Leonora Yapit (RIP)</i> 10:00 Holy Mass – <i>Derrick Hobbs (5th Anniversary R.I.P.)</i> 3:00 p.m. – Mass	3:00 p.m Mass at Grotto – weather permitting
Monday		02	Nov.	ALL SOULS	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass <i>Repose of the Souls of the Nixon & d'Espagnac families & friends also all aborted babies in the world</i> 12:00 Holy Mass for the Dead 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass for the Dead	3:00 p.m. Prayer Service at Milford Road Cemetery
Tuesday		03	Nov.	St Martin de Porres	18:00 Exposition, 18:30 Rosary, 18:50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass– <i>Charles & Minnie Garbett (R.I.P.)</i>	6:00-7:00 p.m. Rosary & Benediction
Wednesday		04	Nov.	St Charles Borromeo	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Nora Sweeney (health & well-being)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday		05	Nov.	Thursday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Harriett Pendry (R.I.P.)</i> 4:00 p.m. Peter Chick's Coffin to lie in Church	NO Rosary and Benediction
Friday		06	Nov.	Friday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 p.m.- Holy Mass – For Peter Chick's Funeral	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday		07	Nov.	Our Lady of Saturday	09:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Nixon & d'Espagnac Families (RIP)</i>	
Saturday Vigil				Vigil Mass of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Mary Ellen Gilhooly (R.I.P.)</i>	
Sunday		08	Nov.	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	08:00 a.m. Holy Mass– <i>Andrew, Francis & Stephen Doolan (RIP)</i> 10:00 a.m.- Holy Mass – <i>God's Blessing for the continued good health of the Churcher Family</i> 3:00 p.m. Holy Mass	3:00 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