

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours –



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR "A" 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

MEMORIAL SUNDAY - Do we have to Remember Them ?



YES we must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those hundred of thousand British allied lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for world peace. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument.¹

These wars touched the lives of people of all ages, all races, all social classes. Fathers, Mothers, sons, daughters, sweethearts, relations and friends: they were killed in action, they were wounded, and thousands who returned were forced to live the rest of their lives with the physical and mental scars of war. Yet for many of us, war is a phenomenon seen through the lens of a television camera or a journalist's account of fighting in distant parts of the world. Our closest physical and emotional experience may be the discovery of wartime memorabilia in a family attic. But even items such as photographs, uniform badges, flags, medals and diaries can seem vague and unconnected to the life of their owner. For those of us born during peacetime, all wars seem far removed from our daily lives.

By remembering their services and their sacrifices, we recognize the tradition of freedom these men and women fought to preserve. They believed that their actions in the war would make a significant difference for the future, but it is up to us to ensure that their dream of peace is realized. On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.

During times of war, individual acts of heroism occur frequently; only a few are ever recorded and receive official recognition. By remembering all who have served, we recognize their willingly-endured hardships and fears, taken upon themselves so that we could live in peace.

Military Quotes to Honour our Heroes

They give their all to protect our freedom, and these military quotes serve as an epic reminder of it. For those who risk their lives to protect our freedom, it is a selfless act of valour that is done without asking anything in return. The brave men and women of the military should always be honoured for their sacrifice. Our military deserves to be honoured and appreciated. The freedom and liberty we enjoy is much because of the brave men and women of the military who dedicate their lives to protecting the

nation. Many of them have had to sacrifice their lives just so the rest of us can live in a free and prosperous society.

It takes a great amount of courage and sacrifice to do what our soldiers do. Many of these great men and women have families of their own who they have to leave behind as they go to defend their country. The least we can do for our military men and women is to honour and be thankful for their unselfish deeds. In that respect, below are some great military quotes to celebrate and honour our brave soldiers and veterans.

“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honour – and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.” – **Michael N. Castle**

“If a man hasn’t discovered something that he will die for, he isn’t fit to live.” – **Martin Luther King Jr.**

“The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one’s country”- **George S. Patton Jr.**

“We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf.”- **George Orwell**

“I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy.’”- **John F. Kennedy**

”Heroism doesn’t always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history.”- **Mary Roach**

”Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.” – **Douglas MacArthur**

”Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.” – **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

”This country has not seen and probably will never know the true level of sacrifice of our veterans”. As a civilian, I owe an unpayable debt to all our military. Going forward let’s not send our servicemen and women off to war or conflict zones unless it is overwhelmingly justifiable and on moral high ground.”- **Thomas M Smith**

“Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn’t even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back.”- **Heraclitus**

“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived.”- **George S. Patton Jr.**

“Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense.” – **Winston Churchill**

“Who dares, wins. Who sweats, wins. Who plans, wins.” – **British Special Air Service (SAS)**

“Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once.” – **William Shakespeare**

“Fortune favours the brave.” – **Terence**

“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight—it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”- **President Dwight D. Eisenhower**

“Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.” – **Alexander Hamilton**

“This will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave.” –**Elmer Davis**

“Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard.” – **John F. Kennedy**

“The brave die never, though they sleep in dust: Their courage nerves a thousand living men.” — **Minot J. Savage**

“The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment.” – **Judd Gregg**

“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.” – **G.K. Chesterton**

“The military might of a country represents its national strength. Only when it builds up its military might in every way can it develop into a thriving country.” – **Kim Jong-un**

“He loves his country best who strives to make it best.” – **Robert G. Ingersoll**

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.” – **Elmer Davis**

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”- **Joseph Campbell**

It is almost impossible for a country to survive without a great army to defend it in times of war. An army is the pride of the nation. In addition, without fearless soldiers, there can be no great army. If you have a loved one who is in the military, appreciate them with any of the above quotes and let them know that you cherish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Pandemic– The latest Government legislation dictates that “Places of Worship will be closed, unless they are being used for:

- Funerals
- To broadcast acts of worship
- Individual prayer

Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, and it is advised that only close friends and family attend. Linked ceremonial events such as stone setting burial of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Anyone working is not included. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a support bubble.”

It is with sadness, therefore, that we are duty bound to close our Church once again for all Masses, including our outdoor Mass at the Grotto, with immediate effect. This is a Government decision generated by the ever-increasing cases of Covid-19 nationwide and this lockdown is due to run until 2nd December. However, we shall be watching developments closely and will keep you informed by our weekly Newsletter. In the meantime, Fr. George will be holding daily Masses which you can follow via Live Streaming at <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton> and the Church will **NOT** be open for Private Prayer this week.

GIFT AID This is a good way of giving to our Parish because, provided you are a Tax payer, your donation will attract an extra 25%. If you are interested in joining the scheme, please contact Lizzie in the Office. She is not being furloughed this time! Also she has quite a few unclaimed boxes of G.A. envelopes in the Office. Please let her know if you need any more! For Office times, please see page 4 of the Newsletter.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT during the enforced Coronavirus Church Closure. Particularly now, with yet another lockdown, 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! 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.

Pope celebrates Mass for deceased Cardinals and Bishops

Pope Francis on Thursday offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in suffrage for the souls of 6 Cardinals and 163 Bishops who have died over the course of the past year. The liturgy was celebrated in St Peter’s Basilica with only a small number of faithful present due to health and safety measures taken in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Resurrection and life

In his homily, Pope Francis recalled the words of Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life,” from the Gospel account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead; as well as Martha’s profession of faith in Him: “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world’.”

Jesus’ words, the Pope said, bring Martha’s hope in a future resurrection into the present, and challenge us “to believe in the resurrection” as a reality that is “even now mysteriously at work in our lives.” In the face

of death, we experience sorrow and confusion. But with Jesus' revelation, we are able to perceive invisible realities, and to see things in light of eternity.

Obituary – Eduardo Crisante – Funeral 12th of November at 12:00 noon

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Sunday Vigil	07	Nov.	Vigil Mass of 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	6.00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Mary Ellen Gilhooly (RIP)</i>	
Sunday	08	Nov.	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	08:00 Holy Mass - <i>Andrew, Francis & Stephen Doolan (RIP)</i> 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Continued good health & wellbeing of the Churcher Family</i>	
Monday	09	Nov.	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		
Tuesday	10	Nov.	St Leo the Great	18:00 Exposition, 18:30 Rosary, 18:50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass–	6:00-7:00 p.m. Rosary & Benediction
Wednesday	11	Nov.	St Martin of Tours	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>Margaret Boland (46th Anniversary RIP)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Thursday	12	Nov.	St. Josaphat	10:00 Holy Mass – <i>Brigid Horan (RIP)</i> 12:00 Requiem Mass for <i>Edoardo Crisante</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Friday	13	Nov.	Friday of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time Year A	10:00 Holy Mass- <i>Teodulo & Marcelina Obdianela & Hernando & Felisa Obdianela (RIP)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Saturday	14	Nov.	Our Lady of Saturday	09:30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10:00 Holy Mass – <i>God's Blessing for the continued good health & wellbeing of the Churcher Family</i>	
Saturday Vigil			Vigil Mass of the 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. Holy Mass – <i>Stanislawa Milakowska (Birthday Mass)</i>	
Sunday	15	Nov.	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00 - Holy Mass – <i>Jack Conway (RIP)</i>	

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

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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