

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

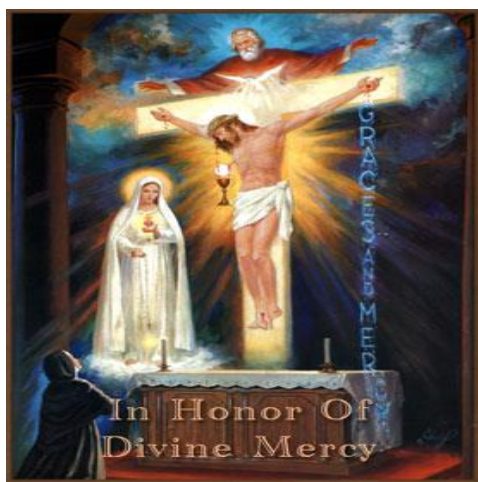
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**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR "B" 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

## JESUS - His Death And His Mercy Is What We Celebrate



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our Song." St. John Paul II. The proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to Christian faith. It came first from the angel in the empty tomb, "He is not here he has risen" (Mathew 28: 6) and then, from the women who discovered the empty tomb: "I have seen the Lord" (Jn.20: 18) then came the authoritative proclamation of Simon Peter and of the other apostles who witnessed the Lord alive, "We have seen the Lord." (John 20:25). "My Lord and my God."(John 20:28)

Therefore from these testimonies, we can learn to live as Easter people. In particular since Lent is a time to give things up, Easter ought to be a time to take things up. Since Calvary means putting to death things in your life that need killing off if you are to flourish as a Christian, then Easter should mean planting, watering, and having things in your life that ought to be blossoming, and in due time bear fruits.

There are Easter people in all of our parish communities whose faithfulness inspires us a great deal. They are the ones who trust the Spirit's presence, even in the midst of trouble. They are the ones who accept their own illnesses as opportunities to reveal God's love to others. They are the ones who quietly feed the hungry and share their own resources with faithful abandon, and shape the next generation so they will do the same. They are the ones whose hearts ache with grief as they approach the Eucharist, but surrender their life to God with the "Amen" on their lips. "So be it, I believe Lord." They are also the ones who gather their families in the face of approaching death and remind them that they are an Easter people.

We are the Easter people who believe that the cross transformed all suffering and pain, and the Resurrection secured the promise of eternal life. It is this paschal mystery, this Easter faith, that we are called to live each day. We are therefore an Easter people! Henceforth we take upon ourselves the obligation to die to our sinful passions and to live as the children of light

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

As Easter People we see among all of the attributes we render God the Praise and Admiration of his Mercy. Today we celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy. Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that *"throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."*

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said: "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300) This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)". Explicitly Jesus told St. Faustina *"My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"*. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

### **Jesus also wants us to meditate on the following extracts from the Diary of St. Faustina.**

At the hour of death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son. (Meditation 811 Pg. 83 CTS Divine Mercy Prayer Book).

My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one.

Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realises the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. These souls have a right of priority to my compassionate Heart; they have first access to My mercy. Tell them that no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul which has placed its trust in My goodness.

Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour. (Meditations 811 & 1541 Pg. 83 & 84 CTS Divine Mercy Prayer Book).

It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. In return for the love of the sorrowful passion which Christ suffered for all of us we say – Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. **JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.**

*Fr. George Ngwa*

**LIVING ROSARY – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Please remember to give your petitions for prayers to Fr. George.

### **HOLY MASS BOOKING ON LINE DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

As we are still in Lock Down it will be necessary to continue restricting the number of parishioners in

Church for each Mass to approximately 45 + (depending on bubbles), which means that you will need to book your place in advance. We now have an “on-line” booking system in place, which you can find by going onto our website at <https://www.nfwp.org.uk>- (scroll down left-hand column to CORONAVIRUS: Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton and click on CORONAVIRUS: How to book a seat for Mass). Alternatively the Links for Masses for Sundays in April are as follows:-

11th April - <https://forms.gle/2ySdb8BFWBwmbQKf8> 18th April - <https://forms.gle/aDDFd95MDpFXNos29>

25th April - <https://forms.gle/2WN63S6oAYL3DVzf7>

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT during the COVID PANDEMIC.** 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 Our Lady. 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.

**EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION** The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our Parish Priests, in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each Parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr. George in his vocation and mission this Easter, please visit:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/new-milton-easter-sunday-collection> Details can also be found on our Website.

**EASTER FLOWERS** You may remember that in 2019, due to your generosity, we collected a staggering £488.46 for Christmas/Easter flowers. Due to the virus, and church funds, we have only been able to use artificial flowers which have served us well during this Pandemic. The church has provided funds for these albeit on a limited budget. Luckily we had some £138.82 pence left over from the collection which we can now use over the Easter period. Our flowers over Christmas 2020 were donated by the young couple who were married in our church on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We will not be asking for donations for the flowers but hope to resume using fresh flowers as soon as possible. The flower team wish you a very happy, peaceful and joyous Easter.

Katherine Dempster

**NEW FOREST BASIC BANK (NFBB)** I have just learned that there is an additional facility for ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY to shop at Fairshare’s Mobile Larder. They have two locations ONE at the Ashley Hub New Milton, Ashley Baptist Church, 3 Lower Ashley Road BH25 5AA which opens from 9.30-11.30 Every Tuesday. The SECOND is at St Mark’s Community Hall, The Square Pennington SO41 8EJ which opens every Thursday from 1.00 pm-2.30 pm.

Membership is required to use this facility. The cost is £2.50 for 10 products per week for a single person household up to £5.00 per week for 25 products for a four person household. To take advantage of this facility you just turn up on the day(s) which may be of interest to you. Further information can be obtained from the NFBB or myself.

Katherine Dempster

**SAFEGUARDING MINISTER** Is there anyone who feels that they are able to volunteer? Once a volunteer has come forward, I will pass their name on to Vanessa Eastwood, the Diocesan Safeguarding Parish Support Officer, who will commence the recruitment process. She can also offer further information about the role on Tel: 02394 216490 or via Email: [veastwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:veastwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Many thanks! Lizzie

**LIVE-IN CARER/COMPANION** – If you know of anyone who needs live-in care or companionship, please contact Helen on 07867 978 558. Helen can offer excellent references, has DBS clearance and her own vehicle.

**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR “B” 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

Sunday Vigil	03	2021 Apr.	Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday Year B	20:00 Holy Mass - Sr. Maria Alonso (intention)	
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Sunday	04	Apr.	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Year B	08:00 Holy Mass – <i>Brigid Horan (RIP)</i> 10:00 Holy Mass – <i>Don &amp; Agnes Campbell (RIP)</i>	
Monday	05	Apr.	MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	10:00 Holy Mass – <i>In Thanksgiving to God for all the Parishioners and all who join me in all our live streaming masses and services</i>	
Tuesday	06	Apr.	TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	18:00 Exposition 18:30 Rosary 18:50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass – <i>Sr. Yvonne Edwards (health &amp; wellbeing)</i>	
Wednesday	07	Apr.	WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	10:00 a.m. Holy Mass – <i>For All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)</i>	
Thursday	08	Apr.	THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	10:00 Holy Mass- <i>Hope Davies (for blessing &amp; wellbeing after operation)</i>	
Friday	09	Apr.	FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	10:00 Holy Mass – <i>Charlotte Picot (RIP)</i>	
Saturday	03	Apr.	SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Year B	10:00 Holy Mass – <i>Mary Kallar (Anniversary RIP)</i>	
Saturday Vigil			Vigil Mass of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B	18:00 Holy Mass – <i>Eddy Kelleher (Anniversary RIP)</i>	
Sunday	04	Apr.	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B	08:00 - Holy Mass – <i>Irene Oleksik (RIP)</i> 10:00 – Holy Mass - <i>Mary &amp; Jack Conway (RIP)</i>	

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Hall Bookings suspended during the Pandemic.

Secretary: **Lizzie Davies** – Office Hours 12.00h to 15.00h Wednesdays & Fridays

Our Parish Live Streaming: <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton> Website: [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Minister: *There is a vacancy for this position. If you are interested please tell Fr. George!***

**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