

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

If needed urgently contact Fr David at the parish office.

The Week: 10th May 2020 - 17th May 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

DAY	DATE	SERVICE	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SUN	10 th	Mass	Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA
MON	11 th	Mass	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	12 th	Mass	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
WED	13 th	Mass	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	Private Intention (JC)	DMA
THU	14 th	Mass	St Matthias, Feast, (R)	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	15 th	Mass	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	16 th	Mass	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	Bert Cooper RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 th	Mass	Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA

ROYAL PRIESTHOOD FOR ALL

The imagery of royal priesthood comes from the Messianic interpretation of King David (1010 - 70 BC) who was both priest & king. It combines with the image of prophet as personified by Moses and with the power of holiness commanded by the Lord - *Be holy, for I am holy*. These male, Judeo-Christian images link up with the other more universal, though still predominantly masculine archetypes of priest, king, warrior & magician. These universal archetypes tend to operate at the unconscious level and are symbols of male energies and roles. Spiritual & psychological maturity for the individual and social and gender harmony for the collective involve finding appropriate balances, emphases and exchanges of male / female energies that nurture growth in freedom and responsibility.

Royal priesthood in our Christian framework provides us with a remarkably challenging & enriching vision. As St Peter wrote, every Christian, male or female is a member of the royal priesthood, the prophetic & holy people of God. We are all called to offer the spiritual sacrifices that Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God. In the framework of Christ there is, as St Paul wrote, no distinction between male and female, we are all one Person in Christ. This broad inclusive framework means that every quality, energy or attribute of the Holy Spirit is available to anyone, because we are not referring here to gender qualities but to divine qualities.

So the sacrifice that God is inviting is, first of all, the gift of ourselves. As St Paul wrote: *I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (i.e. selves) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God; which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect* (Rom 12: 1-2).

The fruit that God is seeking, in us and for us, is for us to have life and have it to the full i.e. to reach spiritual and human maturity. It is to receive the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness & self-control as fruits of the Spirit. The practical sacrifices are part of this too. They are the day to day things that love calls us to do, the works of compassion, care, truth and justice.

This, together with our failings, sins, & weaknesses, is what we bring to God in the Eucharist. Then by a mysterious alchemy of the Spirit, from out of this blessed poverty & emptiness our healing, transformation and growth is wrought by God. By this process we become what we receive. If simple, plain, lifeless bread and wine can become Body & Blood of Christ, how much more do we become Body & Blood of Christ! Jesus didn't institute the Eucharist for us to be staring at it but for us to receive Christ & become Christ. We are part of the self of Christ as St Paul wrote: *he cannot disown his own self* (1 Tim 2:13). So, in the Eucharist, the Paschal Mystery, the pattern of death & resurrection of the Christ is not something happening out there, apart from us. It is happening in us & in our lives and in union with Christ we are the sacrifice that is being offered, (cfr Colossians 1:24-25).

The Eucharist is the ritual, liturgical expression of this Mystery of Christ's death & resurrection that is happening continually in our lives. So the ministerial or ordained priesthood is only as such to be of service to the Body of Christ, the Church. This service is primarily liturgical. It takes place when the community gathers for prayer & worship, especially the Eucharist. It represents Christ in his priesthood. Indeed there is only Christ, he is the only priest. The ordained ministry obviously performs a very vital role. However, we must not exaggerate the importance of the ordained priesthood (cfr 1 Cor 12). This is cause of clericalism which Pope Francis is constantly warning his fellow clergy about. The ministers are there for the people, the people are not there for the ministers. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Andy Gage (10th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Josie Warren, Richard Blacklock, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment.

New Forest Basic Bank: Hollands of Milford have kindly put a crate in their shop to receive gifts of goods and food for NFBB to distribute to the hungry. We invite you to give generously, please. I can send you photos of our new purpose-built home if you would like to see. Anthony Kirke, treasurer@basicsbank.org.uk.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Patricia Heritage (14th), Luke Kelly (16th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Sr Rosaleen, Helen Pignatelli, Edelweiss James, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER: See Henrietta's request below, in All Parishes.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM EDELWEISS: I would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards and phone calls received after my spinal surgery just before lockdown. I can now walk up to 4 miles without pain as opposed to 50 yards before the operation and anticipate yet further improvement. I am truly grateful and am looking forward to seeing you all again.

RECITING THE ROSARY: We thought it would be nice if, during the month of May, anyone who would like to could say the Rosary from our own homes at the usual time of 9.30 am on a Wednesday. This could bring us closer together in prayer with each other and with Our Blessed Lady.

BROCKCARE: Here are the relevant contact details:

St Anne's: Ian and Aude – 623408; Madeleine and Paul - 622360

Brockcare: St Saviour's Church Office - 624584

(Open 10.00 - 12.00 Mon to Friday. At other times please leave a message and your phone number and someone will get back to you ASAP)
Joyce Kolaczowski (Brockcare) - 623329

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH TREASURER: Thank you to all in the Parish who are making their Offertory by standing order and direct debit at this difficult time. I have had calls from parishioners who normally make their offerings in the plate who have asked if there is any way they could make payments by cheque for normal offerings and Easter Offerings. If you would like to make payments you can send cheques. All cheques should be made to "PRCDTR Brockenhurst St Anne"
Please post the cheques to St Anne's Church, Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7SR. or put them through the Church letterbox in an envelope marked Offertory. Cheques only please no cash. If you have any query, please ring me.
Stay Safe. With Thanks Bill Pignatelli 623360

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

CONTINUE PRAYERS PLEASE FOR HENRIETTA REYNOLD'S

GRANDDAUGHTER: May we have as many prayers as possible please for my 10 yr old granddaughter who has Kawasaki disease, a variation of Corona, and is very ill indeed in Cardiff. She and her mother had 3 days in Abergavenny hospital where they thought it was Scarlet fever but there was no response to the relevant antibiotics. My son and the other daughter are quarantined in Brecon. We hope against hope that the whole family don't get it, my son is in the vulnerable category. Henrietta is in Brockenhurst parish. She will let us know of any progress after the weekend.

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans' (Milford) daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment. Louise has a young family who need their Mum.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Vera West (10th), Antonio Di Maria (12th), Rev Abraham Jacob, Eila Farie (13th), John Slater, Richard Mark Uniacke (14th), Edith (Edie) Manghan, Alice Elizabeth Marsh (15th), Pauline Agnes Gregory, Gary Stratton, Ruby Harris (16th).

Sick and Housebound: Jane Rayner, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

Patricia Mate RIP: you will be sad to hear that Pat died in last week (30th April). Her nephew Howard & his wife Geri were with her. They had been looking after Pat for the last few weeks and gave her all the support and care she could have wished for. Pat has been in the parish for many, many and was very active until about 2013 when her health deteriorated. She will be sadly missed by her friends and family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. Pat's Funeral Service will be held at Test Valley Crematorium on Thursday, 21st May at 11.30am. If it is possible to view this online I will give an update next week.

EASTER EGGS UPDATE: Who knows after three weeks or more, you lucky winners may be able to get your eggs! So far we have managed to hide them from Olly the dog, who has a great nose for things edible. But chocolate is BAD for dogs so he mustn't find them!!

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 41 5yr pledges yielding £88K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 08/05/20: £37,224.59. Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

DO YOU ORDER GOODS FROM THE INTERNET? If so, you could earn some free money for our building fund! It is very simple: go to / giveasyoulive.com to register. Sign up for free. Choose the charity: **Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church**, Click -support us. Enter your details to create an account. Each time you shop online a box will appear in the right hand corner asking if you would like to earn money on that transaction. Follow the instruction. Bingo! Free money! It does not cost you anything. **The money earned for each transaction goes straight to our building fund account.**

GIFT AID & YOUR TAX RETURN: If anyone needs to know how much they have donated via Gift Aid during the last tax year, the figures are now available on application. Please email your request to the parish office. Thank you.

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This is celebrated on Thursday, 21st May. It would normally be a Holyday of Obligation, but everyone is dispensed from that obligation in the current corona virus crisis. However, you can avail of the many opportunities for online Masses should you so wish.

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: for the weekend of 23rd/24th May, for the **Catholic Communications Network**. The funds help the Bishops of England & Wales to communicate the Gospel message via the many different media outlets.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES: For many of you this crisis will involve financial hardship and I do understand that. But, this crisis will also significantly affect the upkeep of our parishes. I'd like to **thank those who are continuing to contribute** by Standing Order or Direct debit. For those who use the envelope scheme or give cash each Sunday, perhaps you will consider setting aside an amount each week that you can afford. You could put the contribution in a marked envelope and keep it until such a time when it can be handed in. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or Direct Debit instead please contact the parish office.

MASSES ON THE INTERNET: You can find many daily Masses from different Catholic parishes available on the internet. Go to www.churchestv.com; www.churchservices.tv; www.mcnmedia.tv

Also here: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>. For Sunday Mass with Fr Denis McBride, Redemptorist scholar

POPE FRANCIS – HIS PRAYERS & WORDS: Just follow the link below for these resources. This could well be already on our website (such a lot happening that one loses track!) <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/downloadable-publication-popes-prayers-homilies-now-available.html>