

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

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PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment only - contact Fr David at the parish office.

The Week: 14th June 2020 - 21st June 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

SUN	14 th	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	15 th	Mass	11 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	16 th	Mass	11 th Week of the Year (G)	Seymour & Eric England RIP	DMA
WED	17 th	Mass	11 th Week of the Year (G)	Kevin O'Leary RIP	DMA
THU	18 th	Mass	11 th Week of the Year (G)	Paul Scarnell RIP	DMA
FRI	19 th	Mass	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sol, (W)	Hospital & Care Home Staff & Patients	DMA
SAT	20 th	Mass	The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mem, (W)	Normina Marshall RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	21 st	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

RECEIVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY

Today we are also celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (known previously by its Latin title: Corpus Christi).

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of the liturgical life of Catholic & Orthodox Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his Body & Blood how much more does God takes us and delight in us being the "Body and Blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship and by the Holy Spirit that we can begin to respond appropriately. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow there is also encouragement. As we get older still there is also challenge. As we get older still its there is a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Helen Salt (14th), Emily Eileen "Jean" Hayward (17th), Ethel Maria Maclean (18th)

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

URGENT PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sr Rosaleen, at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, unfortunately the cancer has spread. But there is a chance she will get a place on an experimental drugs trial at the Royal Marsden. So she very much needs our prayers at this time.

PAUL SCARNELL RIP: We were all very sad to hear that dear Paul died last Tuesday, 9th June. Paul is much loved and will be sorely missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Leah and the family. His Funeral Service will take place at Test Valley Crematorium near Romsey on Wednesday, 24th June at 12.15pm. It is hoped the service will be available on a webcast.

MESSAGE FROM ROSALIE: Update on her daughter Louise: Dear Father David. Please may I thank the Parish for the prayers they said for Louise Layne[nee Mans] who was previously of this Parish. She has had major surgery 2 days ago, needs to heal before returning to Chemotherapy and Lifestyle changes. Thank you all so much for your prayers. Stay safe. Rosalie Mans.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Dylis Margaret McNally (14th), Anne Mary Birks, Kathleen Mary Elphick (16th), Marie Therese Parkinson (17th), Agatha Jordan (19th), Eric Arthur Michael Trevett, Edgar Julian Chatterton (20th)

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

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ST ANNE'S PPC: thanks to our Chair, Ian, we had a very successful and even enjoyable meeting on Zoom. We were mainly discussing the requirements needed to re-open the churches. The Bishop is still formulating guidelines with his advisors.

Please remember the work of CAFOD and help them put our faith into action. They have a petition 'Unite against Coronavirus' which you can read and sign on their website cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign. It is calling on the Prime Minister to cancel all debt owed by developing countries in 2020 and 2021 so that they can concentrate on much needed healthcare. Donations are also needed more than ever to help scale up CAFOD's response to the immense need in the poorest countries where the spread of the coronavirus continues. Donate preferably online at cafod.org.

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.

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PRAYERS PLEASE: to continue for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans' (Milford) daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer. Louise has a young family who need their Mum. See the latest update above in the St Francis section.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYERS: from Nichola Kirby her mother, Beatrice Tucker, has been able to return to the residential home. She remains frail but she is aware of those around her.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

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Sick and Housebound: Beatrice Tucker, 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.

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EILEEN GRIFFITHS RIP: You'll be very sad to hear that Eileen died on Wednesday, 3rd June. We pray that she will be merrily with God and all her loved ones. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. Eileen's Funeral Service will take place on Friday 3rd July at 2.30pm at Test Valley Crematorium near Romsey. This would have been her 80th birthday. It is hoped the service will be available on a webcast.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 42 5yr pledges yielding £88.8K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 11/06/20: £38,630.35. Included in this is £246.86 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

CAFOD: Thank you to all parishioners at OLMSJ church for your generous support of CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £671.81 which we received on 1 May 2020.

All Parishes

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Day for Life (20th/21st June); Peter's Pence (27th/28th June); Apostleship of the Sea (11th/12th July). If you can please set something aside or send something into the parish office, please specify the collection.

REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: The Government and the Bishops of England and Wales have agreed strict conditions for the re-opening of our churches for private prayer only. The full details are being circulated in a separate document. Basically two stewards must be present, social distancing must be maintained and thorough cleaning must be done. We will be actively seeking eligible volunteers & purchasing the necessary cleaning materials etc. We will inform you when we are able to meet the necessary conditions and are ready for a limited re-opening of our churches for private prayer

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>