

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: 21st June 2020 - 28th June 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

SUN	21 st	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	22 nd	Mass	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Feast, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	23 rd	Mass	12 th Week of the Year (G)	Paul Scamell RIP	DMA
WED	24 th	Mass	Nativity of St John the Baptist, Sol, (W)	Kathleen Cummins RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	25 th	Mass	12 th Week of the Year (G)	Duane Olson RIP	DMA
FRI	26 th	Mass	12 th Week of the Year (G)	Winifred Mary Nicholas RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	27 th	Mass	12 th Week of the Year (G)	John Barry Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	Mass	Saints Peter & Paul, Solemnity, (R)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

THE LORD IS AT OUR SIDE – A MIGHTY HERO

Our gospel today is full of paradox. Three times Jesus says: "Do not be afraid". Then Jesus says that if we should fear anyone we should fear God who has the ultimate power. Then Jesus counters this by saying that God has compassion even for the sparrows. But God respects us deeply and also respects the radical choices we make. God does not force herself upon us if that is not what we really want.

There is no neat and easy solution to this paradox and we should be suspicious if any were offered. The paradox arises from the meeting of two freedoms, God's and ours. If we allow God's love to fill us, to hold us and keep us then no earthly terror, or power, or evil can have the ultimate victory over us ("Do not fear those who can kill the body..."). But this is scary stuff and Jesus needs to constantly reassure us not to be afraid.

Of course in our cosy Western Christianity we have effectively neutralised any danger of being rejected by the world. Our Christianity is so lukewarm, our confrontation of injustice and evil so weak that no one bothers to persecute us! Our danger is not in denying Jesus with words. We are very good at protestations of faith. Our danger is to deny Jesus by our actions, or lack of them.

We need to ask ourselves what we are really afraid of. Is it the ridicule of others or the rejection of others? Is it physical pain and discomfort? Is it the loss of wealth and prestige? Jesus says that if we insist on living out of fear then just remember who should be feared the most! So let's fear God if it brings us back into God's love and truth. Jesus is not talking about ultimate rewards and punishments because God's love is beyond all that (the free gift of grace comes after sin and considerably outweighs the sin!).

Jesus is challenging us here and now to make a decision. God is the only source of our good. If you are a follower of Jesus you are assured of ultimate victory. If we allow God to lovingly hold us and lead us then fear will gradually be banished from our lives. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Charles Edward Benefer (21st), Patrick Richard Bond, James Albert Henry Brown, Margaret Mary Murphy (22nd), Valerie Cynthia Gatty (23rd), Alice Mary Jackson, Christopher Nolan (26th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, 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.

Any parishioner who wants to watch the service on live streaming please contact Fr David by Tuesday evening at the latest.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Canon Donal Murphy-O'Connor (22nd), Teresa Longman (25th), Vere Annesley (27th)

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.nfwf.org.uk for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

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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>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Canon Donal Murphy-O'Connor (22nd), Margaret Hayward-Broomfield, Hany Oum Leon (23rd), Joseph Dowd, Patricia Waring, Frank Bartlett (24th), John Moffet, John William Francis Mc Evoy (25th), Douglas Kelleher (26th), Ethna Mary Anne Cuthbert (27th)

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 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 18/06/20: £38,699.35. 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.

From Barbara Chaperlin: Would anyone like a *Fatsia Japonica* for their garden. It likes dapple shade. I did grow them for the building fund but they are getting too big for the pots I have for them so they will have to go. People could give a donation to the Building Fund at a later date if they would like one.

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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. Thanks to those who have volunteered to be stewards we are able to open the churches for private prayer for a limited period of time & for a very limited number of people at a time. Please abide by the instructions of the stewards. Lymington on Sunday, from 11am-12 noon; Milford-on-Sea from 10am - 11am; Brockenhurst from 10am to 11am. Full details have already been circulated via email.

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