

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

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Parish Safeguarding Representative: Vanessa Dugdale (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz White (Mil).

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: 28th June 2020 - 5th July 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

SUN	28 th	Mass	Saints Peter & Paul, Solemnity, (R)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	29 th	Mass	13 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	30 th	Mass	13 th Week of the Year (G)	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
WED	1 st	Mass	13 th Week of the Year (G)	Ellen Emmett RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	2 nd	Mass	13 th Week of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	3 rd	Mass	St Thomas, Apostle, Feast, (R)	Eileen Griffiths RIP	DMA
SAT	4 th	Mass	13 th Week of the Year (G)	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	5 th	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

My dear People, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16: 18 ESV). These words of Jesus from the Gospel today, the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, are thrilling. They reassure us that the Church is founded on Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, that as disciples of Christ, abiding in Him, we will be safe in the Truth, and that whatever perils the Barque of Peter might encounter in history, the Church's life and mission will endure on earth until the Lord returns at the End-Time. Dear friends, these last months of coronavirus have been extraordinary and very distressing. Let us commend to the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, all who have been ill and those who have generously cared for them, all who have died and their families, and all who have suffered - and will continue to suffer - financially or in whatever way because of the pandemic. We humbly ask God our Father to grant everyone a safe and effective recovery. In His name, I want to thank every one of you in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and not least our clergy. Thank you for all you have been doing during this time to preserve and deepen your Catholic faith. Each day, our priests have continued to pray and to offer Holy Mass for their people. Each day, parish and school communities have sought to care for the poor and needy. Each day, our faithful, whilst having to endure a long and painful period of time without the salvific support of the Sacraments, have continued to offer prayer at home and to join live-streamed liturgies and devotions online. Each day, our chaplains have worked on the front-line, along with others caring for the dying. Many parishes, many priests and many people have been amazingly creative, keeping in touch with one another and with the most vulnerable by phone and by email. It is now a great consolation that, within the requisite safeguards, our parish churches at last have begun to reopen and the public celebration of the Sacred Liturgy is to resume.

We know, of course, that the danger has not passed. COVID will be with us for some time to come. Let us implore from the Lord His continuing protection. Let us pray for a resolution of this pandemic. Let us ask Him for the discovery of an effective vaccine and for a secure recovery. But I want to recall another line of Scripture, this time from St. Paul: "Now is the favourable time: this is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6: 2). These words surely speak to us. For now is a favourable time! This is the time to pray for the gift of hope. Hope is the anticipation that God is about to act in our lives to bring about something new. The Holy Spirit is at work, uniting us with Jesus and through Him with the Father, which is why Mother Church can look forward with renewed hope and trust. The pandemic has been a huge challenge to our parishes, our schools, our Diocese. But we now need to move forward, to be reunited joyfully with the Lord in His Sacraments, to draw new life and energy from Him and to reopen, rebuild and rejuvenate our communities. To do this, we need to look beyond COVID and to resume our historic mission of Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. As the Diocese of Portsmouth, this is our purpose. The pandemic has made many review their priorities in life, their values, their spirituality. We must not now become absorbed solely with internal repairs. We need to look beyond, to seek and to serve the needy, to reach out in love to those who wish to know more about the Gospel and the Catholic faith. "Now is the favourable time: this is the day of salvation". So let's get going again - with these words before us over the weeks and months ahead! Let us enlist the help of St. Peter and St. Paul that we may deepen our own conversion to Christ and thus be equipped to go out on mission. Let us ask our inspiring patrons to pray for us: Mary Immaculate, St. Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. And let us continue ever to love and care for one another. With my prayers and best wishes - please pray for me too - In Corde Iesu, +Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth, 29th June 2020 The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Smyth (30th), Filippus Michael Militopolos, Jane Mary Beavon (1st), David Whiteford Erskine Bell (2nd)

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.

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St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Count Ireneuss Wladyslaw Michael Michalowski (1st), John Gabony (2nd) Beryl Hirst (4th)

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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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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PRAYERS PLEASE: for Brian Coyne who is in Bournemouth hospital and has renal failure. So he is most unlikely to get home again. He has not been given long to live now. Please keep Joan and the family in your prayers.

Care for Creation. Last week, the Vatican issued its first-ever set of comprehensive environmental guidelines which include an endorsement of the Churches' divestment from fossil fuel companies as well as encouragement to participate in the Season of Creation, an annual season for ecological action. The following are links to articles relating to this topic.

<https://brightnow.org.uk/news/vatican-urges-divestment-fossil-fuel-companies/>

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/vatican-issues-sweeping-new-environmental-guidelines/>

<https://brightnow.org.uk/resource/church-investments-in-oil-paris-compliant-or-paris-defiant/>

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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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: Charles McCartan, Allan Brundrett (28th), Eileen Finn (29th), Eileen Aylward (30th), Ellen Emmett (1st), Mabel Anne Veronica Keddie (2nd), Kains Coles, James Flood (3rd)

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. If you want to follow the service online please email Fr David for the access information. The hearse will be in the car park of Our Lady & St Joseph church at 1.15pm on Friday, 3rd July. It will be leaving at 1.30pm for the Crematorium. If you wish to make a personal farewell please enter the car park on foot in time for 1.15pm.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 25/06/20: £38,754.35. 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.

100 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations to our 100 Club winners who are as follows:- Pete Lawes (87) £40, Aiko Wilson (5) £30, John Stephenson (58) £20, Fr David Adams (1) £15, Marily McCann (15) £10. Thank you to all our members for their valuable contribution to church funds. Fr David will be contacting you shortly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: Jacob Phillipose, who died recently in Kerala, India. Please remember Jacob & Suja Binoy and their sons to Albin and Anto in your prayers.

Robert Griffiths-Jones who was killed in a car accident last week. Please remember Eileen and their daughters Molly and Simone in your prayers. May Jacob & Robert rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 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.

FROM BISHOP PHILIP: Reopening our churches is going to be a very complex and demanding operation and a one-size fits all solution won't be possible. It will be, I'm sure, a gradual process, varying from parish to parish depending upon capacity, volunteers and resources. Re liturgy, managing numbers for a weekend/Sunday Mass will be a challenge and so it might be that we begin with weekdays first. No-one should feel pressurised – let's do what we can – and please ask for help if you need it. We need too to think about clergy over 70 and the many volunteers also in that category or in the at-risk group.

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