

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

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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: 20th March 2021 - 28th March 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	20 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	James & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	21 st	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MON	22 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	23 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Susie Wright (Ints)	DMA
WED	24 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	25 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Annunciation of the Lord, Sol, (W)	For those in distress	DMA
FRI	26 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Florence Esme Morris on RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	27 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Palm Sunday (R)	Tommy Hunter RIP	DMA
SUN	28 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Palm Sunday (R)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Palm Sunday (R)	Danuta Stevens RIP	DMA

MASSES ON SUNDAY, 28th MARCH - NOW FULLY BOOKED

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

We are used to hearing phrases like: Jesus died to save us; Jesus died for our sins etc. Yet it is difficult to understand why this had to be so and how Jesus' death actually saves us.

Like everything we have to be cautious and humble before the Divine mystery of God's love. However we can receive with confidence whatever light God gives us through Scripture and the Church.

First of all we need to recognise the different levels involved. At a physical, biological level Jesus probably died from blood loss, shock and congestion of the lungs. He suffered judicial murder because of the hatred and jealousy of the religious authorities and the moral weakness of the Roman governor, Pilate. Jesus became a victim of their malice because his fearless proclamation of the Reign of God brought him into direct conflict with them. It was a collision of opposites. Jesus did not run away from this conflict because he had an overriding conviction that he had to speak and do the truth of God's love regardless of the consequences. To take any other course would be to violate the relationship of love, faith and trust that existed between him and his Father.

It is clear that Jesus had a pretty good idea of the probable outcome of his conflict with the authorities. It is also reasonable to assume that Jesus himself had already begun to interpret the *rejection, suffering and death* in terms of the great spiritual lessons, events and teachings of the past – Passover meal, sufferings of the prophets and the teaching of the prophets – especially Isaiah and the so-called "Suffering Servant" passages. His faith was that somehow his Father would use his death to bring salvation to the human race. Even though in the garden it was the last thing he wanted he was able to trust to the Father's purpose (*Not my will, but yours be done*).

But this still doesn't answer our question –How does Jesus' death save us? Jesus deals with sin and forgiveness at the same time. Sin is exposed for what it is – the hatred and evil that leads us to make victims and kill the rejected ones.

This sin is the dark origin of human groups. All groups form by distinguishing between those who are in and those who are out. It begins with rejection, it becomes persecution (suffering) and it ends in elimination, i.e. death. Jesus reveals this "scapegoating" as the fundamental evil and that God is there with the victim. We see this dark dynamic at work all the time on the world stage & among all kinds of competing groups.

Yet because Jesus accepts death in love and refuses to hit back, refuses to take revenge, his death becomes the expression of God's inexhaustible forgiveness and love. The judgement of sin calls us to change our behaviour. The expression of unquenchable, loving forgiveness is the assurance of mercy and reconciliation. This is received in thanksgiving by trust and faith.

John's Gospel gives us the mature reflection on this mystery. Jesus's death was not a price that had to be paid to God or to the devil. It was not an appeasement of God's anger. It was purely an expression of love: *no greater love has anyone than to lay down their life for their friends. God so loved the world!* This is how we are saved. Of course, death is the only way back to God and God is the source of new life and resurrection. Faith and trust in God is the personal openness, the personal connection that enables us to receive the gift of new life and resurrection. In this context both Jesus and all of us have to die. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: James O'Hara (22nd), Anne Wilkins (23rd), Douglas Victory Hutchinson (26th), Kenneth Webdale (27th)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones.

PRAYERS FOR LOUISE: Louise Layne is the daughter of Rosalie & Keith Mans. Louise & her husband have five children from 6yrs – 13yrs. They live in Australia. Rosalie asks for prayers for Louise & the family. Unfortunately a surgical remedy was not possible and Louise will now continue with chemotherapy & palliative care.

PUBLIC MASSES HERE on Palm Sunday, 28th March at 9am. & Easter Sunday, 4th April at 9am. **These are now fully booked.** Places are still available at St Anne's for Maundy Thursday, 1st April at 6pm & at OLMSJ for Good Friday, 2nd April at 3pm. Pre-booking is essential..

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Violet Teresa Patience, Ronald George Aiano (23rd), Rosa Palmieri, William George Nicholas (25th), Florence Esme Morrison (26th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Susan McCabe, Sarah McCann, Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

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WALK FOR CREATION - save the date: Saturday, 22 May. This is an ecumenical event organised by the Brockenhurst Churches Eco Team. Details will be given nearer the time.

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

All Parishes

FROM THE SISTERS AT ST DOMINIC'S - FOR READERS & CATECHISTS

Readers Workshops - Saturdays 17th and 24th April from 10 am to 1 pm – on Zoom.

Online Catechesis 101 - Tuesday 23rd March at 7 pm – on Zoom.
Essential Training for Catechists – Every Monday evening at 7 pm for 5 weeks, starting on the 19th April – on Zoom.

To find out all the initiatives currently offered by our Team for adult formation, visit our new website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE MINSTEAD TRUST: They need to purchase essential gardening equipment for use by people with learning disabilities at Furzey Gardens. We are fundraising to buy essential gardening equipment for people with learning disabilities to use in the gardens and nursery at Furzey, as part of their health and well-being programmes in the outdoors and to support their training in horticulture. <https://www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/charity/appeals/equipment-for-furzey-gardens/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – YOUTUBE – from BISHOP PHILIP: Thanks to Fr. PJ Smith, I've recorded a video of the Stations of the Cross. This recording uses the beautiful set of Stations we have here in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. The whole video-liturgy takes 30 minutes. You can download it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ThDRxa4evw>. There is no need to sign in to YouTube.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Charles Desmond Waring (22nd), Archbp John Henry King (23rd), Mary Scales, Alfreda Frances Collins, John Jenkins (24th), Herbert Cull, Pauline Dorothea Stevens, Rosemary Pepler (25th), Ethel Woodford (26th), Patrick Carroll, Antoinette Hacker (27th)

Sick and Housebound: Den Walker, Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, Cate Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Margarita, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 19/03/21: £61,172.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

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MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION: If you have a red box which needs emptying, please phone Jenny on 01590 610413 and I will arrange to have it safely collected from you. Many thanks.

CELEBRATION OF CATHY'S LIFE AVAILABLE ONLINE: it lasts for 90 minutes & is available for a 28-day *Watch Again* period on Maria Jones's -the Funeral Director- website <https://www.mariajonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/>

The login details are in the newsletter email.

All Parishes

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

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS TO BASICS BANK: follow the link below: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/BasicsBankChristmas/>

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. You could watch a two minute video of Abdella's daily walk for water by following this link. [Lent Appeal 2021: Abdella's walk for water \(parishes\) \(low music\) | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION: from the bishops of England and Wales. We welcome the designation of **Tuesday 23rd March as a National Day of Reflection** to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and **doorstep vigils of light at 8pm.** We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a **Day of Prayer.** In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a Day of Prayer. **On Tuesday, 23rd March OUR LADY OF MERCY & ST JOSEPH will be open for personal prayer from 11.30 -12.30pm. Stewards will be on duty.**

CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL: from Bishop Philip. I want to invite you to join us online for the Chrism Mass! It will take place in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 11 am.** The Chrism Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church and it's always celebrated in the Cathedral with the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the diocese.