

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 28th March 2021 - 4th April 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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
MON	29 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of Holy Week (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	30 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Online Chrim Mass - Cathedral	Victoria Bentley RIP	DMA
WED	31 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of Holy Week (P)	Paul May RIP	DMA
THU	1 st	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Josie Greenhalgh F/M	DMA
FRI	2 nd	OLMSJ	3.00pm		Liturgy of Good Friday	N/A	DMA
SAT	3 rd	N/A	N/A		No Service	N/A	
SUN	4 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	Michael Halle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	4 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
SUN	4 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA

ALL SERVICES & MASSES - NOW FULLY BOOKED

THE PASSION TRANPOSED INTO TODAY'S SITUATION

Haven't you seen the enormous procession of people, without tunic, belt or hood, having tested positive for coronavirus?
 Don't you see the Via Crucis of the care workers climbing the Calvary of the pandemic, overwhelmed by the power and pain of heartache?
 Those who said that the Nazarene would not come out for this Holy Week haven't seen the doctors with their white coats and their sensitive spirits, who carry the cross of the sorrow of those who are afflicted.
 Can't you see how many scientists are sweating blood and water, as at Gethsemane, as they try to find a vaccine or similar treatment?
 Do not say that Jesus does not walk the streets this year, when so many people have to work in order to bring nourishment and medicines to the entire world.
 Have you not seen the number of people from Cyrene offering themselves in one way or another to carry the heaviest of crosses?
 Don't you see how many people, how many like Veronica, have exposed themselves to the infection in order to wipe the face of people affected by the virus?
 Who said that Jesus would not fall to the ground each time that we hear the chilling figures about yet more victims?
 Isn't it the vast quantity of care homes, filled with elderly people who are most at risk, and their carers, who are living the Passion?
 Isn't it like a crown of thorns for children who have to live through this crisis in lockdown, without really understanding and without being able to run around in the parks and streets?

Don't they feel themselves unjustly condemned, all the schools, universities and so many shops that have been forced to close?
 All the peoples of the earth, have they not been beaten and flagellated by the scourge of this virus?
 Aren't they just like the hand-washing Pontius Pilate, those in charge who are only looking to derive some political advantage from the situation?
 Aren't they suffering, powerless like the disciples without their Master, all those families confined to their houses, so many of them with problems, not knowing how and when all this will end?
 The sorrowful face of Mary, doesn't it reflect the faces of so many mothers and family members who suffer through the death and distancing of their loved ones?
 Isn't it like being stripped of their garments, the anguish of so many families and small businesses that are watching their finances vanish?
 The agony of Jesus, isn't it found in the lack of ventilators in the intensive care units of so many countries?
 Do not say "there will be no Holy Week", do not say it, because the drama of the Passion continues in the lives of all who suffer and in all who sacrifice themselves for the sake of others.

(by Miquel-Àngel Ferrés: Originally written in Catalan; this English version from a French translation by Fr Ferrés is Rector of St Peter's Church in Figueres, a town between Perpignan (France) and Girona (Spain))

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Piotr Rowinski, Patrick Debbonaire Maunsell, Ellen Elizabeth Wesborn (Bela) (29th), Raymond John Salt (1st)

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.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary (May) Gertrude Jackson, Jill Rosemary Laloi (28th), Mary Westby, Bridget Mary Holland (29th), Cecelia McFadden, Clement Simon Brand (1st), Joseph Benjamin Weeks, Fr Joseph Connolly, Edmund Francis Deprez, Luzia Maria Bumphrey (2nd), Mary Ann Foley, Christian John Manley, Christina Mann (3rd)

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

Stations of the Cross: As we are unable to do the Stations during Holy Week in our own church this year, we are reminded that St John the Baptist, Boldre, has numbered logs around the outside of the church and a very simple prayer sheet in the porch, or bring your own. If the weather is suitable, the option is there for quiet reflection.

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

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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.

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/>

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](#)

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.

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.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: William Mate, (28th), Palatiano Russell (30th), Tiffany Read (31st), Margaret Monica Light (2nd), Charles Cull, Doris Smith (3rd)

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, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 26/03/21: £62,834.59. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: visit the Diocesan website and follow the links.

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

BOOKING A SEAT FOR MASS: Sometimes events happen which are outside your control and you may not get to Mass as you had hoped. You may experience last minute delays and can't contact anyone to say you won't be able to get there. But if you know in advance that you won't be able to attend Mass please let us know as sometimes we have a people on a reserve list who would like to take your place. email lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or leave a message on the office phone 01590 676696

EASTER SERVICES: I'm afraid they all services are full now. When you do attend please note that due to Coronavirus restrictions, which have come down to us via the Pope and the Bishops, the services will be scaled down. It is a better Holy week than we had last year, but we are not back to full services as we know them just yet. What a joyous time we will have when all restrictions are lifted and we are together again. As they say 'You don't appreciate something until it is gone.' Well, we'll be back! Stronger than ever.....eventually. In the meantime, remember God is with you always & everywhere. Access to the Sacraments is severely restricted so the Easter duty obligation remains suspended. Pope Francis has assured us that God's forgiveness and Holy Communion are available to us all spiritually.

OUR WEBSITE: We have a website for the New Forest Pastoral Area. www.nfwf.org.uk. Don't just Google nfwf or it will take you to the New Forest Water Park! On the website we have information from all the churches in our area. There is also a Prayer Board where we remember those who have died, who have anniversaries at this time, are housebound or sick. We have pages with news from the Pope, Bishops of England and Wales, CAFOD, SVP etc. It is worth taking a look.

Pope Francis has declared a special 'Year of the Family' for the Church, starting this week on 19th March 2021 to 26th June 2022. Pope Francis has declared a "year of the family", as he spoke of the importance of forgiveness in family life, and the importance of being able to say "sorry". He tweeted: "I have decided to declare a special year dedicated to the Family #Amorislaetitia, which will be inaugurated on the next Solemnity of Saint Joseph. Let us entrust this journey with families all over the world to the Holy Family of Nazareth." The year of the family began on 19 March, the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation 'Amoris laetitia', or the 'Joy of love', which followed the two synods on the family held in 2014 and 2015. It will run through to June 2022.

"In the family, it will be possible to experience sincere communion when it is a house of prayer, when the affections are serious, deep and pure, when forgiveness prevails over discords, when the daily harshness of living is softened by mutual tenderness and by serene adherence to the will of God. "In this way, the family opens up to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give with joy." In every family there are problems, he continued, and sometimes even arguments. "Father, I have quarrelled... – we are human, we are weak, and we all have at times this fact that we quarrel in the family. I'll tell you one thing: if we fight in the family, don't end the day without making peace." Before the day is over, it is important to make up, he said. "And do you know why? Because the cold war of the next day is very dangerous. It doesn't help." He discussed the importance of three key concepts to a good family life: "permission", "thank you" and "sorry". He said: "If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine." The Pope said: "My thoughts go in particular to the families who in recent months have lost a relative or have been tried by the consequences of the pandemic. I am also thinking of the doctors, nurses and all health personnel whose great commitment at the forefront of fighting the spread of the virus has had significant repercussions on family life.

"And today I entrust every family to the Lord, especially those most tried by the difficulties of life and by the wounds of incomprehension and division. May the Lord, born in Bethlehem, grant everyone the serenity and strength to walk united in the way of good."