

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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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: 11th April 2021 - 18th April 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	10 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	12 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	13 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	Susie Wright (Int)-CWL	DMA
WED	14 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	15 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	16 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SAT	17 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Week of Easter (W)	Norman Haskell RIP	DMA
SUN	18 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	Sam Randle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	18 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	18 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL MASSES

WOUNDED & RESURRECTED

The archetypal encounter between doubting Thomas and the Risen Jesus (John 20: 19-28) is not really a story about believing in the fact of the resurrection, but a story about believing someone could be *wounded and also resurrected at the same time!* That is a quite different message, and still desperately needed. "Put your finger here," Jesus says to Thomas (20:27). And like Thomas, we are indeed wounded and resurrected at the same time, all of us. In fact, this might be the primary pastoral message of the whole Gospel.

Earlier, I wrote that great love and great suffering (both healing and woundedness) are the universal, always available paths of transformation, because they are the only things strong enough to take away the ego's protections and pretensions. Great love and great suffering bring us back to God, with the second normally following the first, and I believe this is how Jesus himself walked humanity back to God. It is not just a path of resurrection rewards, but always a path that includes death and woundedness.

We cannot jump over this world, or its woundedness, and still try to love God. We must love God *through, in, with,* and even *because of* this world. This is the message Christianity was supposed to initiate, proclaim and encourage, and what Jesus modelled. We were made to love and trust this world, "to cultivate it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15).

Do not think I am talking about believing only what you can see with your eyes or proposing mere materialism. I am talking about *observing, touching, loving the physical, the material, the inspired universe – in all its suffering state* – as the necessary starting place for any healthy spirituality and any true development. Death and resurrection, not death or resurrection. This is indeed the depth of everything. *To stay on the surface of anything is invariably to miss its message – even the surface of our sinfulness.*

Jesus invited Thomas and all doubters into a tangible kind of religion, a religion that makes touching human pain and suffering the way into both compassion and understanding. For most of us, the mere touching of another's wound probably feels like an act of outward kindness; we don't realise that its full intended effect is to change us as much as it might change them.

Human sympathy is the best and easiest way to open the heart space and to make us live inside our own bodies. God never intended most human beings to become philosophers or theologians, but God wants all humans to represent the very Sympathy and Empathy of God. And its okay if it takes a while to get there.

(Extracts from *The Universal Christ* by Fr Richard Rohr OFM, pp111-113, SPCK, 2019)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: William Murray (11th), Clement William Caffyn (12th), Philip Henry Caswell (13th), Barry Arthur Macklin (14th), John Joseph Seery (16th)

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

NEW VICAR AT ALL SAINTS: Bishop Debbie Sellin will conduct the licensing service for the Reverend Natasha Anderson on Monday, 12th April at 7pm. Fr David will be present via Zoom and will convey our warmest welcome to Tasha on behalf of our community.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Dora Eleanor Bradley, John Christy (13th), Reynaldo Scrope (16th), Iris Hilda Lucy McClone (17th), Anne Le May (17th)

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

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

WEEKEND MASSES GOING FORWARD:

ST FRANCIS SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 9.00am on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

ST ANNE'S SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 6.00pm on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

OLMSJ SATURDAY EVENING MASS fortnightly at 6pm on the following Saturdays: 24th April, 8th May, 22nd May.

OLMSJ SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 10.30am on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED. PLEASE BOOK JUST ONE MASS AT A TIME TO GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE.

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/>

FROM SR VERONICA: REFLECTIONS FOR EASTERTIDE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OJX4WuBfO8>

Wishing you a blessed Easter. Introducing a new series of reflections for Eastertide on the first readings Acts of the Apostles. Looking forward to a brighter summer and an end to Covid restrictions. May you remain close to the Risen Lord and embrace his redeeming love.

Much love Sr Veronica OP.

'Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that you can watch on Youtube.

'Beyond the Cross' follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter.

You can watch the first episode at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hP8NjGApz3Y

You can also access this at

www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/beyond-the-cross

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Gladys Bremner, Phillip Charles Lance McCormack (11th), Catherine Mary Hurton (12th), Gertrude McCabe, Eileen Alice Condon (13th), John Ghost, David Ronan (15th), Jemima Secchi, Marion Cecilia Nicholson (17th)

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.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS PLEASE: Please pray for Den Walker & Susie Wright.

Frances's husband, Dens' health is very fragile & he has been in & out of hospital since recovering from COVID. He is currently in Lymington Hospital. We keep Den, Frances and all the family in our prayers.

Norah Holder's daughter, Susie, has now had to have a second operation to rectify complications following the first operation to remove a non-malignant tumour. We keep Susie, Norah and all the family in our prayers.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 8/04/21: £63,924.59. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

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/>

OUR WEBSITE: We have a website for the New Forest Pastoral Area. www.nfwp.org.uk. Don't just Google nfwp 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.

MOTHER JULIAN OF NORWICH – A woman 7 centuries ahead of her time!

What does Mother Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century Catholic anchoress, who spent the majority of her adult life cloistered in a small stone cell attached to a church, have to teach us here and now? She reveals the feminine face of the Divine in all its radiance and reminds us to seek God there. She teaches us that God's love has nothing to do with rules and retribution and everything to do with mercy and compassion. She shows us that our failings and transgressions are simply an opportunity to learn and grow, and should be honored as such, but not dwelled upon. She translates the sorrows of this life as tastes of Christ's passion and assures us that all passing pain will be transmuted into endless joy.

Most of all, Julian of Norwich promises that, in spite of appearances to the contrary, all is well. Not just that creation was beautifully made to begin with, and that it will all work out in the end, but that everything is all right at every moment, if we could only look through the eyes of love. Such a perspective is difficult to sustain, Julian would be the first to admit. In rare moments of unitive consciousness—watching the sun rise, maybe, or giving birth, or singing to God in community—we may have fleeting glimpses of the cosmic design and see that it is good. But then the veil drops again and we forget. [1]

Because of our continual forgetfulness, Julian ends her Long Text with an emphasis on divine love. Note that while Julian here uses male pronouns for God, throughout her work she also shows that God is beyond gender by consistently calling God both Father and Mother.

Throughout the time of my showings, I wished to know what our Beloved meant. More than fifteen years later, the answer came in a spiritual vision. This is what I heard. "Would you like to know our Lord's meaning in all this? Know it well: love was his meaning. Who revealed this to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why did he reveal it to you? For love. Stay with this and you will know more of the same. You will never know anything but love, without end."

And so what I saw most clearly was that love is his meaning. God wants us to know that he loved us before he even made us, and this love has never diminished and never will. All his actions unfold from this love, and through this love he makes everything that happens of value to us, and in this love we find everlasting life. Our creation has a starting point, but the love in which he made us has no beginning, and this love is our true source. [2]

(from the daily reflection from Fr Richard Rohr 6th April 2021)