

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

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Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

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:

If needed urgently contact Fr David at the parish office.

The Week: 12th April 2020 - 19th April 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

DAY	DATE	SERVICE	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SUN	12 th	Mass	Easter Sunday Yr A (W) (10am)	For the People of the Parish	DMA
MON	13 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	14 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	15 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	16 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	17 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	18 th	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Maude & Jozef Fojt RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	19 th	Mass	Second Sunday of Easter Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA

Returning Home

"I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jesus's words to Mary Magdalene John 20:17); "I ask . . . that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You. . . I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity. . . Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am. . . ". (John 17:20-24)
At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. —1 Corinthians 13:12

Two dear friends, Fathers Thomas Keating (1923–2018) and Joseph Boyle (1941–2018), lived many years in community at St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, where they welcomed guests for contemplative retreats. A couple years ago, Lucette Verboven interviewed both of them.

She asked Father Joseph if he expected at death to be transformed:

Yes, I expect death to be a transition. I think it is a movement into a space that is not limited by our body and our senses that are quite limited now. I like the phrase in St. Paul, that we will "see God face to face" [1 Corinthians 13:12] and we'll relate to people and the beauty of who they are without the ego-agendas we have right now.

I see [life after death] as infinite love, as if the whole atmosphere of heaven is filled with God as a kind of vibration going through us. I think that we are going to see and know each other in God, whatever that word means. It strikes me as a homecoming, us returning home to where we come from. . . and all of our brothers and sisters are coming home as well. . . I certainly have a very deep hope that it is a transition into an incredible related life. [1]

Similarly, Keating wrote:

Death is only a part of the process of living. If the Communion of Saints has become real for us, then every funeral is a celebration of eternal life. That is the great insight of the Mass of the Resurrection, the new funeral rite. Death is not an occasion only for sorrow, but an occasion of rejoicing that our friends or relatives have moved to a deeper level of union and that we will be with them again. [2]

We are all always connected to God and each other and every living being. Most of us just don't realize it. Jesus prays that we could see things in their unity and wholeness. Either we learn how to live in communion with others, or, quite simply, we're not ready for heaven and are already in hell. (We have to let Christ break open the gates of hell and lead us out!) We have been invited—even now, even today, even this moment—to live in the Communion of Saints, in the Presence, in the Body, in the Life of the eternal and eternally Risen Christ.

There is only One Love that will lead and carry us across when we die. If we are already at home with Love here, we will quite readily move into heaven, Love's eternal home. Death is not a changing of worlds, as most imagine, as much as the walls of this world infinitely expanding.

(From Fr Richard Rohr's Daily Reflections, Tuesday, November 20, 2018)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Clement William Caffyn (12th), Philip Henry Caswell (13th), Barry Arthur Macklin (14th), John Joseph Seery (16th), James Boyd Smith (18th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Josie Warren, Richard Blacklock, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

MILFORD SECULAR PARISH COUNCIL has already set up a scheme to help with connecting helpers to isolators in Milford. If you are in isolation and need help they can be contacted on: Milford 644410.

ST FRANCIS WHATSAPP GROUP: Join on your smartphone or tablet. You need to download the WHATSAPP app (free) and then use the link below: You can add photos too if you want: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Gz27ZrWk8f9BWPoRbOuirO> Keep well in your isolations! Anthony

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Dora Eleanor Bradley, John Christy (13th), Reynaldo Scrope (16th), Iris Hilda Lucy Mc Clone, Anne Le May (17th), Bernard Robert (Bob) Sparrow, Sheila Groombridge (18th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Sr Rosaleen, Helen Pignatelli, Edelweiss James, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

Coronavirus & St Anne's – Message from the Parish Pastoral Council: We are working with **Brockcare**, a group run by the Anglican Church in Brockenhurst, which is coordinating help throughout the village. For parishioners who are living in Sway, a similar group has been set up, so we can ensure you get the help you need. If you have to self-isolate, we can arrange for shopping to be dropped off at your door, and/or for someone to keep in contact with you by telephone, in order to maintain a social link and to offer reassurance.

Here are the relevant contact details:

St Anne's: Ian and Aude – 623408; Madeleine and Paul - 622360

Brockcare: St Saviour's Church Office - 624584

(Open 10.00 - 12.00 Mon to Friday. At other times please leave a message and your phone number and someone will get back to you ASAP) Joyce Kolaczowski (Brockcare) - 623329

FROM FR CHARLIE IN MALAWI: Greetings from Malawi! I hope you are keeping safe and getting used to all the enforced changes as a result of Covid 19. We are indeed living in extraordinary times. Let's hope and pray that the corona virus battle will soon be won although it seems things might get worse before they get better! Attached are some photos (**SEE THEM ON THE WEBSITE**) of the new classroom block at St Paul's Primary School. The block of classrooms was completed last Wednesday. Not sure when they will begin using them because all the schools and higher institutions of education are closed because of Covid 19. Thank you all once again for having supported this project in such a big way. I'm very grateful. I pray you all remain safe and that you take good care of yourselves. Please God the situation will soon begin to get better. Wishing you all a very happy Easter. God bless, Charlie SMM.

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

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for more from Pope Francis, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls and our own Bishop Philip and for Masses on the internet.

PRAYER REQUESTS: - phone or email the parish office & we will put them on our website.

HELPLINE FOR THE FRAIL OR VULNERABLE: from Hampshire County Council, available now to provide information and advice as well as practical support, for frail or vulnerable Hampshire residents. This system is working in conjunction with New Forest District Council and Lymington and Pennington Town Council for residents in our area. The Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline -

Hantshelp4vulnerable - is 0333 370 4000.

The helpline is available seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm, and is for vulnerable people who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with practical issues.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

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

Sick and Housebound: Jane Rayner, 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, Patricia Mate.

Hilary Hartley-Ayres RIP: one of our parishioners for many years, who has just died in the Birches Rest Home in Totton. I'm sure she will be remembered by some of our long-standing parishioners, because she was quite a character! she died quietly and peacefully at the Birches. The Church in Totton have been wonderful for all the years she was in the Birches. (from John Stephenson)

EASTER EGGS UPDATE: Should it happen that we can't distribute the Easter Eggs to lucky prize winners before they pass their "sell by date" (the eggs that is, not the prize winners!!), with the express permission of the holders of winning tickets the eggs will be donated in good time (before they expire!) to the New Forest Basics Bank. I hope that is OK with the generous donors.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 41 5yr pledges yielding £88K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 02/04/20: £34,434.09.

BASICS BANK BUILDING IS VERY NEAR COMPLETION: We have a new fence & gate at the top of the church carpark (thanks to NFBB & Ray Stote) & the fir tree has been crown lifted.

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SUPPORT FOR THE VULNERABLE & ISOLATED: Please can we all try to keep in touch with one another, especially those who are on their own, using phone calls, texts & emails. Practical help & support, if needed should be offered by those who are not high risk to themselves or others but hygiene and social distancing must always be observed. Help should only be accepted from persons who are known to you or who have been authenticated by someone you know. Do not answer the door to strangers and let all phone calls go to answer machine or voice mail unless you know and trust the caller. If anyone needs help and support please ring or email the parish office 01590-676696

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. Recent special collections: **Clergy Assistance Fund** (for sick & retired clergy) & the **Holy Places**.

EVERYONE IS DISPENSED FROM EASTER DUTY

OBLIGATIONS: Pope Francis & Cardinal Vincent have said that as it is not possible or advisable to access a priest we should pray to God directly expressing our sorrow for sin and our desire for forgiveness and then trust confidently in God's mercy. **See our website for full details.** Fr David will be available on the phone for counselling and reassurance. He will also be on call to administer the Anointing of the Sick in urgent cases.

FUNERALS: These are to take place only at the graveside or the crematorium with only close family in attendance. A more appropriate Memorial Mass or Service can take place at a later date when conditions allow. (For further details on all of the above go to the parish website).

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