

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 17th May 2020 - 24th May 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

DAY	DATE	SERVICE	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SUN	17 th	Mass	Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA
MON	18 th	Mass	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 th	Mass	Ded'n of our Cathedral, Feast, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	20 th	Mass	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Private Intention (JC)	DMA
THU	21 st	Mass	The Ascension of the Lord, Sol. (W)	Patricia Mate RIP	DMA
FRI	22 nd	Mass	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	23 rd	Mass	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	NHS & Social Care Workers	DMA
SUN	24 th	Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA

JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

This time is a great opportunity to dig deep and uncover some of the neglected aspects of our faith which can nourish us in perhaps new and invigorating ways. I have used the slightly facetious heading to help us be less dependent on physical buildings. There's nothing wrong with them but they can become very constraining and use up much of our resources and energy. Remembering "new wine, new wineskins" the post-Vatican 2 recovery of community, active participation, collaboration and shared ministry has suffered from the limitations of many older buildings designed with a very different set of priorities. It was new wine into old wineskins!!

The first break in this understandable dependency on buildings came at the crucifixion of Jesus when he "yielded up his spirit": "and suddenly the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.." (Matt 27:51). God had left the building. Christ's body is the real Temple which fills the whole universe. "I could not see any temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.." (Rev 21:22). As God is everywhere in every possible way, "over all, through all and in all (Eph. 4:6), so all creation is part of the temple. It's a bit like Russian dolls, one mystery nested inside another mystery. The community is God's temple (1 Cor 3:16) and so is each person. Jesus says he is going to prepare a "place". Scholarly research has linked this to the temple. God is preparing each one of us to be a place, a temple: "you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you" (John 14:20). And a bit further on: "Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and will be loved by my Father, and we shall come and make a home in that person" (John 14:23).

As Bishop Philip said some years ago, we need to concentrate not on the Church of the Lord, but rather on the Lord of the Church.

During this time instead of wasting energy fretting and worrying over so many things we may feel we've lost or cannot have. We can concentrate on the "one thing necessary" (Luke 10:42), our personal and collective relationship with the Lord. We can imagine and discover new ways of being together, sharing, interacting and helping. We can receive more deeply the "peace the world cannot give" and be assured like St Paul: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor height nor depths, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:38-39).

We are never alone because our loving, kind and gentle God is always with us, healing, guiding, forgiving, consoling, patiently teaching, strengthening and empowering. And with just a few others, (like Mum, Dad and the children) these blessings are multiplied "For where two or three are gathered in my name I am with them" (Matt 18:20).

We can re-discover and rebuild the domestic church. Knowing that whoever loves has been begotten by God (1 John 4:7) we know it isn't about religious labels or whether people are able to have explicit faith. Its about what is in our hearts. If we can be united in genuine love, care and compassion then we can trust we are united in God. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Robert Thomas Gerard Patey (17th), Jane Tinslay, Constance Elizabeth Violet Slade-Jones (20th), Owen John Marshall (21st)

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment.

New Forest Basic Bank: Hollands of Milford have kindly put a crate in their shop to receive gifts of goods and food for NFBB to distribute to the hungry. We invite you to give generously, please. I can send you photos of our new purpose-built home if you would like to see. Anthony Kirke, treasurer@basicsbank.org.uk.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Erna Stanbury, Eric Griffiths, Monica Wibberley, (18th), Fr Terence Green, Andre Eugene Marie Joseph Prove (20th), Henry Wardale (22nd), Emma Hooper (23rd)

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

REQUEST FOR PRAYER: See Henrietta's request below, in All Parishes.

RECITING THE ROSARY: at home - at the usual time of 9.30 am on a Wednesday. This could bring us closer together in prayer with each other and with Our Blessed Lady.

THY KINGDOM COME -ECUMENICAL INITIATIVE: St Anne's community is invited to join in prayer with St Saviour's & St Nicholas. The prayer services will now be **on-line** at 8:30am and 5:30pm each day for a week from Friday 22 May to Friday 29 May. The format of the services will follow a simple liturgy. The services will be led by clergy and laity. For all the access details & service sheets email Ian Holden on: ianaude@icloud.com.

BROCKCARE: 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

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

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

LOCK DOWN NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS IN SWAY: <https://mailchi.mp/724cb9b6ad8f/dominicansisters> Our first issue contains an interview with Fr Richard and some *Quarantine Quodlibets*...It has been produced by the novitiate in this time of lockdown to keep them busy!! The sign-up form also contains a link to a webpage which will have the newsletter archive once we've started sending them out. Sr Catherine is also going to put a link to the archive page on our website. So there will be a variety of ways to access the newsletters depending on what people prefer! God Bless. Sr Veronica OP

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans' (Milford) daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment. Louise has a young family who need their Mum.

UPDATE ON PRAYERS FOR BABY EVA: We have all been so grateful for the prayers and kind emails about Eva. Please keep praying. She did respond to the treatment and is now talking and moving though not out of bed. Most of the tubes have been removed but she isn't keeping medication, food and fluid down yet and heart rate drops frequently. Tom (dad) was allowed to see her once but not again. He was very shocked by her wraithlike appearance. As soon as those things are sorted she and Mum will go home. We are concerned about the toll this will have taken of Jenny, so please include her and Tom and Mollie (12) in prayers too. God bless everyone, I am leaning on their guardian angels heavily! Thank you all, Henrietta.

WIMA DULUAN RIP: Sadly, Wima succumbed to the covid-19 virus. Please pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for all those who have died & for their families, relatives and friends.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Peter Henry, Barbara De Vere-Hunt, Richard (Ric) Kay, Albert Edward Cooper (17th), Colleen Hunter (18th), Cecilia Moverley, Paul Joseph Neary (19th), Madelena Jellousheg (20th), Madeleine Rowles (21st), James Russell (22nd), Mary Carr, Ester Margaret (Peggy) Walsh (23rd)

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 RIP: you will be sad to hear that Pat died in last week (30th April). Her nephew Howard & his wife Geri were with her. They had been looking after Pat for the last few weeks and gave her all the support and care she could have wished for. Pat has been in the parish for many, many and was very active until about 2013 when her health deteriorated. She will be sadly missed by her friends and family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. Pat's Funeral Service will be held at Test Valley Crematorium on Thursday, 21st May at 11.30am. Anyone who wants to see this online should email Fr David at the parish office & he will forward the connection details.

EASTER EGGS READY FOR COLLECTION: Anyone with winning tickets please contact the parish office to arrange collection while observing social distancing. You need to send us your winning numbers, colours & ticket code.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 41 5yr pledges yielding £88K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 14/05/20: £37,523.59. Included in this is £246.86 raised from "Give as you live" - see below. Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

DO YOU ORDER GOODS FROM THE INTERNET? If so, you could earn some free money for our building fund! It is very simple: go to **giveasyoulive.com** to register. Sign up for free. Choose the charity: **Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church**, Click -support us. Enter your details to create an account. Each time you shop online a box will appear in the right hand corner asking if you would like to earn money on that transaction. Follow the instruction. Bingo! Free money! It does not cost you anything. **The money earned for each transaction goes straight to our building fund account.**

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PRAYERS PLEASE: for Eileen Griffiths who, at the time of writing, is receiving end of life care in SGH and being lovingly supported by her two daughters Jacks & Colette and the hospital chaplain, Fr Joe McNerney.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This is celebrated on Thursday, 21st May. It would normally be a Holyday of Obligation, but everyone is dispensed from that obligation in the current corona virus crisis. However, you can avail of the many opportunities for online Masses should you so wish.

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: for the weekend of **23rd/24th May**, for the **Catholic Communications Network**. The funds help the Bishops of England & Wales to communicate the Gospel message via the many different media outlets.

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

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>