

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

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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: 31st May 2020 - 7th June 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

DAY	DATE	SERVICE	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SUN	31 st	Mass	Pentecost Sunday Yr A (R)	For the People of the Parish	DMA
MON	1 st	Mass	Bl.V. Mary, Mother of the Church, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	2 nd	Mass	9 th Week of the Year (G)	Maureen Kinnon RIP	DMA
WED	3 rd	Mass	St Charles Lwanga et alia, Mem, (R)	Paul Scarnell (Blessings)	DMA
THU	4 th	Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast, (W)	Sally Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	5 th	Mass	St Boniface, Mem, (R)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	Mass	9 th Week of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SUN	7 th	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity Yr A (W)	For the People of the Parish	DMA

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH (Joel 2:28)

For Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Pentecost is the great empowerment of the disciples of Jesus. They had been discouraged by Jesus death, mysteriously enlivened by the resurrection experiences of Jesus but they were still afraid and unsure of their next move.

So they were altogether, women, men, apostles, disciples - and Jesus' mother was there too with Jesus' relations. They were praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, just as was prophesied by the prophet Joel, the Holy Spirit comes down on all of them, with wind & tongues of flame. They are given courage and boldness to openly praise God for all God's wonderful works. And all those who heard it were amazed that they could hear the praises of God in their own language.

So, irrespective of gender and status, the great gift of the Holy Spirit is given to everyone, male & female, slave or free person. The praises of God are declared in the different languages of the hearers. They didn't have to listen to it in Hebrew or get a translator.

So the Holy Spirit was overcoming divisions, prejudices, statuses and empowering everyone male or female, young or old. The Holy Spirit was establishing the democracy of the Spirit. In harmony with Jesus' own teaching the Spirit does away with selfish ambition, status, power, privilege. The Holy Spirit does away with special clothing and any other obsession with appearances or trivial things. The Holy Spirit makes known to everyone that God is with us in all our situations. We don't have to be in any particular places, or say any particular words, or use any particular style of language. We don't have to try to reach up to God, or try to make ourselves acceptable to God. We don't have to change God's mind or persuade God to be good to us. God has already done all this for us in Jesus. God is now Emmanuel, God With Us. In Christ we become his Body & Blood and God is present with us in the ordinary things and situations of every day.

The Holy Spirit gathers the community together where all are brothers and sisters. No one sets themselves up as the only Teacher or Master, because Christ is the Teacher. No one allows themselves to be

called Father and the others do not allow anyone to dictate or dominate the group because they have only one Father, in heaven. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus learn from the gentleness and humility of Jesus. They allow themselves to be changed and become as children, not silly, naïve and irresponsible, but spontaneous, grateful, non-judgemental, trusting, believing, & benevolent. The Spirit teaches them to love and serve one another with joy and graciousness. The Spirit teaches them that they are all one. So there is no need for competition, jealousy or envy. Everyone has an equal value in God's eyes and everyone has some role they can fulfil which helps the community. No one is better than anyone else.

The Holy Spirit teaches everyone that they are on a spiritual growth journey. The Spirit is leading them into the fuller truth. They will come to know other "sheep" that Jesus has that don't come from the same culture or religious tradition. The followers of Jesus will listen to them, share with them and learn from them. They will admire and respect the work that God has done in gathering all these different groups in different parts of the world.

The Holy Spirit will dwell in the hearts of all, leading them on a spiritual journey of prayer. On this journey it doesn't matter about words, because the Spirit will pray in ways that are beyond words. The prayer of the "little ones who have faith" will be primarily thanksgiving and praise. They will praise God for all the wonders of the creation. They will thank God for all the greatness of God's compassion, mercy and goodness revealed in Jesus.

They will delight in all the marvellous things they can do, in all the gifts and talents they have, in the many ways they can be kind, loving, caring and life-giving. They will recognise also limitations, weaknesses, faults and failings. But because they have complete trust in God's love they do not waste energy on self-condemnation, guilt or anxiety. They do not allow themselves to be paralysed by discouragement. Instead, taking responsibility for themselves and for those in need they take positive action and do all they can to make things better for everyone. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Phillips (30th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, 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.

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Paul Scarnell who is very poorly in SGH Stroke Unit. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Leah and the family.

ST FRANCIS WHATSAPP GROUP: The new group is up and running. If you want to join contact Anthony Kirke and he will send you an invite on WhatsApp.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Tessa Joan Nally (24th), Deacon Hilary Parsons (28th), Joseph Francis Taylor (30th)

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Paul Kinnon's mother, Maureen who has died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

ST ANNE'S PPC: thanks to our Chair, Ian, we had a very successful and even enjoyable meeting on Zoom. We were mainly discussing the requirements needed to re-open the churches. The Bishop is still formulating guidelines with his advisors.

100 CLUB: The numbers for April and May were drawn simultaneously this week. Paul Shearer was the lucky winner for April and won £30; Andrea Janssens won £30 for May. Well done both! This completes a year for the 100 Club but as it is logistically not possible to collect the money from everyone to start again in June, we will restart when the church opens again for services. (Our thanks to Anne & Bill for making this happen & helping to raise funds for the church.

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.

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.

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Paul Scarnell who is very poorly in SGH Stroke Unit. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Leah and the family.

PRAYERS PLEASE: For Nicola Kirby's mother, Beatrice Tucker, who is very poorly in hospital in Oldham, Lancashire.

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Paul Kinnon's mother, Maureen who has died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

GOOD NEWS FROM HENRIETTA: "Dear Father, I'm delighted to be able to tell you that Eva and her Mum are home. The two sisters are thrilled to be together again and are the closest the parents have ever seen them. Much rest is needed but 'pacing' is not in a child's vocabulary! Thank you, to all those I know and the many I have not met. I will pray particularly for you all through tomorrow's Rosary and Mass with gratitude and that you and yours keep healthy. If any among you are not well, I ask the Patrons of each parish to watch over you. My family send their appreciation with mine, God Bless, Henrietta."

RE- REOPENING CHURCHES: The plans for reopening the churches are with the Bishop in consultation with the Clergy. The Diocese has to be compliant with Government guidelines. As instructed by Bishop Philip, we are waiting to see the final draft of the guidelines before we can consider opening any of our churches.

When the final draft is submitted by the Bishop, Linda, as our 3 parishes H&S co-ordinator & myself have been asked to do the risk assessments of all 3 churches and work out the possibilities which will be, of course, different for each of our churches.

Therefore, as the person legally liable for the safety of my parishioners I must insist that nothing is done without my express permission.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Bridie Heneghan (25th), Donald Paul Wilson (27th), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Ellen Kyte (28th), Catherine Ann Lowe (29th).

Sick and Housebound: Beatrice Tucker, Eileen Griffiths, 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.

PRAYERS FOR EILEEN GRIFFITHS: UPDATE: (from her daughters, Jacks & Colette, Friday, 29th May) The mornings visit was lovely as we had the hospital Chaplin come and see her (again). He laughed as we referred to her as Lazarus. As he arrived at the bottom of her bed, she looked up and smiled and said "Aww what are you doing here?". Hilarious as he said "I've come to see you Eileen". Priceless and beautiful as she had the Host and he said more prayers for her. I got him to bless the wooden cross Cathy Pickles gave her and she has kept it in her hand ever since. Thank you. Her demeanour was much like yesterday, lucid for 15 or so minutes and then sleeping. Interestingly in the lucid minutes she asked could we go across to the lady opposite and tell her that mum was praying for her. Why I asked mum? Because she's in a worse state than me. Not sure how mum dying doesn't trump someone who is sick and who will be going home soon. Always thinking of others and she continues to make us smile.

PRAYERS PLEASE: For Nicola Kirby's mother, Beatrice Tucker, who is very poorly in hospital in Oldham, Lancashire.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 42 5yr pledges yielding £88.8K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 28/05/20: £37,593.59. 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. (See the latest update above from Friday, 29th May)

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>