

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

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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague
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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:

By appointment only - contact Fr David at the parish office.

The Week: 28th June 2020 - 5th July 2020

SUN	5 th	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	6 th	Mass	14 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	7 th	Mass	14 th Week of the Year (G)	H Miller & M Ash-Miller RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	8 th	Mass	14 th Week of the Year (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
THU	9 th	Mass	14 th Week of the Year (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	10 th	Mass	14 th Week of the Year (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	11 th	Mass	St Benedict, Feast, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA

FOR SUNDAY MASSES on 12th JULY PLEASE SEE SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS - RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

THERE MIGHT BE MASS BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT!

We have been working through the five pages of Diocesan Re-Opening Guidelines and the fourteen pages of the Risk Assessment required by Government legislation. These documents arrived late on Friday and were further amended today, Saturday!

First of all, our Bishops remind us that no one is obliged to go to Mass. We are encouraged to pray and if possible follow Mass online. Those in an at risk group, 70+ and/or shielding should continue to stay at home as much as possible. Anyone displaying symptoms that may indicate a COVID-19 virus infection MUST NOT attempt to come to church. We are all to remember that there will be no toilet facilities available.

Hopefully, we will be able to begin a very limited provision of Sunday Mass on 12th July. And even that may not happen if we do not have the required stewards at all our churches. But it will not be Mass as we have known it. To say it will be minimal would be an understatement. There will only be space for a few. Places will need to be booked and contact details given at the time of booking. We will need to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to participate in Mass at least once a month. This will be unavoidably selective and divisive.

We will need to practice social distancing and scrupulous hand hygiene. We should wear masks but we will need to provide our own. We should sanitise our hands on entering and leaving the church. Hand sanitisers will be available at the church door. Seating will be allocated by the stewards. Instructions will be given for receiving Holy Communion which should be in the hand only. We will be instructed on how to leave the church at the end of Mass.

There will not be any leaflets, singing, or candles. We can have some recorded music during Holy Communion but not such as to prolong the celebration. Sacristans, Servers, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion will not be required. The duration of Mass will be much shorter and unessential elements will be omitted.

Perhaps it is good to remind ourselves that this is not a unique situation in Church history by any means. In modern times millions of Catholics around the world still have very limited provision of Mass and the sacraments. For the last 30 years or so for some communities in rural France Mass has only been celebrated once a month. In poorer parts of the world it may be available once or twice a year. Pope Innocent III also placed the kingdom of England under an interdict for six years between March 1208 and May 1213, after King John refused to accept the pope's appointee Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury. An interdict effectively bans nearly all celebrations of the sacraments. I often wondered many years ago why many priests in Ireland celebrated the Mass so quickly. Apparently, it became the norm during the penal times when Catholics were persecuted, and Mass prohibited. The priest would gather the people around, often out in the countryside availing of a suitable rock or fallen tree and by necessity would celebrate Mass speedily. So these restrictions are nothing new really.

At the beginning of this pandemic I, and a few other priests, suggested to the Bishop that it may be better to calmly and patiently wait until we can return to a full, joyful, unrestricted celebration of the Holy Eucharist as we were able to do before this crisis started. It might be a while, but it would save a lot of expense and anxiety. It would also spare those elderly priests who are living alone with no parish staff or volunteers to help put in place the necessary health & safety measures. We would also be all experiencing the same deprivation and learning the same lessons together. There wouldn't be just the lucky few for whom it is safe and easy to come to church. It would also protect the good, positive memories we have of celebrating Eucharist together and allow absence to make the heart grow fonder! If Mass is newly associated with anxiety, hassle, restriction, and dissatisfaction people may not be so keen to return.

Anyway, that approach was not adopted. So as soon as we can, we will distribute information about booking a place at one of the Sunday Masses for 12th July. This will be emailed around in the usual way. It will very deliberately NOT be published on the website because it will only cause problems if people turn up without a booking. Our few, generous, stewards have enough to do without having to turn away disgruntled visitors. It is surprising how rude some Christians can be when they don't get their own way! DMA.

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week Brian John Marshall (5th), Susan (Sue) Carol Wardlaw (6th), John Noble (7th), Decima Mary Bidwell, Leonard John Runyard (9th), Ethel Annie Marsden, Raymond Wendell Beachey (10th), Leslie Frank (11th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

PRAYERS PLEASE for Judith Kirke who is recovering from a liver operation which took place on Friday.

URGENT PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sr Rosaleen, at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, unfortunately the cancer has spread. So she very much needs our prayers at this time.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: Sunday, 5th July from 10am until 11am. Be prepared to queue. And please follow the instructions of the stewards.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Margaret Chainey, Mary Olney (5th), Peter Charles Bishop (7th), Mary Ann Hurt, James Emery (9th), Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10th), Helen Beatrice Margaret Mary Parsons (11th)

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

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Please remember the work of CAFOD and help them put our faith into action. They have a petition 'Unite against Coronavirus' which you can read and sign on their website cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign. It is calling on the Prime Minister to cancel all debt owed by developing countries in 2020 and 2021 so that they can concentrate on much needed healthcare. Donations are also needed more than ever to help scale up CAFOD's response to the immense need in the poorest countries where the spread of the coronavirus continues. Donate preferably online at cafod.org.

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

All Parishes

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: BRIAN COYNE who died this week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. Please contact Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton (details on the website) if you wish to be informed of Brian's funeral service.

CAFOD 10,000 STEPS CHALLENGE: Rosalie Man from St Francis is raising money for CAFOD by doing the 10,000 Steps challenge. If you wish to know more please contact: jlewry@cafod.org.uk at CAFOD-Portsmouth Diocese. She will send you the supporting literature.

DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS: On Sunday 5th July at a Mass at 2pm in St John's Cathedral, Bishop Philip will be ordaining Matthew King to the Priesthood (this was due to happen on Saturday 18th April). Bishop Philip will also be ordaining Anthony Fyk to the Diaconate. During the Mass, Edward Hauschild will be instituted as an Acolyte and Ambrose Chou as a Lector. After the Mass during Evening Prayer, Paul Nwune & James Lewis will be admitted to Candidacy and the new students Tom Hiney, Francis Ezeani & Yipeng John Ni will be given a special blessing as they begin their seminary formation. Please pray for all these generous men.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Broomfield (6th), John Ogden (7th), Katherine Griffin, Terence Shelley (8th), George Davies (9th), Joan Marie Smith (10th); Claire Harris (11th)

Sick and Housebound: Beatrice Tucker, 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.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 03/07/20: £40,086.95. Included in this is a further £67.60 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

100 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations to our 100 Club winners who are as follows:- Pete Lawes (87) £40, Aiko Wilson (5) £30, John Stephenson (58) £20, Fr David Adams (1) £15, Marily McCann (15) £10. Thank you to all our members for their valuable contribution to church funds. Fr David does hope to contact you this week, honest!!

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is proposing changes to the to the parish electoral arrangements for Lymington & Pennington parish and town councils. They are inviting views from residents up until 7th September 2020. If you wish to have your say visit their website: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/>

All Parishes

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Apostleship of the Sea (11th/12th July). If you can please set something aside or send something into the parish office, please specify the collection.

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

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

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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>