

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

The Week: 26th July 2020 - 2nd August 2020

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| SUN | 26 th | 9.00am | St Francis | Mass | 17 th Sunday of the Year A (G) | For the People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 26 th | 10.30am | Our Lady | Mass | 17 th Sunday of the Year A (G) | For the People of the Parishes | DMA |
| MON | 27 th | N/A | N/A | Mass | 17 th Week of the Year (G) | as per celebrant | PWR |
| TUE | 28 th | N/A | N/A | Mass | 17 th Week of the Year (G) | Kathleen Curran RIP | DMA |
| WED | 29 th | N/A | N/A | Mass | St Martha, Mem, (W) | Fr Abraham Jacob RIP Anniv | DMA |
| THU | 30 th | N/A | N/A | Mass | 17 th Week of the Year (G) | Pat Mate RIP | DMA |
| FRI | 31 st | N/A | N/A | Mass | St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem, (W) | George Turuta RIP B'day Anniv | DMA |
| SAT | 1 st | N/A | N/A | Mass | St Alphonsus Liguori, Mem, (W) | For the People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 2 nd | 10.30am | Our Lady | Mass | 18 th Sunday of the Year A (G) | Sal Pent RIP Anniv | DMA |

FOR SUNDAY MASS NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - PLEASE RING 01590-676696

THE TREASURE WITHIN & WITHOUT

St Augustine said that "our hearts are restless till they rest in you, O Lord". If we desire peace, blessing, true joy and every good, there is only one source and that is God. But how do we find God, connect with God, be with God? From our little self-centred perspective God can seem so far away, so far above.

We are confused, our lives are a bundled of contradictions and conflicting desires and aspirations. Each of us, individually and all of us collectively are like the net full of fish. We are a mixture of good and bad, positive and negative. Only God can transform the bad into the good and bring peace and harmony to our souls and to humanity as a whole.

But what is impossible for us, is supremely possible for God. We cannot ascend to God so God has descended to us. We cannot find God, so God has found us. We cannot reconcile ourselves to God, so God has reconciled the whole world to himself in the Christ.

The priceless pearl is, in the words of St Paul: "Christ among you, your hope of glory". It is the Holy Spirit within us uniting us to the Father and the Son and welling up as a spring of eternal life bringing joy, hope, restoration and everlasting love. The Kingdom of God, says Jesus, is not here or there, it is within us, among us.

In fact every thing and everywhere can be a portal to the Divine because everything has come from the hand of God. As God purifies our hearts more and more we begin to see God more and more, (Blessed are the pure in heart they shall see God!).

If we approach everything seeking light and love ,and are ready, according to our capacity, to give light and love then we will find those infinite treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ (Col. 2:3). Jesus said there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents and again that: the one who is forgiven little loves little. So even our falling into sin can be turned to good if by grace it leads us to fall into the merciful hands of God with greater humility.

So all our relationships, activities, work, hobbies, interests can lead us to God if we receive them with gratitude and we are open-hearted and loving to all.

It is just a shame that some self-appointed "gatekeepers" are so judgemental and narrow minded. They want to keep control and be the Masters and Rabbis. They want people to depend only on them. So they do not encourage people to find God everywhere and to celebrate the Spirit that God has poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28) and the gifts God gives to all people, irrespective of gender, race, status or age.

So we are graciously invited to connect to the Divine life present everywhere. This is a connection nourished by prayer and Sacred Liturgy, but a connection that we must personally respond to & seek to nurture. But even so it is all grace. This union in our deepest heart and soul is not a retreat into introspection or a flight from the world. Drawing on the Divine life within enables us rather to engage with the world to bring, above all by our actions, attitudes and our relationships, something of the peace and love of Christ. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Leonard Harding, Margaret Anne Croll (27th), Constance Alice Uniacke (30th)

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

UPDATE ON SISTER ROSALEEN: Sr Rosaleen had exploratory surgery at the Royal Marsden during this week and will now have further surgery to remove the tumour in about three weeks time. Prayers please this will be a challenging operation. She is in very good spirits despite the long journey up to London.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: If you are attending Sunday Mass at St Francis please remember to bring any collection envelopes. There will be a basket at the back of church for collection contributions or donations.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS: Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Elena Taylor (27th), David Arthur Groombridge (28th), Terence Richard Houlihan (30th), Violet Christie (1st)

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

UNFORTUNATELY: we cannot celebrate Sunday at St Anne's for a while because we do not have the full quota of stewards. Hopefully things will be different in a few weeks time.

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Congratulations to Paddy and Cedric who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last week. Wishing them every happiness from all at St Anne's.

Best wishes to Michael and Edelweiss who moved to Holmwood in the village last week. We wish them also every happiness in their new home from all at St Anne's.

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

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FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS AT SWAY: Although we appreciate that most churches are now allowed to open if circumstances permit, we unfortunately will NOT be able to open our chapel for private prayer/worship due to the shielding of our members. Thank you for your understanding. We will continue to hold you in prayer.

CHECK OUT: all the Sisters are doing for teaching the faith around the Diocese, especially in the Formation for Mission programme. Go on to their website and click the APOSTOLATE tab and follow the links. There are programmes and courses you can follow on line. <https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/>

PERSONAL PRAYER IN CHURCH: Unfortunately we do not have enough stewards to continue the personal prayer times at our churches now that Sunday Masses have partially resumed.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Patrick Kavanagh, Mary West, Kathleen Cook 27th, Eric Powell (29th), Henry Isdell, Colin Craig, Andrea Salmon (30th), Seymour England, Michael (Mike) Hedges (31st), Violet Christie (1st)

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, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

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Brian Choules RIP: Brian died last week after a long illness. He had been lovingly cared for by Pat over the past two years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the family. May Brian rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 24/07/20: £42,571.75. 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.

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS: For the foreseeable future we will not be able to provide Mass on Saturday evening. We do not have sufficient stewards. Also we would not be able to give the church a thorough clean in preparation for Mass on Sunday morning

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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.nfwf.org.uk for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

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.

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>

FROM CAFOD-PORTSMOUTH: I'm writing to let you know that the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which CAFOD is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on, **Tuesday 14 July**. Sending this, I am so mindful of all the uncertainty in our parishes, and all that you are doing to adjust. We in CAFOD continue to hold you in our prayers. I wrote to you at the start of lockdown about CAFOD's response to the global pandemic - a long term, large scale response programme. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, we are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted. So this month, as the **DEC** raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving.