

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

The Week: 6th September 2020 - 13th September 2020

SUN	6 th	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A (G)	Mary Atherton RIP	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	23 rd Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	8 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Nativity of Bl. V. Mary, Feast, (W)	Jo Cole (Special Intention-2)	DMA
WED	9 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	23 rd Week of the Year (G)	Brenda Long (Blessings)	DMA
THU	10 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	23 rd Week of the Year (G)	Ron Webster RIP	DMA
FRI	11 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	23 rd Week of the Year (G)	Nick Filbee RIP	DMA
SAT	12 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	23 rd Week of the Year (G)	Adam & Beth (Intentions)	DMA
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	24 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED FOR SUNDAY MASS

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - PLEASE RING 01590-676696

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SERIOUS BAD BEHAVIOUR?

Notice in the Gospel for this Sunday, how the work of forgiveness & reconciliation, the power to "bind & loose" & the freedom to initiate good works are given to all the disciples, irrespective of gender.

Of all the sacraments, Reconciliation has been the one which the Church, over the centuries, has moulded, re-worked and changed the most. We only have to compare the text of this Sunday's Gospel to our present practice to see the difference.

For many complex, often understandable reasons, the vast majority of Catholics who are still attending Mass regularly on a Sunday do not frequent the sacrament of Reconciliation. A reasonable proportion may avail of the sacrament once or twice a year. Recent exhortations to return to a more frequent, devotional reception of the sacrament seem to have been largely ignored. In order to respect Church discipline children must make a first Reconciliation before they make their first Holy Communion. However, as the parents don't go themselves very few are brought to Reconciliation after that.

Let us return to the basics here. Sacred Scripture teaches that God loves us and calls us to love one another and the whole human race, even our enemies. Love does no wrong to the other and positively tries to do good where it can. Any behaviour (intentions, words & actions) that is, in any way, damaging to self or others, or to the relationship with God is bad, unhealthy, sinful.

Scripture warns us that when we engage in bad behaviour then harmful consequences follow. Remember we are punished by our sins not for our sins. Scripture admonishes us to change and seek forgiveness from those we have offended and from God. It also assures us that if we are sincerely sorry, even after countless "falls", then God's forgiveness is there for us.

Institutional corruption is to be courageously exposed and challenged. The weak, powerless and vulnerable are to be given special protection. As far as possible the good name of the offender is to be protected. But this protection of the offender is a not an absolute. The welfare of the injured always takes priority. Scripture encourages restorative justice, re-building relationships and making amends as far as possible.

Scripture tells us that God has reconciled the world to God's self. In fact, on God's side it always was, is and ever will be fully reconciled. The world already has General Absolution! Scripture encourages us to confess our sins to one another, pray for one another and so experience healing (James 5:16). The grace of reconciliation, forgiveness & healing has to be an every day, everywhere experience. Its for couples, for families, for places of work, for life at school & college, for friends. Our receiving forgiveness is inseparably linked to our giving forgiveness.

The time is long overdue for a wholesale re-working of how the Church community responds to us when we mess up, fail & seriously sin. Ignorant, misguided and damaging "sin" labels need to be discarded. We need to re-think better ways of how we can acknowledge our damaging & harmful behaviour; how we might be helped to change; how the vulnerable can be properly protected; how the assurance of God's forgiveness is best communicated. The sacrament of Reconciliation must be a healing, encouraging, restoring encounter accorded the appropriate confidentiality. However, it must not be abused in such a way as to enable an unrepentant offender to go on causing serious harm to another, vulnerable person. The Church has changed the way it does this sacrament many times before. It can do so again. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Leon Pach (6th), George Karpowicz (8th), Brian Patrick Fitzpatrick (12th)

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sean McVeigh who remains very poorly in Bournemouth Hospital & for Margaret & the family.

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

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.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: 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, Edelweiss James, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please for Mary Byrne who remains very poorly on SGH, and for Sarah who is understandably very concerned for her.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: All being well we will celebrate Mass again here on Sunday, 20th September. We are grateful to the stewards who make this possible. If you wish to come to Mass at that time please book in via the Parish Office. Numbers are very restricted.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WALK FOR CREATION on Saturday, 10th October starting at 10 o'clock. Our Care for Creation group has joined with Eco Church at St Saviour's in organising a local prayer walk along forest paths for our combined Parishes to reflect on the gifts of creation and the mission given us by God to care for our planet and respond to its needs and crises today. Details will follow. All welcome, including dogs.

BIBLES AVAILABLE: Fr David Quarmby has a few spare Bibles if anyone would like one please contact the parish office.

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

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The Season of Creation is an ecumenical liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God the Creator running from 1st September to 4th October. This year the theme is Jubilee for the Earth. There is a lovely Liturgy Guide which can be found at <https://ourcommonhome.org/media/docs/2020-Season-of-Creation-Liturgy-Guide-LISTEN.pdf>

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. **See also the online courses for Catechists and Readers.** 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/>

Hampshire County Council Survey on Active Travel. The survey is about people's experiences of what it is like to walk, scoot, cycle or use a wheelchair, mobility scooter or pushchair as a mode of day-to-day getting around in Hampshire. Your views will help inform and shape future schemes in Hampshire which will improve our well being and the environment. <https://hampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=159769569569>. The survey is open from 1st to 21st September.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Mary Wright, Mary Elizabeth Wilson (7th), Mary Kelly (8th), Michael Joseph Heneghan, Thomas Richard Kenneth (Dickie) Weguelin (11th)

Sick and Housebound: Cathy Pickles, Caite Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Den Walker, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY & THEIR FAMILIES:

NICK FILBEE RIP: Many will be very sad to hear that Nick has died. The funeral service will take place at Test Valley Crematorium on Tuesday, 15th September at 2.30pm. All being well there will be a Memorial Service and a Celebration of Nick's life when all the restrictions have been lifted

BERYL McDARBY RIP: Beryl's Funeral Service will take place at OLMSJ, on Wednesday, 9th September at 1.15pm followed by burial in Lymington Cemetery.

Our prayers and condolences are with all our bereaved families and with the departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 03/09/20: £49,763.46. Included in this is a total £343.93 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.

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Upcoming Special Collections: Next weekend, 13th Sept, Home Missions.; CAFOD Autumn Fast Day, 2nd October

BOOKING A PLACE FOR MASS: Could I ask you to book your place for Mass for OLMSJ each week rather than making a 'block booking' for several Sundays in one go. As we have limited seating available it is the fairest way of doing it and gives everyone a chance.

There's nothing more disheartening than ringing on a Monday to find all the seats for the following Sunday are already booked. The same applies to St Francis, although their Mass is every other week. Sunday 20th September is their next Mass. The next Sunday Mass at St Anne's will be on Sunday, 20th Sept at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

If the weather permits there is a **4pm outdoor Mass on a Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton.** Father George has large, lawned grounds and he can accommodate a lot of people. You have to take your own garden chair with you though. Obviously if the weather is bad the Mass won't take place. As we approach Autumn I'm not sure how long Fr George will be able to offer this.

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.

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