

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

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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: 14th March 2021 - 20th March 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	14 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	15 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 4 th Week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	16 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 4 th Week of Lent (P)	Angela More-O'Ferrall RIP	DMA
WED	17 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Patrick, Feast, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	18 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 4 th Week of Lent (P)	Louise Layne (Health)	DMA
FRI	19 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 4 th Week of Lent (P)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	20 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Joseph, Solemnity, (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	20 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv F/M	DMA

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR MASS ON SATURDAY, 20th MARCH 6pm AT OLMSJ, LYMINGTON

Covering all the Angles

Is condemnation language working for us today? I think not. Surely anyone who "refuses to believe" is one of those for whom Jesus prays: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". To our modern minds loving and condemning seem incompatible. It might be more helpful to think of consequences. Refusing love has consequences but God's love is never limited by our actions. God remains sovereignly free to love and to bless. Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more!

The "Good News of the Kingdom" in its simplest expression is that, in Christ, the shadows of guilt and shame and the threats of Divine punishment and condemnation are consigned to history. God's Spirit of life and love now sets us free to concentrate on doing good, growing in the knowledge and love of God and of the whole of humanity. We are no longer to be paralysed by fear and anxiety nor constantly pre-occupied with the false notion that we have to repeatedly win back, earn or deserve God's favour. The forgiveness of God is a pure gift of love given when we were "dead in our sins". The freedom given us by God's unconditional love means we have the spiritual energy to deal with sin (all harmful, evil, destructive behaviour, both individual & collective) in a new way. This is the calm recognition of the reality of sin and an unshakeable determination to address and deal with its causes, consequences and cures. For people this is an impossible task to complete but, with God's help, not impossible to begin. We leave the fulfilment to God!

The coming of the Kingdom is not the completion but is the living in the NOW of the unconditional love of God that surrounds every moment and every situation in hope and mercy. The Kingdom is then trust in the love and mercy, doing the good and struggling against the evil.

We cannot complete the task ourselves because we would uproot both the wheat and the weeds together, our recognition of what constitutes evil is only partial and spiritually immature. We strain out gnats and swallow camels. "Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven, give and gifts will be given to you" – words of our Divine Teacher.

Dealing with sin in a new way means first understanding the true nature of sin – as Jesus says in John's Gospel – "how wrong the world is about sin, about judgement and about who is in the right". The world so often blames the victim; if the people are poor it's their own fault. If they seek justice they are rebels and terrorists.

Dealing with sin in a new way means recognising complexity at all levels, social, cultural, genetic, economic, and religious and that the wavelength of consequences is long and persistent, rippling down the generations. The healing of wounds in the individual and collective memory requires patient, thorough and persistent remedies. Diseased plants must be treated and new, healthy stock must be planted.

This is why new growth has to be tended and pruned and the old roots have to be nourished as well. There are huge challenges of discernment as we seek to discover what is the loving response, what is the wise course of action in relation to new and complex issues such as economic globalisation, environmental responsibility, cultural and religious diversity, relationships, gender, sexuality, bio-ethics etc.

We have to work to cover all the angles. If we celebrate new freedoms we must not neglect foundational responsibilities. Supporting and strengthening the traditional family does not mean one has to be unjust to those for whom this model cannot work. St Paul tells us the Spirit works in all sorts of different ways in all sorts of different people. The motivation we need to struggle for a good cause shapes how we see the world. Very understandably we can usually only see things from our point of view.

Only God can cover all the angles, only the Spirit can lead us into the ever wider unfolding of God's creation. Only the Divine artist sees the whole picture. Relating to others without judgement or condemnation gives respect to God who is "in all, and through all and with all". (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Joseph John McGowan (14th), Clarence Patrick Nello Thompson (15th), Reginald Walter Driscoll (17th), Edward Anthony Ferrari (18th), Mary Bridget Joyner (19th)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones.

PRAYERS FOR LOUISE: Louise Layne is the daughter of Rosalie & Keith Mans. Louise & her husband have five children from 6yrs – 13yrs. They live in Australia. Louise is due to have an important 3rd operation for cancer on 17th March. Rosalie asks for prayers for Louise & the family.

PUBLIC MASS HERE ON PALM SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH AT 9am.

Places are restricted, pre-booking essential.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Elizabeth Anne Olney, Mary Noelle Symons (15th), Mary Morse (20th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

PUBLIC MASS HERE ON PALM SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH AT 6pm.

Places are restricted, pre-booking essential.

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

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FROM THE SISTERS AT ST DOMINIC'S - FOR READERS & CATECHISTS
Readers Workshops - Saturdays 17th and 24th April from 10 am to 1 pm – on Zoom.

Online Catechesis 101 - Tuesday 23rd March at 7 pm – on Zoom.

Essential Training for Catechists – Every Monday evening at 7 pm for 5 weeks, starting on the 19th April – on Zoom.

To find out all the initiatives currently offered by our Team for adult formation, visit our new website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE MINSTEAD TRUST: They need to purchase essential gardening equipment for use by people with learning disabilities at Furzey Gardens. We are fundraising to buy essential gardening equipment for people with learning disabilities to use in the gardens and nursery at Furzey, as part of their health and well-being programmes in the outdoors and to support their training in horticulture. <https://www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/charity/appeals/equipment-for-furzey-gardens/>

RIGHT TO LIFE UK – CONCERN OVER “DIY” HOME ABORTIONS: You have likely heard that governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing ‘DIY’ home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of ‘DIY’ home abortions, the **All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group** will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how ‘DIY’ home abortions are placing women at risk. Speakers will include former Global Director of Clinics Development at Marie Stopes International, Kevin Duffy and Dr Calum Miller, who works as a doctor in the NHS along with being a Research Associate at the University of Oxford, where his research focuses on abortion policy. **Right To Life UK** has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. This tool can be accessed via www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – YOUTUBE – from BISHOP PHILIP: Thanks to Fr. PJ Smith, I’ve recorded a video of the Stations of the Cross. This recording uses the beautiful set of Stations we have here in St. John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth. The whole video-liturgy takes 30 minutes. You can download it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ThDRxa4evw>. There is no need to sign in to YouTube.

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Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Helena Jenvey (14th), Constance Martell, Joyce Laura Ambrose, Mary Noelle Symons (15th), Ellen Leech, Bernard Finn, John Francis (Frank) Joseph Phillip O’Connell (17th), Margaret Clement (18th), Agnes Panniah, Vera Martin M.B.E. (19th), Kathleen Harper (20th)

Sick and Housebound: Den Walker, Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, Cate Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Margarita, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 12/03/21: £61,128.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

PUBLIC MASS HERE: NEXT SATURDAY, 20TH MARCH at 6pm.

SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH at 10.30am. Places are restricted, pre-booking essential.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION: If you have a red box which needs emptying, please phone Jenny on 01590 610413 and I will arrange to have it safely collected from you. Many thanks.

CELEBRATION OF CATHY’S LIFE AVAILABLE ONLINE: it lasts for 90 minutes & is available for a 28-day *Watch Again* period on Maria Jones’s -the Funeral Director- website <https://www.mariajonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/> The login details are in the newsletter email.

All Parishes

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: for the Clergy Assistance Fund. Go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-assistance-fund>

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

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS TO BASICS BANK: follow the link below: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/BasicsBankChristmas/>

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES: COVID restrictions are still in force and pre-booking is required for every service. Once again thanks to our stewards for making this possible.

The first public Mass will be on Saturday 20th March, OLMSJ 6pm.

On Sunday 28th March- Palm Sunday: 9am St Francis; 10.30am OLMSJ & 6pm St Anne’s.

As usual please ring the parish office 01590 676696 to book a seat.

PUBLIC MASSES & SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK: Note different times. & venues

Maundy Thursday (1st April) Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 6pm at St Anne’s.

Good Friday (2nd April) – at 3pm at OLMSJ, Lymington.

NO EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL

Easter Sunday (4th April): 9am Mass, St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

10am Mass, St Anne’s with Fr Quarmbay;

10.30am, Mass at OLMSJ, Lymington.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. You could watch a two minute video of Abdella’s daily walk for water by following this link.

[Lent Appeal 2021: Abdella’s walk for water \(parishes\) \(low music\) | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

LAETARE SUNDAY / MOTHERING SUNDAY: It’s mid-Lent Sunday: traditionally, Laetare Sunday (‘Rejoicing Sunday’) from the words of the Introit Laetare Jerusalem, ‘Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her; be joyful all who were in mourning’. But this Sunday in England is also Mothering Sunday – and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In mediaeval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. Please remember to say a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary next Sunday for your mother and grandmothers. Here are some prayers from the Book of Blessings.

1. For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.
2. For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.
3. For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.