

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 4th April 2021 - 11th April 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	4 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	Michael Halle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	4 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
SUN	4 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Easter Sunday (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Hanora Teresa Dunne RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	8 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	9 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Octave of Easter (W)	P. Monahan, Paul & Celine Leavy	DMA
SAT	10 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL MASSES

DAILY RESURRECTION

What the resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't any loss that can't be redeemed. Every day is virgin. There is really no such thing as old age.

In the resurrection we are assured that there are no doors that are eternally closed, every time we close a door or one is closed on us, God opens another for us. The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves, that God writes straight with the crooked lines of our lives, that we can forever re-virginize, regain lost innocence, become post-sophisticated, and move beyond bitterness. In a scheme of things where Jesus breathes out forgiveness on those who betray him and God raises dead bodies from the dead, we can begin to believe that in the end all will be well and every manner of being will be well and everything, including our own lives, will eventually end sunny side up.

However, the challenge of living this out is not just that of believing that Jesus rose physically from the grave, but also, and perhaps even more importantly, to believe that – no matter our age, mistakes, betrayals, wounds, and deaths – we can begin each day afresh, virgin, innocent again, a child, a moral infant, stunned at the newness of it all. No matter what we've done, our future is forever pregnant with wonderful new possibility. Resurrection is not just a question of one day, after death, rising from the dead, but it is also about daily rising from the many mini-graves within which we so often find ourselves.

How does belief in the resurrection help us rise from these mini-graves? By keeping us open to surprise, newness, and freshness in our lives. Not an easy thing to do. We are human and we cannot avoid falling – into depression, bitterness, sin, betrayal, cynicism, and the tiredness that comes with age. Like Jesus, we too will have our crucifixions. More than one grave awaits us. Yet our faith in the resurrection invites us precisely to live beyond these. As John Shea once so aptly put it: What the resurrection teaches us is not how to live – but how to live again, and again, and again!

by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (April 23rd 2000); for a source of very helpful reflections visit: www.ronrolheiser.com

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Samuel Randle (7th), Mother Mary Albert Park Place Convent, Karl Heinrich Jansen, Michael John Peter Halle (9th), Anthony John Haywood (10th)

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

NEW VICAR AT ALL SAINTS: Bishop Debbie Sellin will conduct the licensing service for the Reverend Natasha Anderson on Monday, 12th April at 7pm. Fr David will be present via Zoom and will convey our warmest welcome to Tasha on behalf of our community.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Anthony Richard Thorpe (4th), Michael George Lane (6th), Joseph Edward Walsh Woods, Dorothy Fanny Howland (9th)

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

WALK FOR CREATION - save the date: Saturday, 22 May. This is an ecumenical event organised by the Brockenhurst Churches Eco Team. Details will be given nearer the time.

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

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WEEKEND MASSES GOING FORWARD:

ST FRANCIS SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 9.00am on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

ST ANNE'S SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 6.00pm on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

OLMSJ SATURDAY EVENING MASS fortnightly at 6pm on the following Saturdays: 10th April, 24th April, 8th May, 22nd May.

OLMSJ SUNDAY MASS: fortnightly at 10.30am on the following Sundays: 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May, 30th May.

PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED. PLEASE BOOK JUST ONE MASS AT A TIME TO GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE.

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.

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/>

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/len. 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](#)

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/>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Joan Felicity Martine Hoyle, John Bodell, Anthony Bonett (4th), Bishop Anthony Emery (5th), John Horan, Brian Webb, Mary Flood (6th), Bernard Turnbull, Lilian Cole, Martin James Gourlay (7th), George Mould (8th), Peter Brennan (10th)

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, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 2/04/21: £63,699.59. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

All Parishes

EASTER GREETINGS: To everyone in our three parishes. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you to everyone who has been working behind the scenes to keep things ticking over in our three churches. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can begin to fully re-connect in our communities in prayer & worship and in socialising.

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: visit the Diocesan website and follow the links.

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

BOOKING A SEAT FOR MASS: Sometimes events happen which are outside your control and you may not get to Mass as you had hoped. You may experience last minute delays and can't contact anyone to say you won't be able to get there. But if you know in advance that you won't be able to attend Mass please let us know as sometimes we have a people on a reserve list who would like to take your place. email lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or leave a message on the office phone 01590 676696

In the meantime, remember God is with you always & everywhere. Access to the Sacraments is severely restricted so the Easter duty obligation remains suspended. Pope Francis has assured us that God's forgiveness and Holy Communion are available to us all spiritually.

OUR WEBSITE: We have a website for the New Forest Pastoral Area. www.nfwp.org.uk. Don't just Google nfwp or it will take you to the New Forest Water Park! On the website we have information from all the churches in our area. There is also a Prayer Board where we remember those who have died, who have anniversaries at this time, are housebound or sick. We have pages with news from the Pope, Bishops of England and Wales, CAFOD, SVP etc. It is worth taking a look.

Pope Francis has declared a special 'Year of the Family' for the Church, starting this week on 19th March 2021 to 26th June 2022. Pope Francis has declared a "year of the family", as he spoke of the importance of forgiveness in family life, and the importance of being able to say "sorry". He tweeted: "I have decided to declare a special year dedicated to the Family #Amorislaetitia, which will be inaugurated on the next Solemnity of Saint Joseph. Let us entrust this journey with families all over the world to the Holy Family of Nazareth." The year of the family began on 19 March, the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation 'Amoris laetitia', or the 'Joy of love', which followed the two synods on the family held in 2014 and 2015. It will run through to June 2022.

"In the family, it will be possible to experience sincere communion when it is a house of prayer, when the affections are serious, deep and pure, when forgiveness prevails over discords, when the daily harshness of living is softened by mutual tenderness and by serene adherence to the will of God. "In this way, the family opens up to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give with joy." In every family there are problems, he continued, and sometimes even arguments. "Father, I have quarrelled... – we are human, we are weak, and we all have at times this fact that we quarrel in the family. I'll tell you one thing: if we fight in the family, don't end the day without making peace." Before the day is over, it is important to make up, he said. "And do you know why? Because the cold war of the next day is very dangerous. It doesn't help." He discussed the importance of three key concepts to a good family life: "permission", "thank you" and "sorry". He said: "If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine." The Pope said: "My thoughts go in particular to the families who in recent months have lost a relative or have been tried by the consequences of the pandemic. I am also thinking of the doctors, nurses and all health personnel whose great commitment at the forefront of fighting the spread of the virus has had significant repercussions on family life.

"And today I entrust every family to the Lord, especially those most tried by the difficulties of life and by the wounds of incomprehension and division. May the Lord, born in Bethlehem, grant everyone the serenity and strength to walk united in the way of good."