

EMERGENCY CHURCH CLOSURE: As you can see from the cordon, we have a serious structural issue with the façade of our church. It was only spotted this week but must have been there for some time. If you look up to the cross on the top above the entrance and then slightly to the right, you will see that a large part of the masonry has come away. For this reason, the diocese has ordered us not to use the main entrance until a structural engineer has inspected and any necessary repairs carried out. For fire safety reasons, we cannot rely on the side entrance as a way in and out. So, the diocese has also instructed us not to use the church at all. For that reason, All Masses will take place in the parish hall until further notice (or maybe at the grotto if the weather is fine). There is a limit of 60 people in the hall, so some of us will have to stand outside: Holy Communion will be brought out to you. As for weekday Masses, the hall is in use some mornings. So, all weekday Masses will be at 12noon until further notice. We know this is a great inconvenience, but your safety is our first priority. Thank you for your understanding.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Falls this Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at noon. Unfortunately, Fr Bill is unable to celebrate an evening Mass for the Solemnity this time.

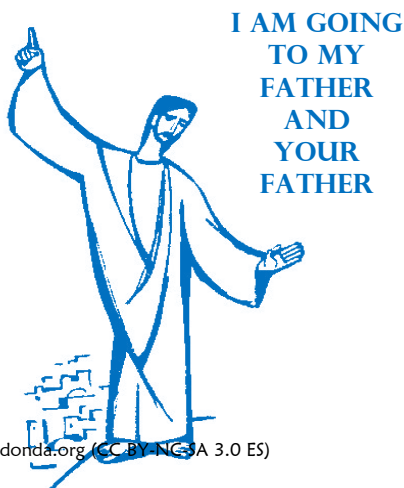


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PARISH CORONATION CREAM TEA: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success. To the team who organized the day, catered, erected the marquee, welcomed guests, and tidied up afterwards. Guests from Quaker House and elsewhere were so appreciative, as was our dear Madelaine Newland who was thrilled to see all her parish friends again. Well done, everyone!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To Lizzie Davies, our amazing parish administrator who celebrated her birthday last Tuesday.

JANE SLOMAN: Please pray for Jane who died last weekend. Jane was a very long standing parishioner who contributed much to the life of the parish over many years. We will let you know when funeral arrangements have been made. May she rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 14 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	+John Williams (Birthday) Zophia Byszuk (Intention)
Mon 15	Of Easter, week 6	No Mass		
Tues 16	Of Easter, week 6	Mass Rosary	Noon 6.30pm	+Mark McCarthy
Wed 17	St Dunstan (transferred)	Mass	Noon	
Thurs 18	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass	Noon	+Brigid Horan
Fri 19	DEDICATION OF OUR CATHEDRAL	No Mass		
Sat 20	After the Ascension	No AM Mass		
SUN 21 MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	+David Holmes Malcolm Davies (wellbeing)

13/14 May	Reader	EMHC	20/21 May	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	GG	MH	Vigil	BD	KD
10.00am	RG	JK	10.00am	VJ	JN

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

ANN WEBB: Ann's Funeral Mass will be offered tomorrow (Monday) at St Anne's Church, Brockenhurst, at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace.

FRIDAY MASS: Please note, there is no Mass at OLOL this Friday.

OBLIGATORY SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for the Catholic Communications Network.

FR BILL WRITES: BEING ATTENTIVE TO THE WORD OF GOD AT MASS: I would hope that all of us have a *Bible* and/or *People's Missal* at home and dip in to it regularly. It is, after all, the greatest work of literature produced in the entirety of human culture. Not only that, it is, along with Tradition, intellect, intuition, and personal encounter, exactly how God chooses to engage with us, albeit mediated by human authors.

God "in-spires", that is to say, "breathes into", the hearts of fragile mortals to produce extraordinary, living texts that continually call humanity into a love-pact with God. It has been happening for over 4000 years, firstly aurally (handing on

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin and Isobel Hockey, Christine Houssiere, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon.

narratives by word of mouth), and latterly also in writing (from about 800BC).

At Mass, we are called to **listen attentively** to that Living Word. Indeed, most of the first half of Mass is specifically given over to readings from the Bible. It is EXACTLY from hearing the Word of God that we are moved (even propelled) to our response—the Creed, the General Intercessions, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Sending Forth (Go! Be Doers of the Word!).

**PRIMARILY,
THE FIRST HALF OF EVERY MASS
IS THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
WORD OF GOD WHO MEETS
US, LOVES US,
AND CHALLENGES US.**

ST MARY MAGDALENE CofE NEW MILTON: Says "Good Bye" to its vicar, Rev Andrew Bailey, this week. We wish him a happy retirement, and pray that the Lord will send the parish another kind minister as its shepherd.

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