

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:

From 10 - 10.30am after Mass on Saturday morning or by request anytime

Masses & Services for the Week: 27th January - 4th February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Raymond Beachey RIP	DMA
SUN	28 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Rev Barry Norris RIP	DMA
WED	31 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St John Bosco, Mem, (W)	Canon Timothy (Ted) Dwyer RIP F/M	DMA
WED	31 st	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St John Bosco, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	31 st	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St John Bosco, Mem, (W)	N/A	
THU	1 st	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	N/A	
FRI	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Presentation of the Lord, Feast, (W)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SAT	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Kathleen Mary Davies RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	PWR

FEB 24TH / 25TH: The CAFOD Lenten Fast Collection following on from the Friday Lenten Fast Day.

WHAT IS GOING ON? If this Sunday's Gospel story had been about a person who slipped and fell and broke their leg and who then was miraculously healed by Jesus we would have immediately understood the situation even if we had to take the miracle on faith. The problem for us about stories of exorcisms, deliverances and the driving out of unclean spirits is that there is little or no connection with our own experience. We ask ourselves just what is going on here?

We are more aware these days of how cultural beliefs can, on the one hand, shape the imaginative expressions of human experience and on the other hand, to some extent, create those experiences. We are also more aware of different types of emotional, psychological and mental disabilities, conditions and pathologies. The vast majority of secular psychiatrists would totally reject any notion of independent spirit entities. The Church's official exorcists themselves have to do a very complex work of discernment before concluding that spirit entities are the cause of any psychic disturbance.

So, can we get any grasp on this story or is it impossible to unravel the complex cultural cocktail within which it is framed and which alone can reveal its meaning? If we leave aside mental problems caused by chemical deficiencies in the brain or by structural abnormalities in the brain and the more obvious conditions which are recognisable by today's categories, e.g. epilepsy, there remains a lot of mental torment & emotional suffering caused by dissociated experience or repression. This happens when we disconnect from painful experiences and keep them out of conscious memory. This is largely an unconscious process that can begin from the earliest years.

There is no question of guilt in these reactions but finding healing does require taking responsibility for one's life in the here and now. Powerful forces within culture such as institutions, family, religion, state, popular prejudices, taboos etc can become oppressive and then they often deform, disfigure and undermine healthy emotional and psychic development (e.g. anorexia). It is curious that Jesus usually encounters these "demons" in the synagogue – a "holy" place; but then the greatest evil arises from the corruption of the greatest good. And how often did Jesus criticise the "chief priests, the scribes and the Pharisees" for denying God's mercy and compassion to ordinary people.

Rejection, hatred and abuse by family, society or religion can cause such pain that the experience is repressed and becomes a dissociated (i.e. disconnected from conscious association) nucleus of negative energy. The destructive power may be turned inwards or outwards. The deeper the repression the more uncontrollable are the symptoms and the more alien these experiences seem to be. It is then just a short step away from being seen as the victim of external forces beyond one's control.

"What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are; the holy one of God". Perhaps today Jesus would have heard: "Why are you bothering with me? I suppose you hate me like everyone else? I know you're a good person, but that just makes me feel worse". It is the pure, unconditional love of God in Jesus that communicates the total acceptance that allows the person to accept and reconnect with the rejected part of themselves and so experience healing which is the return of wholeness. Only divine love has the power and authority to set free and we are called to give that quality of love and so help others find healing. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Mary Davies (31st), Edward Harry Farr (1st)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Audrey Heneghan, Margaret Langford, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

Women's World Day of Prayer: This special day offers a wonderful opportunity for us to meet and work with fellow Christians from all the churches in our Parish. This year the service, which has been created by the women of Suriname, (N.E. Coast, South America), will take place on Friday 2nd March at 2:30pm and is hosted by Milford on Sea Baptist Church, Barnes Lane; and also at St. Mary's, Everton at 7pm. The theme this year is "All God's Creation is very Good" and is very topical focusing on our current need to recycle and care for God's Wonderful World.

There will also be an introductory Afternoon Tea with multi-media presentation where we can learn all about Suriname and enjoy some lovely sandwiches and homemade cakes in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The tea will take place on **Tuesday 13th. February at 2:30 at Milford Baptist Church.** Tickets for this event are £3 and available from Di Mussert after Mass or on 01590 643994. Both the service and the tea are open to everybody not just ladies and all will be very welcome.

Lost property: There are 2 large coloured and small black brollies, plus a green hat, and 3 pairs of specs waiting to be claimed in the Little Assisi room, which is where we keep lost property.

The **notice boards** in the Little Assisi room contain all sorts of interesting stuff, mission in Africa etc. Do go and have a look!

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Irene Ledsham (31st), Ernest Spencer, Kathleen Halley (2nd), Margarita Gates, Thomas Letchworth (3rd)

Please keep up all our prayers for Eileen Dunn and Anna Hubbard.

Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass here this week on: Monday and Saturday at 10 a.m. There will of course be the usual Wednesday morning Mass at 10.00am, thanks to Fr Peter Ryan.

Choir Questionnaire: Since mention has been made of a reply to people's response to the choir questions, more people have asked for a chance to make their response. Therefore the reply will be delayed for a couple of weeks and more blank questionnaires are available at the back of the church. So please respond quickly, before the whole exercise gets too stale.

"Bowl over Poverty" by joining in a Christian Aid soup lunch on Thursday March 1st, 12 noon – 1.30pm in the St Saviour's Church Hall. A donation of around £4.50 is asked for and there's more than just a bowl of soup!

Women's World Day of Prayer also takes place in St Saviour's Church on Friday, 2nd March at 2pm. There are posters for both of these events in the porch and the parish room.

Monthly Parish Lunch will take place at the Foresters from 12 noon on Tuesday 30th January. It would be good if we could go on increasing our numbers!

Exploring symbols of Women's Prayer. Do we wonder if we are praying the way we "should" At the initial Meeting there were eight people present, where many creative thoughts were pooled. One person sent in her apologies but was already committed in her support of the motion. Helpful reflections emerged, and a further meeting will be called in the near future.

A mistake was made last week! Paddy gave the wrong holiday dates (oh dear!) This week (not last) she will be away for a short mid-week break. So items for the newssheet **should be sent direct to Fr David** for the next Newsheet. Apologies for the error..

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: William Moppett (27th), Kathleen Hayward, Violet 'Vicky' Chell, Tyler Dean (28th), Arthur Smith, Maura McHale (29th), Kathleen Davies, William Leon, Juan Nunez (31st), Michael Bingham (1st), James Ormiston (2nd)

Sick and Housebound: Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED? – PUZZLING QUESTIONS. Who am I? What is God like? What happens after I die? How can I be happy? Why is there suffering in the world? What is the spiritual realm? A series of meetings is being held at St Thomas' Church in Lymington starting on **Wednesday 14th February** to look at some of life's puzzling questions. **7.00pm until 8.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and take part, or just listen, as we look together at some of life's deeper issues.

PARISH LUNCH: this will be on **Monday, 12th Feb at South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea, 12 for 12.30pm.** Forms are available at the back of church. The invitation is extended also to parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018 ARE NOW DUE. Officers of the Club will be at the back of the church after the Saturday and Sunday Masses to receive cash and/or cheques. Cost is still £15 per number and cheques are payable to 'PRCDTR OUR LADY 100 CLUB'. All numbers are entered into four cash draws per year with star prizes at Easter and Christmas. There are still numbers available for new members. Renewing members need only put cash/cheque in an envelope with their name and 100 Club clearly marked. These can also be left at the Presbytery. For information or joining form, please call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net. Thank you to all members for your valuable contribution to parish funds.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: Don't forget to pick up your free copy of Portsmouth People, where on **page 18** there is an article entitled: **"Your Local SVP Lymington Conference"**.

All Parishes

HAVE YOU CEASED TO BE TAX-PAYER? IS THE PARISH STILL CLAIMING GIFT AID ON YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS? Only those who pay Income Tax can Gift Aid their contributions to the Church. And what you pay in Income Tax must be more than the amount of Gift Aid that is claimed. Please let the parish office know if you signed up for Gift Aid in the past but now no longer pay Income Tax. If you need any further advice please contact the parish office.

PRAYER DAYS & EVENTS AT WISDOM HOUSE: Join us on Saturday 17th of February 2018 for **'Praying with the Word of God,'** led by Patricia Yandell This day will provide space to allow the Word of God to speak to you personally through some familiar and not so familiar passages of scripture in reflective silence. The method used is closely related to Lectio Divina and Ignation Imaginative Prayer.

On Saturday 17th of March is **Our Journey: Deepening Our Understanding of 'Self'** - Led by Hazel Hickson. This day will offer the space to reflect upon your personal journey and sense of 'self', from an integrated spiritual and wellbeing perspective. There will be opportunities to draw upon a range of spiritual and psychotherapeutic resources, including mindfulness meditation, quiet and reflective times and creative options. Suggested offering for each is £29 to include lunch and afternoon tea.

The **Julian Group** plans to meet regularly to practise the intentional silence of Christian contemplative prayer and meditation together. The movement was named after Mother Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century English mystic. For more information and to book click the links above, or call reception at Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

CAFOD's Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.