

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

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St Anne
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Parry. **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: 3rd February - 11th February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Agatha, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem, (R)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Joseph C & Vera E Marshall RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	N/A	
THU	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Scholastica, Mem, (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Alicia Hoad RIP	DMA
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Kay Read RIP	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parish	DMA

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

GOD WHO HEALS

Jesus didn't just talk about a God who heals, Jesus actually healed people. He spoke with authority because he was speaking about his own experience of the Father. He acted with power to heal because God's healing love flowed freely through him.

It is good to reflect that of all the ways God might hypothetically use power, God uses it to heal. That is tremendously reassuring and affirming. Jesus does not destroy. The demons are dispelled they are not destroyed. They depart as sickness leaves the body when the fever is over, or as disorder is dispelled when order is re-established.

The healing love of God is not only directed to body and soul, it is also offered to the spirit. Evil is a sickness of the spirit. Jesus said: Those who are well have no need of a physician, it is the sick who need one. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners (cfr Mark 2:17). Part of the sickness of evil is the corruption of desire – to some degree we want what is not good for us or for others. God has to change our desire without destroying our freedom. It is a unique kind of healing. It is multi-layered, on going and life-long.

Jesus treats all forms of suffering as directly or indirectly symbolic of the power of evil. Modern human understanding is beginning to return to this holistic perspective. Everything is interconnected and interrelated. This is not the same as saying everything is somebody's fault. Guilt, as an oppressive negative experience associated with the past, is not part of the solution but part of the problem. It is one of the things that Jesus wants

to heal. Accepting responsibility for the past and taking responsibility for how we think, speak and act now & in the future is part of that healing.

Everything is related. The soul and the spirit are affected by the body (e.g. post-natal depression) and the body is affected by the soul and spirit (e.g. some forms of addiction). The individual is affected by the group and by society in general. Fashion, secular myth and current preoccupation are part of the cultural air we breathe and it is difficult to think, speak and act counter-culturally. Diet, climate, geography, life-style, pollution or the lack of it, all these affect us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Psychic and spiritual health are adversely affected by a lack of love (lack of God) and definitely skewed by individual or corporate malice. It is possible that certain kinds of emotional and spiritual problems are caused by a kind of spiritual pollution. Just as toxic chemicals can harm our bodies so our psyches can be harmed by negative spiritual energies, e.g. anxiety, hopelessness, self-hatred etc.. In the light of modern quantum physics these interconnections are becoming more understandable.

This is why we must be careful not to dismiss possession as something belonging solely to the ancient cultural world and now irrelevant to us. We need to know what possesses us or perhaps obsesses us. An addict begins by enjoying something but ends up totally dependent on that thing. The enjoyment soon diminishes and then the suffering begins. However, its not just the obvious addictions that trouble us. There are those "hidden in plain sight", things we take for granted like entitlement, military solutions, or the myth of an ever increasing standard of living. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Susan Dove (4th), Anthony Patrick Everett (5th), Doris Horgan (7th), Doris Edith Everard (9th)

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: Bernadina Cooper, Marie Blower (5th), Lady Helen Murray-Fry (6th), Robert Coyle (9th), Edwin Ward, Stanley Perry (10th)

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

FR DAVID QUARMBY'S MASS TIMES: 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; 8 a.m. Tuesday and Friday; 11 a.m. Thursday.

100 CLUB: £40 January draw was won by Anne Woolhouse, number 10. Congratulations, Ann, the "labourer" deserves an unexpected bonus every now & then!

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.

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.

Items for next week to Paddy, please.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Dedear, Elisa Rowell (3rd), Johanna 'Ann' Pearce (4th), Kathleen Conway (5th), Joyce McEvoy (6th), Fr John Hickey, Rose Jackson, Christine Couling (7th), Muriel Foot, John Barham, William Fegan, Archbishop Derek Warlock (8th)

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

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL will be at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 13th February, in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. This will be our AGM so please try to come.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: meets on **Monday 5th February from 2 to 4 p.m. in Josephs Place.** Our program includes our regular quiz, raffle and afternoon tea. This month we have a talk by somebody from Edinburgh Woollen Mill. The afternoon ends with a rehearsal by the Friendship Singers led by Mel Thomas. On Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday, we are having a **fish and chip lunch**, 12 to 2 p.m., in Josephs Place with more friendship and entertainment. Do come!

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. Sign-up forms back by **Monday, 5th Feb, please.**

FAIRTRADE FEAST: Sat 10th March 10am -1pm at St Thomas' Church. Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with FT cakes at the Cafe, Traidcraft produce/gifts,, Fairtrade Raffle etc . Further details Maureen Harris 674458

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.

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.

On Saturday 17th of March is **Our Journey: Deepening Our Understanding of 'Self'** - Led by Hazel Hickson. 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.